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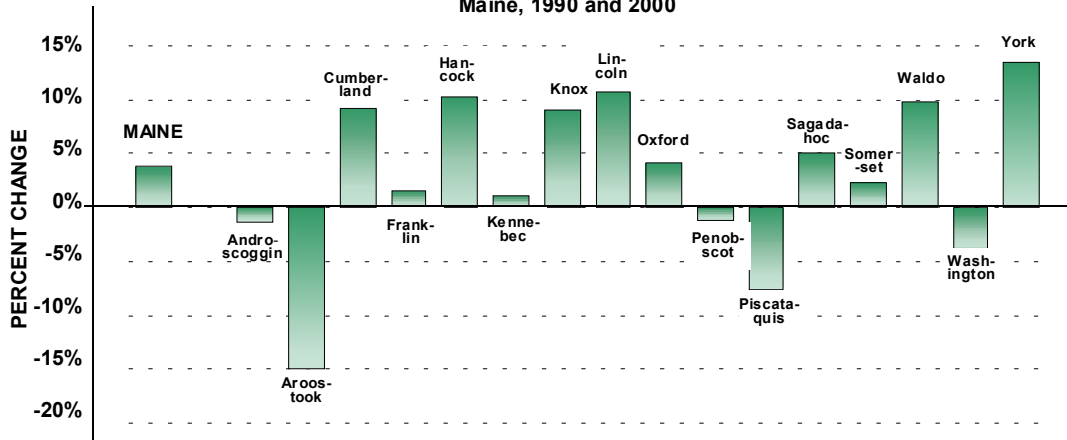## July 1, 2000

➡ **The 2000 U.S. Census population count ranked Maine's population size as 40th in the country with a population of 1,274,923.** [1]

POPULATION IN RANK ORDER OF COUNTY: 2000

County	Population	County	Population
Cumberland	265,612	Somerset	50.888
York	186,742	Knox	39,618
Penobscot	144,919	Waldo	36,280
Kennebec	117,114	Sagadahoc	35,214
Androscoggin	103,793	Washington	33,941
Aroostook	73,938	Lincoln	33,616
Oxford	54,755	Franklin	29,467
Hancock	51,791	Piscataquis	17,235

➡ **Maine's population has increased by 4% - 47,000 people - since the 1990 census count (only 4 other states showed a smaller increase in population than Maine). Although there was a net gain in Maine's population, 5 counties – Androscoggin, Aroostook, Penobscot, Piscataquis, and Washington – showed population decreases over the decade.**

PERCENT CHANGE IN POPULATION BY COUNTY
Maine, 1990 and 2000

➡ **Four of Maine's 5 largest cities lost population between the 1990 census and the 2000 census (Portland, Lewiston, Bangor, and Auburn). Maine's 4th largest city, South Portland, had a small gain (less than 200 people). Of Maine's 10 largest cities, Augusta had the greatest population loss proportionally (13%), and Scarborough the greatest gain (35%).**

➡ **Maine had the least racially diverse population of any state in the U.S. in 2000 with 97% of the population reporting their race as "white"; nationally, 75% of the nation's population reported their race as "white".**

Notes: Data are from the National Center for Health Statistics, U.S. Census Bureau. Census 1990 and 2000 reports. A full citation is available upon request.

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