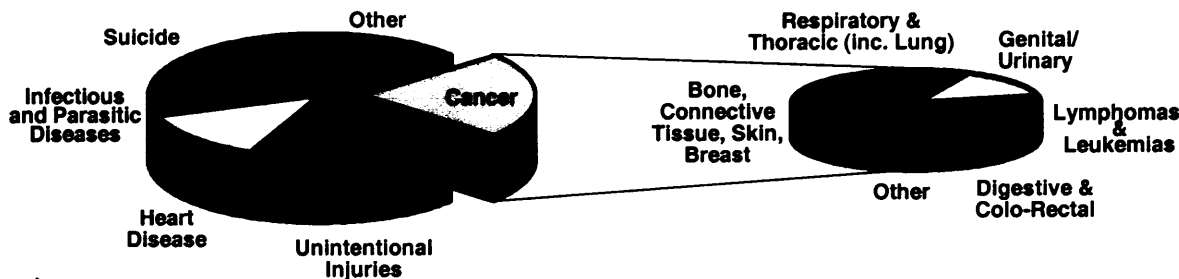


# LEADING CAUSES OF DEATH, MAINE: 1994 25 - 44 YEARS OLD

## Five Leading Causes of Death: 1994 Maine Residents, 25 - 44 Years Old

<u>Cause of Death</u>	<u>Deaths</u>
Cancer	115
Unintentional Injuries	104
Heart Disease	66
Infectious and Parasitic Diseases	62
Suicide	57
All Other Causes	107
<b>Total Deaths</b>	



- ➔ In 1994, 511 Maine residents 25 - 44 years old died. This resulted in a statewide death rate of 130 deaths per 100,000 population of the same age. This was comparable to the national rate of 138.<sup>1,2</sup>
- ➔ Although cancer was the leading cause of death for the age group as a whole, and for the segment of the age group that was 35 - 44 years old, for Maine residents 25 - 34 years old, unintentional injuries claimed the most lives (58) followed by suicides which claimed 30
- ➔ Cancers of the "bone, connective tissue, skin, and breast" accounted for the greatest number of cancer deaths to this age group; almost 60% of these deaths were the result of female breast cancer. The 2nd leading cause of cancer death to this group was from cancers of the "respiratory and thoracic organs"; 90% of these deaths were attributed to cancers of the trachea, bronchus, or lung.
- ➔ More than 60% of unintentional injury deaths were the result of motor vehicle accidents.

All rates are for underlying cause of death and are age-adjusted to the US 1940 standard population; these rates have been standardized to eliminate differences due solely to variations in the age composition of the populations. US rates are for whites only. 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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