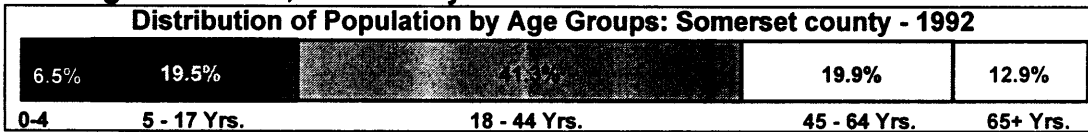


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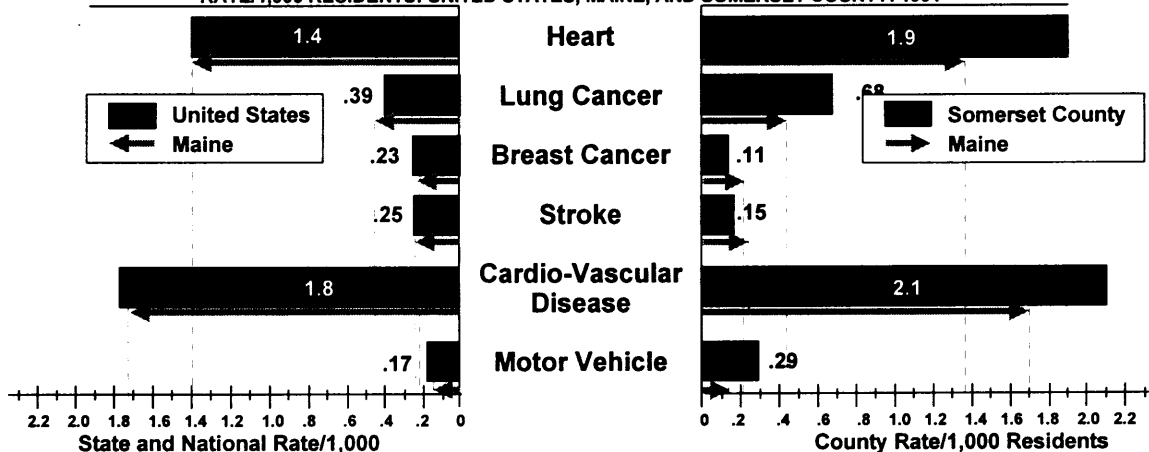
## Health Status Indicators

- ➔ **Population:** In 1992, the population of Somerset county was 50,770, making it Maine's 8th most populous county.
- ➔ **Population Aged 65 and Older:** In 1992, 6,546 county residents were 65 years old or older, about 13% of the county population. The state average was 14%; nationally it was 12.7%.



- ➔ **Births:** There were 664 births to residents of Somerset county; this yielded a county birth rate of 13.1 births for every 1,000 resident, significantly less than the national rate of 14.9.
- ➔ **Adolescent births (10-17 years old):** 4.6% of all live births in this county were to adolescent mothers; this is significantly greater than the national figure of 3.8%.
- ➔ **Low birth weight babies:** In Somerset county, 6.4% of all live births resulted in babies weighing less than 2500 grams (5 1/2 pounds). This is significantly greater than the national figure of 5.8%.
- ➔ **Deaths:** There were 453 deaths to county residents in 1992. The age-adjusted death rate\*, 5.6, is significantly greater than the national rate of 4.9.

**AGE-ADJUSTED DEATH RATES\* BY SELECTED CAUSES OF DEATH**  
RATE/1,000 RESIDENTS: UNITED STATES, MAINE, AND SOMERSET COUNTY: 1991



- ➔ **Age-adjusted Death Rates:** The age-adjusted death rates for deaths due to heart disease, lung cancer, cardio-vascular disease, and motor vehicle accidents are significantly greater than the national rates.
- ➔ **Infant Deaths\*\*:** The county infant death rate was 8.0 deaths per 1,000 live births, significantly greater than the national rate of 7.3 deaths.

NOTES: See NOTES on the accompanying Fact Sheet: Somerset County - Health Care Resources

\* 1991 age-adjusted death rates are for underlying cause of death, U.S. rates are for whites only; rates 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.

\*\*Infant deaths were calculated using the average of the infant death rate for the three year period, 1990-1992.

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