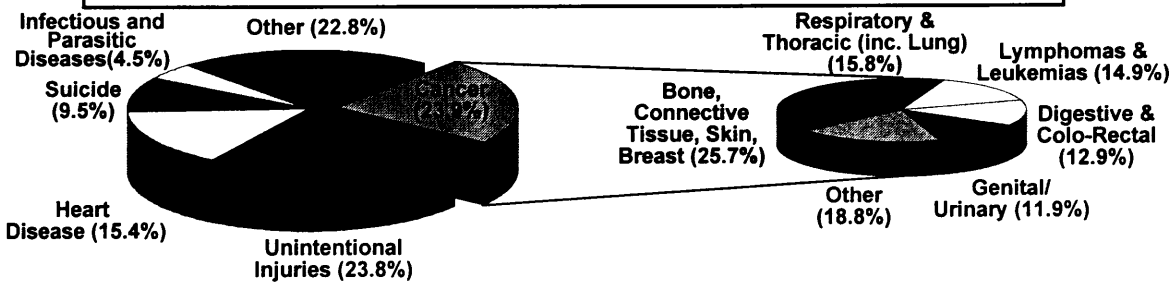


# LEADING CAUSES OF DEATH, MAINE: 1997 25 - 44 YEARS OLD

Number 4

Five Leading Causes of Death: 1997 Maine Residents, 25 - 44 Years Old	
Cause of Death	Deaths
Cancer	101
Unintentional Injuries	100
Heart Disease	65
Suicide	40
Infectious and Parasitic Diseases	19
All Other Causes	96
<b>Total Deaths</b>	<b>421</b>



- ➔ In 1997, 421 Maine residents 25 - 44 years old died. This resulted in a statewide death rate of 108 deaths per 100,000 population of the same age. This was significantly lower than the national rate of 142.
- ➔ Cancer and unintentional injuries were the leading causes of death for the age group as a whole. For the group that was 35 - 44 years old, cancer was the leading cause (77 deaths) and for Maine residents 25 - 34 years old, unintentional injuries claimed the most lives (51).
- ➔ Cancers of the "bone, connective tissue, skin, and breast" accounted for the greatest number of cancer deaths to this age group. Women accounted for 73% of these deaths, with 65% of the deaths due to female breast cancer.
- ➔ The 2nd leading cause of cancer death to this group was cancers of the "respiratory and thoracic organs"; all of these deaths were attributed to cancers of the trachea, bronchus, or lung and were equally divided among males and females.
- ➔ Approximately 60% of deaths due to unintentional injury were the result of motor vehicle accidents.

Notes: All rates are for underlying cause of death. US rates are for whites only. Age specific rates cannot be age adjusted. Unless noted, differences in rates are not statistically significant, i.e., they could be accounted for by chance alone.

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