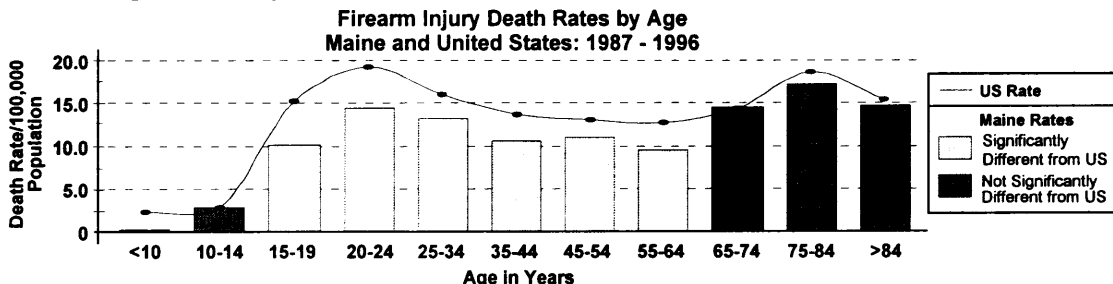


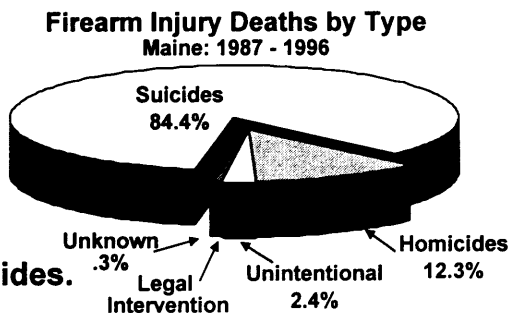
FIREARM INJURY DEATHS IN MAINE

1987 - 1996

➔ In Maine 1,193 residents died from firearm injuries during the period 1987 - 1996 resulting in a death rate of 9.2 deaths/100,000 population, a rate significantly smaller than the U.S. rate of 11.4. In fact, Maine rates were significantly smaller than US rates for most age groups.



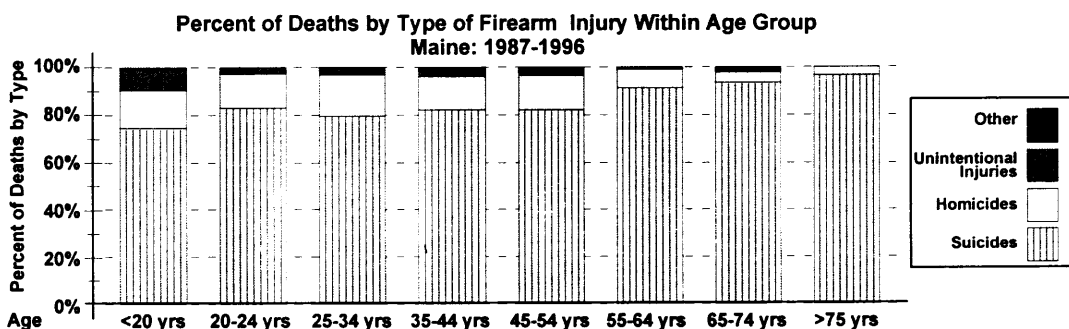
➔ Of these firearm deaths only 29 (2½%) were the result of unintentional injuries. More than 1,000 deaths (nearly 85%) were suicides. Of the remaining 157 deaths, 147 were homicides, 7 were the result of legal intervention, and 3 were from injuries from undetermined intent (intentional versus unintentional).



➔ Males accounted for 87% of all firearm injury deaths with 87% of those deaths the result of suicide; 69% of female firearm injury deaths were suicides.

➔ Maine residents younger than 20 years old accounted for 10% of all firearm injury deaths; 75% of these deaths (85) were suicides. Another 16% (18) were homicides. Three of the 4 deaths to children younger than 10 years old were the result of homicide.

➔ All firearm deaths to Maine residents 75 years old and older (121) were intentional - 117 deaths were suicides and 4 were homicides.



Notes: Deaths due to firearm injury are those attributed to ICD-9 cause of death codes E922.0-9, E955.0-4, E965.0-4, E970, E985.0-4.

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 and were obtained through CDC WONDER. Unless noted, differences in rates are not statistically significant, i.e., they could be accounted for by chance alone.

Footnote: A full citation will be provided upon request.

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