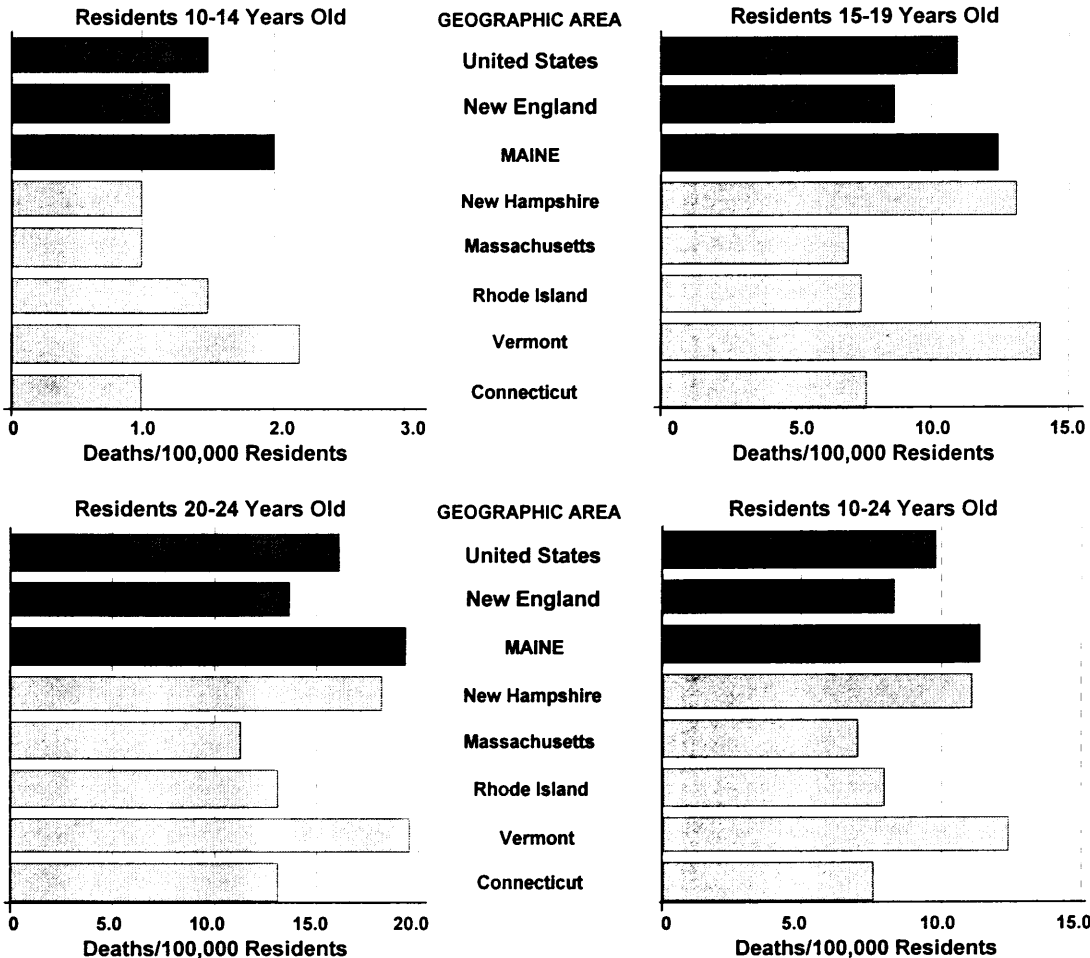


SUICIDES: ADOLESCENTS AND YOUNG ADULTS*

Maine, New England, United States: 1981 - 1995

- ➔ In the past 40 years, the incidence of suicide among adolescents and young adults has tripled. Recent data indicate that it was the 3rd leading cause of death for youth aged 15-24 and the 4th leading cause for youth 10-14 nationally. In Maine, suicide was the 2nd leading cause for those 15-24 years old and the 3rd leading cause for those 10-14.¹
- ➔ From 1981 through 1995, 455 Maine adolescents and young adults committed suicide resulting in a suicide death rate that was the 2nd highest in New England and 16th highest in the United States for this age group.

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- ➔ In fact, Maine's suicide rate for these young residents, 11.4/100,000, was significantly higher statistically than both the New England rate (8.3) and the national rate (9.8) for this 15 year period.

Notes: Data are for whites only. So that data could be compared from state to state, all data were obtained from CDC WONDER. Unless noted, differences in rates are not statistically significant, i.e., they could be accounted for by chance alone.
 * Adolescents and young adults are residents 10 - 24 years old.
 Footnote: Due to small numbers in Maine data, deaths for the 3 year period, 1993-1995, were summed for both national and Maine data for ranking purposes.

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