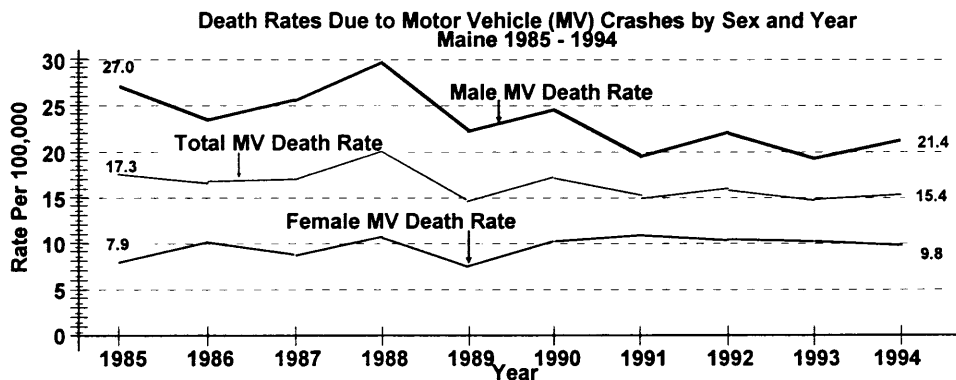


# DEATHS DUE TO MOTOR VEHICLE CRASHES

1985 - 1994

- ➔ An objective of the *Healthy Maine 2000* effort is to reduce unintentional injury mortality by 15%. Half of the deaths in Maine from 1985 - 1994 due to this cause were a result of motor vehicle crashes.
- ➔ 2,049 Maine residents died in motor vehicle crashes during that 10 year period; 1,419 males and 630 females. Almost half of these deaths (981) occurred to Maine residents younger than 30 years of age.
- ➔ Consistent with national trends, over that ten years in Maine, both the annual number of deaths due to motor vehicle crashes and the corresponding death rates declined; the Maine death rate dropped from 17.3 deaths/100,000 in 1985 to 15.4 in 1994. The 1994 rate compares to the 1993 national rate of 15.7 deaths per 100,000



- ➔ Maine's youth, 15 - 24 years old, and Maine's elderly, 75 years old and older, experienced the highest death rates due to motor vehicle crashes in the state; this is consistent with the national experience<sup>2</sup>. The death rate to Maine males (23.5/100,000) was more than twice that of Maine females (9.7) for the period 1985 - 1994, a significant difference.

Deaths and Death Rates Due to Motor Vehicle Crashes by Age  
Maine, 1985 - 1994

| Percent of Deaths             | 6%  | 29%   | 20%   | 12%   | 8%    | 6%    | 9%    | 10% |
|-------------------------------|-----|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-----|
| Age                           | <15 | 15-24 | 25-34 | 35-44 | 45-54 | 55-64 | 65-74 | 75+ |
| Death Rate/100,000 Population | 4.9 | 33.   | 20.   | 13.   | 12.   | 11.   | 20.3  | 27. |

- ➔ 198 Maine residents died as the result of motor vehicle crashes in 1994. This was up from 1993 when the lowest death rate (14.6/100,000) and lowest number of motor vehicle crash deaths (177) were recorded for the 10 year period.

NOTE: 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. Age specific rates cannot be age adjusted. Unless noted, differences in rates are not statistically significant, i.e., they could be accounted for by chance alone.

Footnotes 1, 2: Full citations will be provided upon request.

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