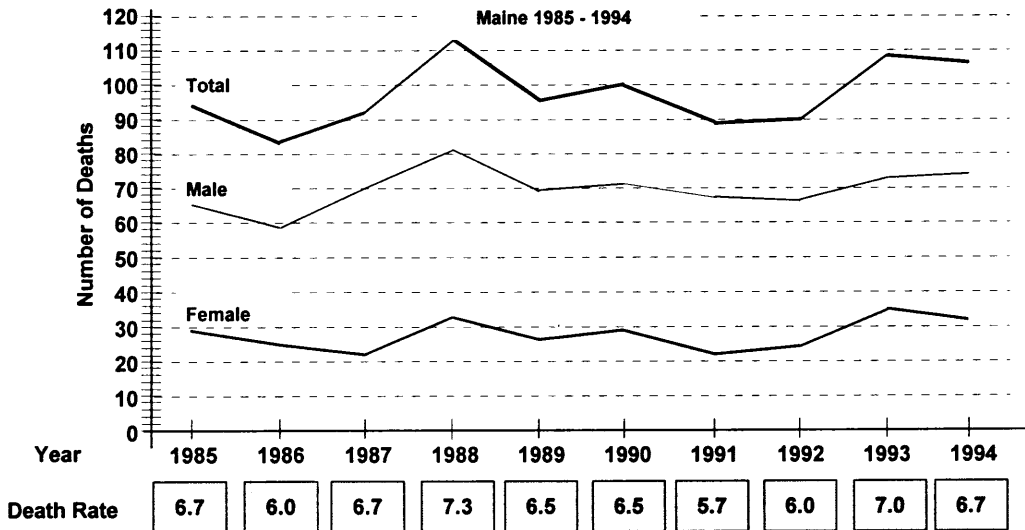


# ALCOHOL AND OTHER DRUG-RELATED DEATHS

Maine : 1985 - 1994

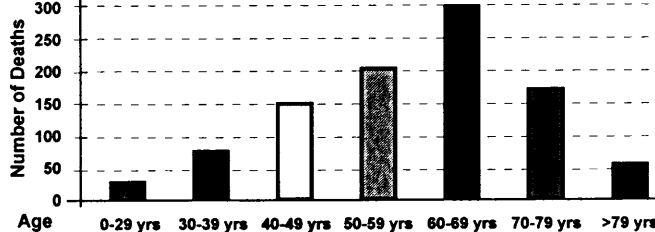
- ➔ During the 10 year period, 1985 - 1994, nearly 1000 Maine residents died as the result of alcohol and other drug-related problems. This resulted in a death rate of 6.5 deaths/100,000 population for the period. In 1994, there were 106 Maine deaths due to these causes; for that year the death rate was 6.7, a rate comparable to the 1992 national rate
- ➔ It is an objective of Maine's 1997 State Health Plan to reduce alcohol and other drug related deaths to 90 in the year 2000.

Alcohol and Other Drug-Related Deaths by Sex and Year



- ➔ Alcohol and other drug-related deaths affected Maine residents of all ages. Both the number of deaths and the death rate attributable to these causes climbed steadily with age until peaking at the 60 - 69 year old age group, then falling for those residents 70 years old and older.

Alcohol and Other Drug-Related Deaths by Age



- ➔ 86% of all deaths attributed to these causes were alcohol-related; 58% of these alcohol-related deaths were attributed to alcoholic cirrhosis of the liver (423) and other alcohol related liver damage (67). Almost another third (268) were the result of Alcohol Dependence Syndrome.

Note: Drug-related deaths, excluding alcohol related motor vehicle deaths are defined in the State Health Plan for Maine:1997 through examination of ICD-9 codes: 265.2, 291, 292, 303, 304, 305, 357.6, 571.0-571.3, 648.3, 655.5, 779.4, 779.5, 850-854, 858.

All rates are for underlying cause of death and are age-adjusted to the US 1940 standard population; these rates have been standardized to eliminate differences due solely to variations in the age composition of the populations. US rates are for whites only. Unless noted, differences in rates are not statistically significant, i.e., they could be accounted for by chance alone.

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