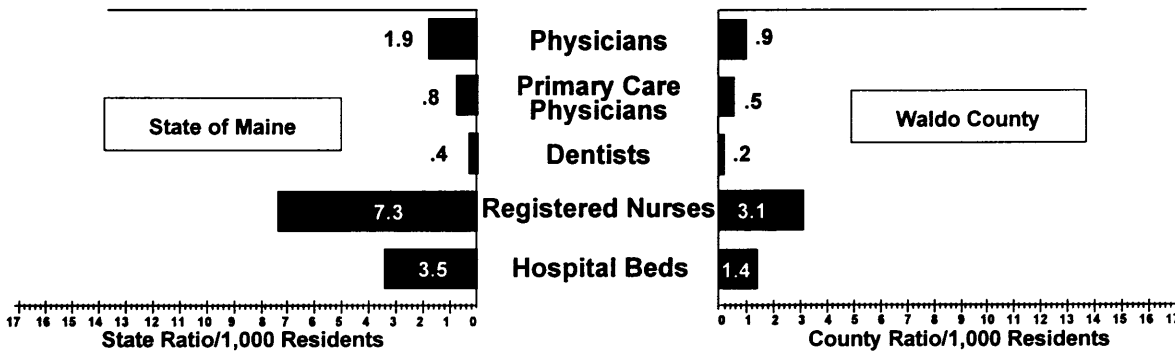


WALDO COUNTY: 1992

Health Care Resources

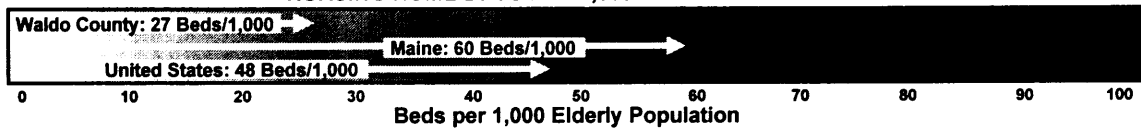
- ➔ **Physicians:** 32 physicians (MD and DO) indicated that they were practicing in Waldo county; 50% of these physicians (16) reported practicing in a primary care* specialty; the national figure is 47%.
- ➔ **Registered Nurses:** There were 105 registered nurses practicing their profession in Waldo county resulting in a nurse to physician ratio of 3.3 nurses for every doctor; this compares to the national ratio of 3 nurses per doctor.
- ➔ **Dentists:** 8 dentists reported working in Waldo county. The resulting ratio of .2 dentists for every 1,000 residents is significantly less than the national ratio of .6/1,000. The state ratio is .4 dentists for every 1,000 residents.
- ➔ **Hospitals:** There was 1 hospital in Waldo county with a total of 49 general use hospital beds. This yielded a county ratio of 1.4 beds per 1,000 residents, significantly less than the national ratio of 4.0/1,000. The statewide ratio was 3.5 per 1,000.

SELECTED STATISTICS
RATIO/1,000 RESIDENTS: MAINE AND WALDO COUNTY



- ➔ **Nursing Homes:** There were 2 long term care facilities with 125 nursing home beds in 1992; this represented a county ratio of 27 nursing home beds per 1,000 elderly population, significantly less than the nationwide ratio of 48 beds per 1,000 elderly.

NURSING HOME BEDS PER 1,000 ELDERLY RESIDENTS



NOTES: Data on health care resources must be considered in conjunction with health status indicators, such as those on the accompanying Health Status Indicators FACT SHEET. In all instances, the most recent available data were used; this was not always 1992 information. Complete citations are available for data sources upon request. All county rates were compared to national rates when possible; unless noted, differences in rates were not statistically significant, i.e., they could be accounted for by chance alone.

* Primary Care specialties are: family or general practice, pediatrics, obstetrics, gynecology, and internal

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