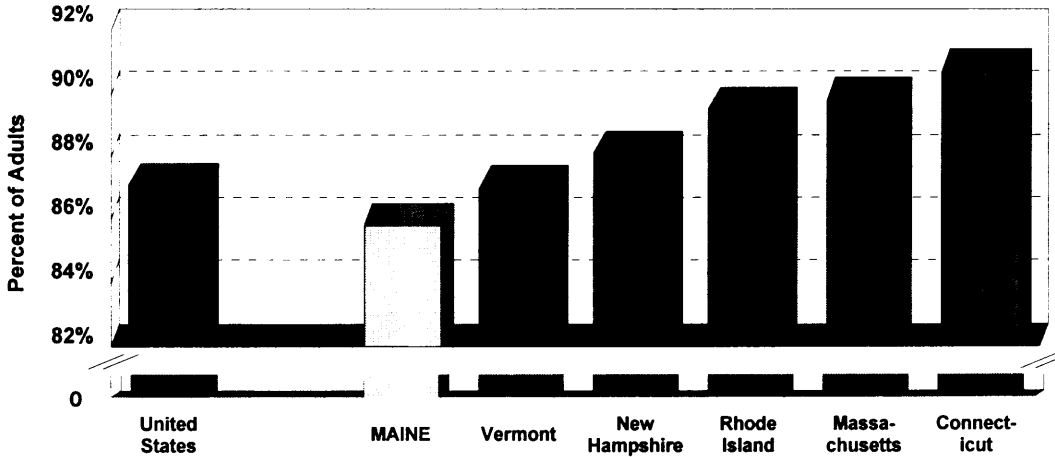


HEALTH CARE COVERAGE

Data are from the
MAINE BEHAVIORAL RISK FACTOR SURVEILLANCE SYSTEM (BRFSS): 1996

- ➔ Fourteen percent of Maine's adults were without health care coverage in 1996.
- ➔ Among the New England states, Maine reported the lowest percent of health care coverage for its adult population.

Percent of Adults Who Have Some Health Care Coverage
New England and U.S.: BRFSS, 1996



- ➔ Health care coverage was positively correlated with both increased education and age. Ninety three percent of college graduates had some kind of health care coverage, while only about 76% of Maine's adults who had less than a high school education or GED* did; nearly all (98%) adults 65 years old and older had health care coverage, yet only 86% of Maine's adults under age 65 did.

Do you have any kind of health coverage?

Highest Level of Education	Yes	No
Less than High School	76%	24%
High School or GED*	84%	16%
Some Post-High School	87%	13%
College Graduate	93%	7%

- ➔ One in every six Maine women in their childbearing years (18 - 45 years old) was without health care coverage; one in every ten Maine women older than 45 was without coverage.
- ➔ Nearly a third (32.3%) of Maine's adults with annual incomes less than \$15,000, used Medicaid as their primary health care coverage.
- ➔ Twelve percent of Maine's adults needed to see a doctor during the previous 12 months, but they did not see one because of the cost.

* Graduate Equivalency Diploma

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