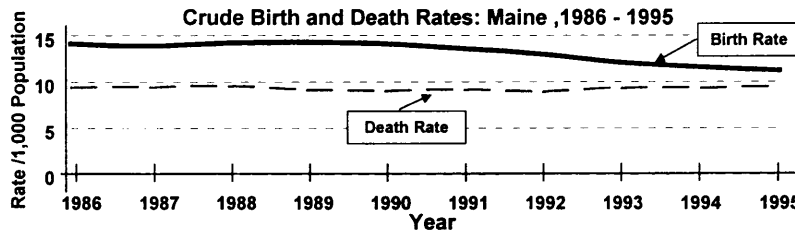


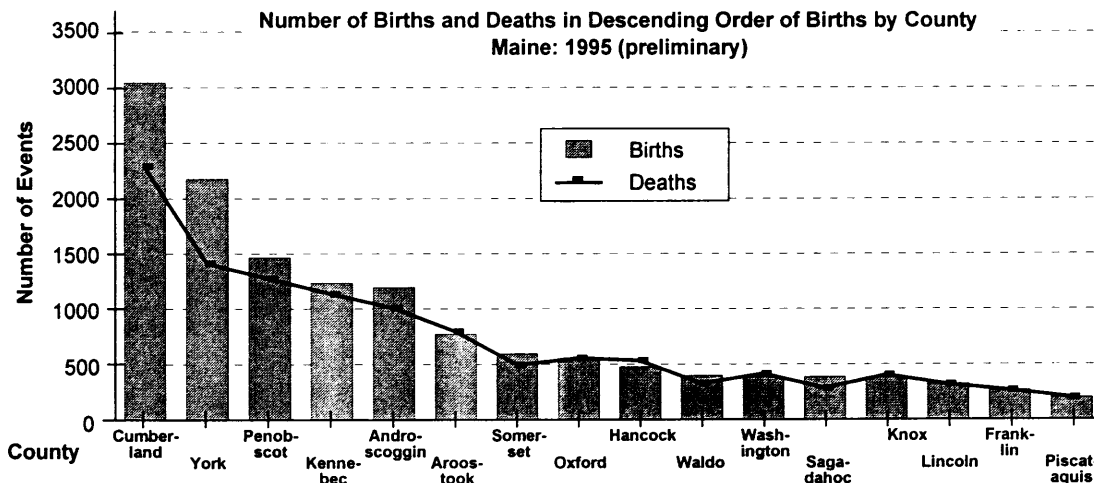
# BIRTHS AND DEATHS: MAINE 1995

(Preliminary Data)

- ➔ In 1995, there was a total of 13,875 births to Maine residents, a decrease of more than 500 over the previous 12 month period (14,396). Although this downward trend in the number of births is consistent with what was observed nationally, the number of births occurring in Maine in 1995 was more than 3½ % less than in 1994, while nationally the difference was ¼% less ; this difference is
- ➔ 11,709 Maine residents died in 1995 resulting in an age-adjusted death rate\* of 472.0 deaths per 100,000 population. This is *significantly less* than the U.S. rate of 499.5<sup>1</sup>, and represents a *significant* reduction in the state's death rate over the past 10 years; in 1986 it was 518.6.
- ➔ Both the population and the number of deaths in Maine increased between 4% and 5% from 1986 to 1995; however, births decreased by 17%. The result was a flat crude death rate and a decreasing crude rate with the gap between the two rates narrowing by almost 3 events per 1,000 to 1.8 events.



- ➔ In four Maine counties - Aroostook, Hancock, Knox, and Washington - the number of deaths in 1995 exceeded the number of births. In four other Maine counties - Franklin, Lincoln, Oxford, and Piscataquis - the number of births and deaths to Maine residents was virtually the same (a difference of 4 events or less).



Note: Unless noted, differences are not statistically significant, i.e., they could be accounted for by chance alone.  
 \*Age-adjusted death rates are for underlying cause of death, for whites only and are age-adjusted to the US 1940 standard population; these are rates that have been standardized to eliminate differences due solely to variations in the age composition of the populations.  
 Footnote 1: Public Health Service. *Monthly Vital Statistics Report, Vol. 45, No. 10 Supplement 2*, National Center for Health Statistics, April 30, 1997. A full citation is available upon request.

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