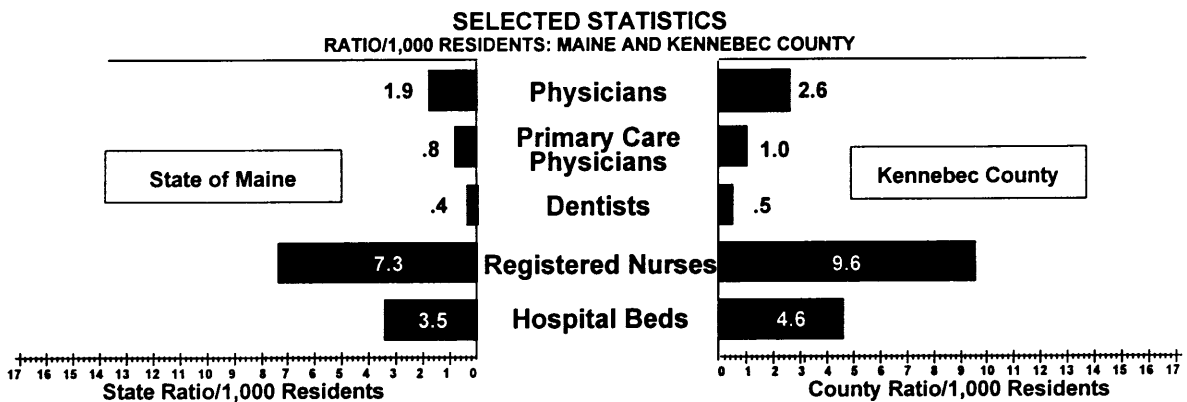


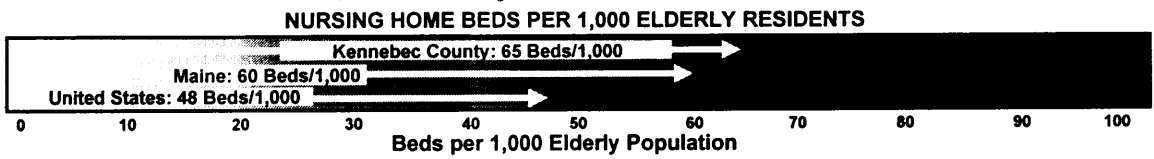
KENNEBEC COUNTY: 1992

Health Care Resources

- ➔ **Physicians:** 304 physicians (MD and DO) reported practicing in Kennebec county. 39% of these physicians (118) reported practicing in a primary care* specialty; this compares to the national average of 47%. This county has the 2nd best ratio to *population* for physicians and primary care physicians in the state.
- ➔ **Registered Nurses:** There were 1,130 registered nurses practicing their profession in Kennebec county resulting in a nurse to physician ratio of 3.7 nurses for every doctor; the national ratio is 3 nurses per doctor.
- ➔ **Dentists:** 53 dentists reported working in Kennebec county. The resulting ratio of .5 dentists for every 1,000 residents compares to the state ratio of .4/1,000; it is however, significantly less than the national ratio of .6/1,000.
- ➔ **Hospitals:** There were 4 hospitals in Kennebec county (one with 2 sites) with a total of 543 general use hospital beds and 208 acute psychiatric beds. This yielded a county ratio of 4.6 general use hospital beds per 1,000 residents; statewide the ratio was 3.5 per 1,000. This is significantly different than the nationwide ratio of



- ➔ **Nursing Homes:** There were 14 long term care facilities with 1,153 nursing home beds in 1992 (90 of these are connected to a state mental health institute); this represented a county ratio of 65 general use nursing home beds per 1,000 elderly population compared to the national ratio of 48 beds/1,000 elderly; the difference is statistically significant.



NOTES: Data on health care resources must be considered in conjunction with health status indicators, such as those on the accompanying Health Status Indicators FACT SHEET.
 In all instances, the most recent available data were used; this was not always 1992 information. Complete citations are available for data sources upon request.
 All county rates were compared to national rates when possible; unless noted, differences in rates were not statistically significant, i.e., they could be accounted for by chance alone.
 * Primary Care specialties are: family or general practice, pediatrics, obstetrics, gynecology, and internal

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