

# Leading Causes of Death, Maine: 2000

## Men 25 Years Old and Older (preliminary data)

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DEATHS: 2000  
MEN = 25 Years Old

FACT SHEET -

- ➔ In 2000, 5,723 Maine men, 25 years old and older, died; 71% of these deaths were attributed to the 5 leading causes - heart disease, cancer, chronic lower respiratory disease (CLRD), cerebrovascular disease, and unintentional injuries.

Cause of Death	Number of Deaths	Death Rate/100,000	
		Maine	U.S.
Deaths From All Causes	5,723	1384.3	1328.0
Heart Disease	1,643	397.4	409.7
Cancer	1,539	372.3	335.0
Chronic Lower Respiratory Diseases (CLRD)	375	90.7	74.5
Cerebrovascular Disease	307	74.3	74.6
Unintentional Injuries	201	48.6	57.3

\* Rates from these causes are significantly different than the U.S. rate.

- ➔ In both Maine and the U.S., heart disease was the leading cause of death and cancer the 2nd leading cause. In Maine, heart disease accounted for 1,643 deaths (29%), and cancer for 1,539 deaths (27%). The death rate in Maine due to heart disease was comparable to the U.S. rate; the Maine cancer death rate was significantly greater.

- ➔ Chronic lower respiratory disease and cerebrovascular disease were the 3rd and 4th leading cause of death for men in Maine and the nation. The death rate due to CLRD was significantly greater than the US rate; the cerebrovascular death rate was comparable to the U.S. rate.

State	Causes of Death and Ranking					
	ALL DEATHS	Heart Disease	Cancer	Cerebrovascular Disease	CLRD	Unintentional Injuries
MAINE	2	3	2	1	1	3
New Hampshire	6	6	5	6	3	4
Vermont	5	5	6	4	2	1
Rhode Island	1	1	1	3	4	5
Connecticut	4	2	4	2	6	2
Massachusetts	3	4	3	5	5	6

- ➔ The 5th leading cause of death to men in Maine and the U.S. was unintentional injuries. The rate at which Maine men died from this cause, 49 deaths/100,000 population, ranked as 9th lowest in the nation. Maine's death rate from this cause was significantly lower than the US rate (57.3 deaths/100,000).

- ➔ Maine death rates for men who died from cerebrovascular disease and CLRD were the highest in New England.
- ➔ Seventy-six percent of deaths to men 25 years old or older were to men over 64, a rate significantly greater than what occurred nationally (73%).

Age	25-34 yr.	35-44 yr.	45-64 yr.	65-74 yr.	75-84 yr.	=85 yr.	Total
# Deaths	92	201	1088	1292	1842	1208	5,723
% Deaths	1.6%	3.5%	19.0%	22.6%	32.2%	21.1%	100.0%

Notes: All national data (national data are for whites only) were obtained from CDC Wonder. All rates used are crude rates; unless noted, differences in rates are not statistically significant, i.e., they could be accounted for by chance alone.

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