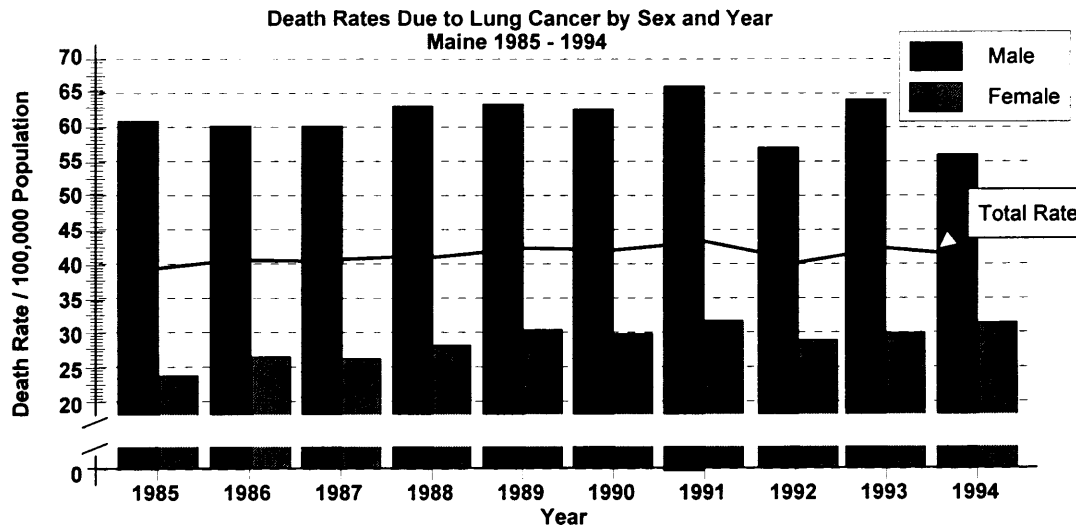


DEATHS DUE TO LUNG CANCER

Maine Residents: 1985 - 1994

- ➔ From 1985 to 1994, lung cancer claimed 7,767 Maine lives. In 1994, 824 Maine residents died from lung cancer; this resulted in a death rate of 42 deaths per 100,000 population, a rate comparable to the 1992 national rate of 39/100,000.
- ➔ During the same 10 year period, the lung cancer death rate was significantly* higher for Maine men, at 61 deaths per 100,000 population, than it was for Maine women, at 28 deaths. However, the difference in the rates between the sexes narrowed from 37 deaths per 100,000 to 25. This was consistent with national trends.



- ➔ Over the 10 year period, the death rate due to lung cancer for women increased from 23.5/100,000 to 31; this increase in the death rate from this cause is statistically significant*
- ➔ The death rate due to lung cancer climbed steadily with age for both men and women until peaking at 645 deaths per 100,000 population for men ages 80 - 84 years old and at 227 deaths per 100,000 for women between 75 and 79 years old.
- ➔ In 1994, cancer was the second leading cause of death for all Maine residents. Lung cancer comprised 28% of those cancer deaths.

NOTES: Lung cancer is defined as being a neoplasm of the trachea, bronchus or lung as detailed in ICD-9 codes 162.0-162.9 and as used by the National Centers for Health Statistics in standard mortality cause-of-death lists.

* 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.

Footnotes 1,2: 1992 is the most current available national data. Full citations are available upon request.

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