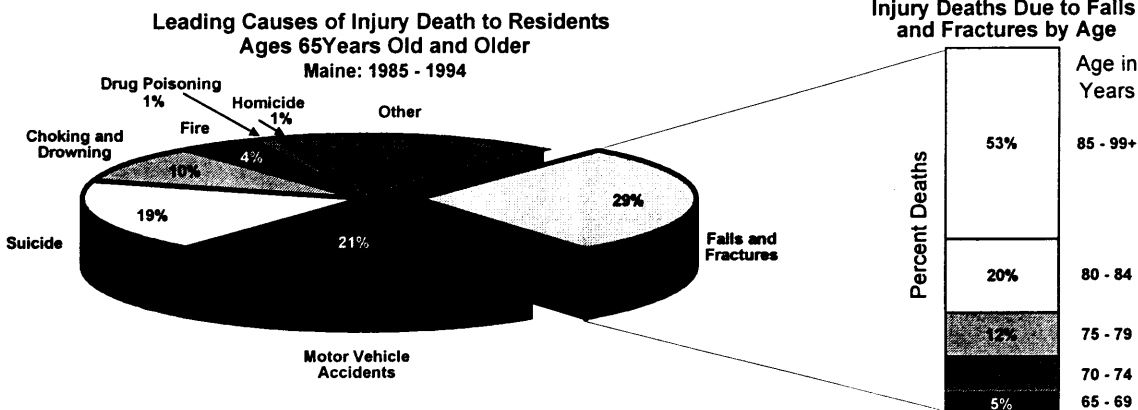


INJURY DEATHS: MAINE'S ELDERLY

Maine: 1985 - 1994

- ➔ Between 1985 and 1994, the 7th leading cause of death for Maine residents aged 65 years and older was injuries; 1,806 older Maine residents died from this cause. In 1994, the elderly death rate in Maine from this cause was 116 deaths per 100,000 elderly population; this is comparable to the U.S. rate of 108 deaths¹.
- ➔ The leading cause of injury death for Maine's older residents was falls and fractures (519 deaths) followed by motor vehicle accident injuries (381) and suicide (340).
- ➔ Maine's oldest residents (individuals 85 years old and older) accounted for more than half (53%) of the elderly deaths due to injuries from falls and fractures.



- ➔ The leading cause of injury death varied with age group. For residents 65 - 74 years old, the leading cause of injury death was suicide; for those 75 - 79, it was motor vehicle accident injuries, and for those 80 years old and older, it was accidental falls and fractures.

3 Leading Causes of Injury Death to Residents Ages 65 Years Old and Older by Age Group: Maine, 1985 - 1994			
AGE	1ST LEADING CAUSE	2ND LEADING CAUSE	3RD LEADING CAUSE
65 - 69	Suicide	Motor Vehicle Accidents	Accidental Falls/Fractures
70 - 74	Suicide	Motor Vehicle Accidents	Accidental Falls/Fractures
75 - 79	Motor Vehicle Accidents	Suicide	Accidental Falls/Fractures
80 - 84	Accidental Falls/Fractures	Motor Vehicle Accidents	Suicide
85+	Accidental Falls/Fractures	Choking	Motor Vehicle Accidents

All rates are for underlying cause of death. US rates are for whites only. Unless noted, differences in rates are not statistically significant, i.e., they could be accounted for by chance alone.

Footnote 1: Bureau of the Census, Statistical Abstract of the United States: 1995 and the National Center for Health Statistics, National Summary of Injury Mortality Data, October 1996. Full citations are available upon request.

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