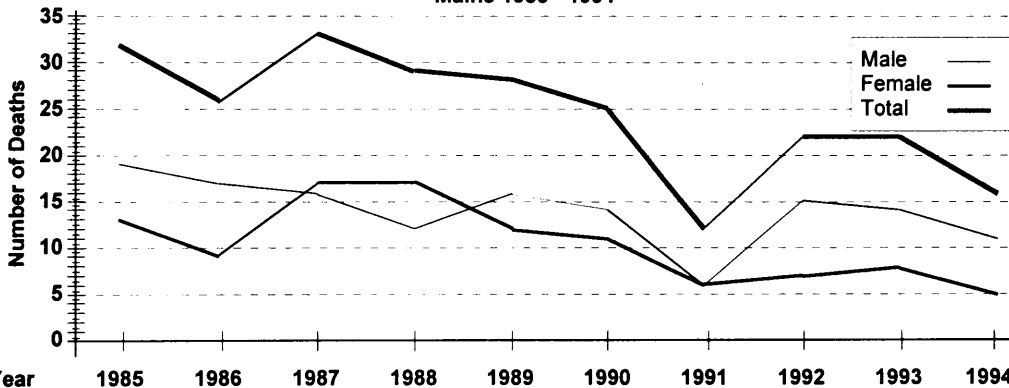


DEATHS DUE TO FIRE

Maine: 1985 - 1994

➔ From 1985 to 1994, 245 Maine residents died from accidents caused by fire and flames. In 1994, 16 residents died from this cause, the smallest number in 4 years; this resulted in the second lowest death rate due to fire and flames (1.3/100,000 population) for the 10 years.

Number of Deaths Due to Accidents Caused by Fire and Flames by Sex and Year
Maine 1985 - 1994

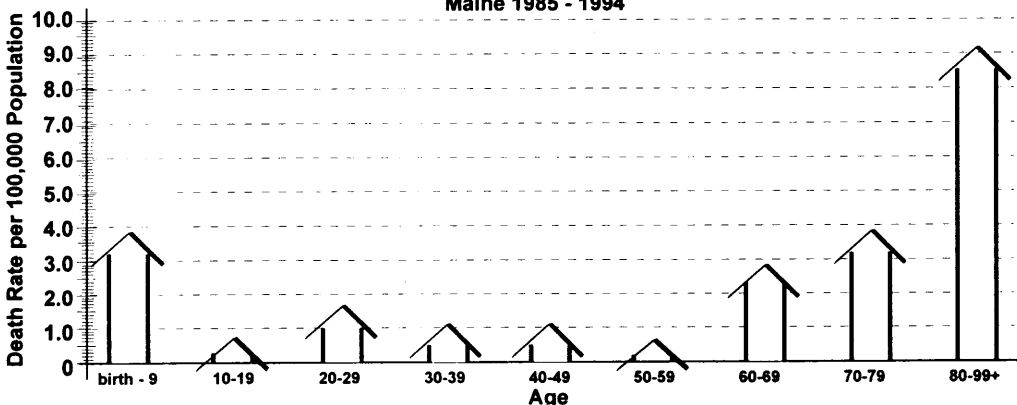


Death Rate/
100,000

2.3	1.5	2.5	2.2	2.1	1.8	0.9	1.5	1.6	1.3
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➔ Maine's youngest residents, children under 10 years old, accounted for more than 1/4 of the deaths from fire and flames; the death rate of these children (3.8/100,000) was the second highest age-specific death rate in the state, exceeded only by the death rate of Maine's oldest residents, men and women 80 years old and older, who accounted for 15% of the deaths and a death rate of 9.1/100,000.

Death Rates Due to Accidents Caused by Fire and Flames by Age Group
Maine 1985 - 1994



➔ 88% of all fire fatalities resulted from fires in private dwellings; this cause accounted for all but 2 of the deaths to children under age 10.

Note: All rates are for underlying cause and are age-adjusted to the U.S. 1940 standard population; these are rates that have been standardized to eliminate differences due solely to variations in the age composition of the populations. All rates are for all races; age-adjusted rates for the U.S. white population only were not available.

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