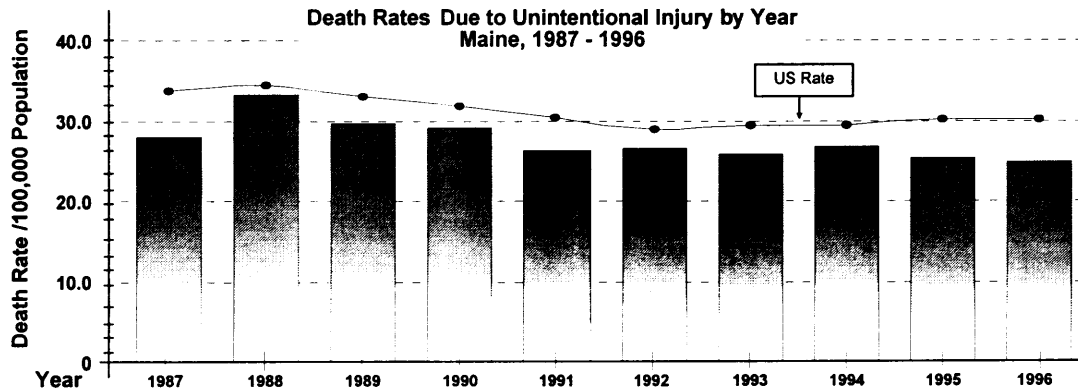


DEATHS DUE TO UNINTENTIONAL INJURIES

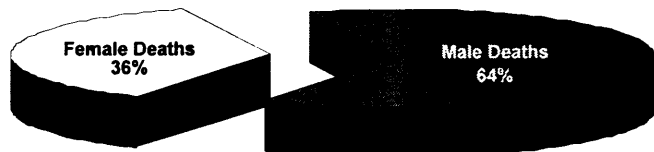
Maine, 1987 - 1996

- ➔ 4,084 Maine residents died from unintentional injuries during the period 1987 - 1996 resulting in a death rate of 28 deaths/100,000 population. This rate was significantly lower than the U.S. rate of 31.0 deaths.
- ➔ During the 10 years, the unintentional injury death rate peaked in Maine in 1988 at 33 deaths/100,000 population. Since 1988, there has been an overall decline in the death rate - a trend consistent with what was observed nationally. This decline in Maine (and the US) was significant.



- ➔ Half of all unintentional injury deaths were due to motor vehicle accidents; in fact, this was the leading cause of unintentional injury death for both males and females.
- ➔ Maine males accounted for 64% of unintentional injury deaths and at all ages they died from these injuries at a higher rate; males 20 - 29 years old died at more than 4 times the rate of their female counterparts.

Percent Deaths Due to Unintentional Injury by Sex: Maine, 1987 - 1996



Age	UNINTENTIONAL INJURIES Death Rate/100,000	
	Male	Female
Birth - 9	12.2	10.8
10-19	33.5	16.0
20-29	60.9	14.8
30-39	38.9	11.9
40-49	31.4	11.2
50-59	32.1	13.6
60-69	44.3	23.0
70-79	90.9	51.8
80 +	272.9	171.5

- ➔ The leading cause of unintentional injury deaths to Maine's elderly residents, 70 years old and older, was falls; falls accounted for 40% of the unintentional injury deaths to this age group.
- ➔ Fires were the leading cause of unintentional injury death to Maine children younger than 5 years old. Deaths from fire accounted for 33% of the unintentional injury deaths to these children; an additional 23% of unintentional injury deaths resulted from drowning.

All rates are for underlying cause of death, 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. All national data (national data are for whites only) and 10 year rates were obtained from CDC Wonder. Unless noted, differences in rates are not statistically significant, i.e., they could be accounted for by chance alone.

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