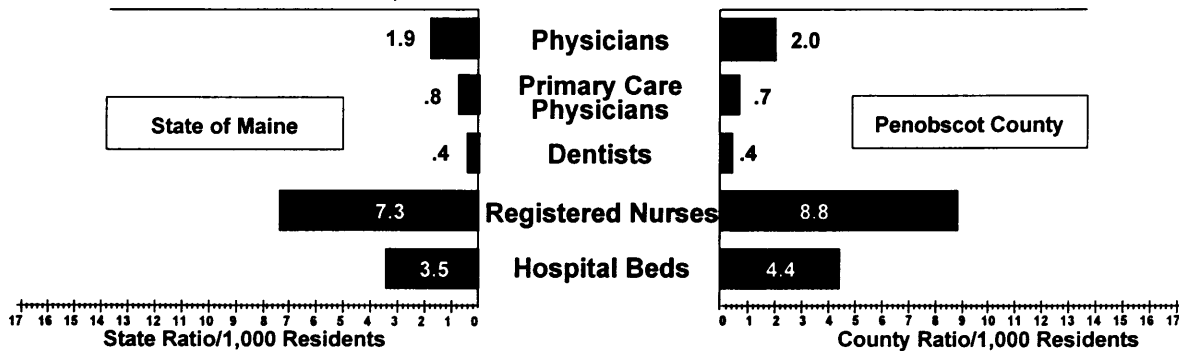


# PENOBSCOT COUNTY: 1992

## Health Care Resources

- ➔ **Physicians:** 298 physicians (MD and DO) indicated that they were practicing in Penobscot county. 36% of these physicians (107) reported practicing in a primary care\* specialty, significantly less than the national figure of 47%.
- ➔ **Registered Nurses:** There were 1,282 registered nurses practicing their profession in Penobscot county resulting in a nurse to physician ratio of 4.3 nurses for every doctor; this compares to the national ratio of 3 nurses per doctor.
- ➔ **Dentists:** 60 dentists reported working in Penobscot county. The resulting ratio of .4 dentists for every 1,000 residents is significantly less than the national ratio of .6/1,000. The state ratio is .4/1,000.
- ➔ **Hospitals:** There were 6 hospitals in Penobscot county with a total of 639 general use hospital beds and 265 acute psychiatric beds. This yielded a county ratio of 4.4 general use hospital beds per 1,000 residents, significantly greater than the nationwide rate of 4.0/1,000; statewide this ratio was 3.5 per 1,000 residents.

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



- ➔ **Nursing Homes:** There were 12 long term care facilities with 954 nursing home beds in 1992 (65 of these are connected to a state mental health institute); this represented a county ratio of 50 general use nursing home beds per 1,000 elderly population; nationally this ratio is 48/1,000 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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