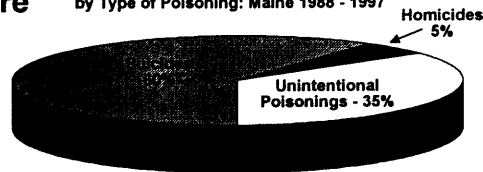


DEATHS DUE TO POISONING

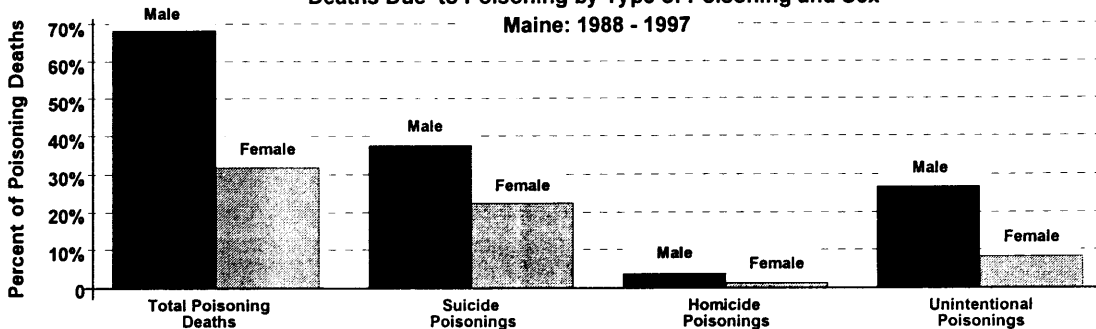
Maine Residents: 1988 - 1997

- ➔ There were 477 poisoning deaths in Maine during the 10 year period, 1988 - 1997. This resulted in a death rate of 3.4 deaths per 100,000 population - a rate significantly lower than the national rate of 5.2.
- ➔ Nearly 2/3 of all poisoning deaths (310) were intentional, the result of either homicide or suicide. Twenty-four Maine residents died as the result of homicide during this period, 18 males and 6 females. Suicide claimed the lives of 286 residents, 180 males and 106 females.
- ➔ Maine males were more than twice as likely to die from poisoning than females. They were more than 3 times as likely to die from unintended poisoning.

Percent of Poisoning Deaths by Type of Poisoning: Maine 1988 - 1997

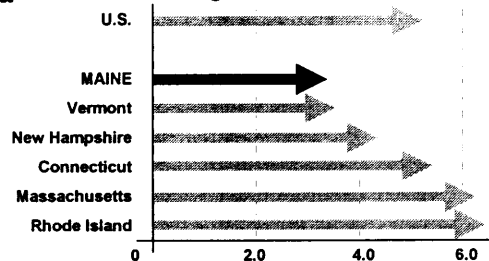


Deaths Due to Poisoning by Type of Poisoning and Sex
Maine: 1988 - 1997



- ➔ Maine residents, 25 - 44 years old, represented less than 1/3 of the state's population, but accounted for 1/2 of all poisoning deaths. Males, in that age group, represented just 16% of the population, yet accounted for 43% of unintentional poisoning deaths and 33% of intentional poisoning deaths.
- ➔ Nearly half (47%) of all suicides from poisoning resulted from carbon monoxide poisoning. Poisoning from medicinal substances and tranquilizers accounted for another 43% of these suicides.
- ➔ Maine had the lowest death rate due to poisoning of all the New England states during the period 1988 - 1997; it also had the 4th lowest death rate in the country from this cause.

Poisoning Death Rates
New England and U.S.: 1988 - 1997



NOTE: All rates are for underlying cause of death, for whites only 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. Unless noted, differences in rates are not statistically significant, i.e., they could be accounted for by chance alone.

Deaths due to poisoning are those attributed to ICD-9 cause of death codes 850-858.9, 860-869.9, 950-950.9, 951-952, 980-980.9.

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