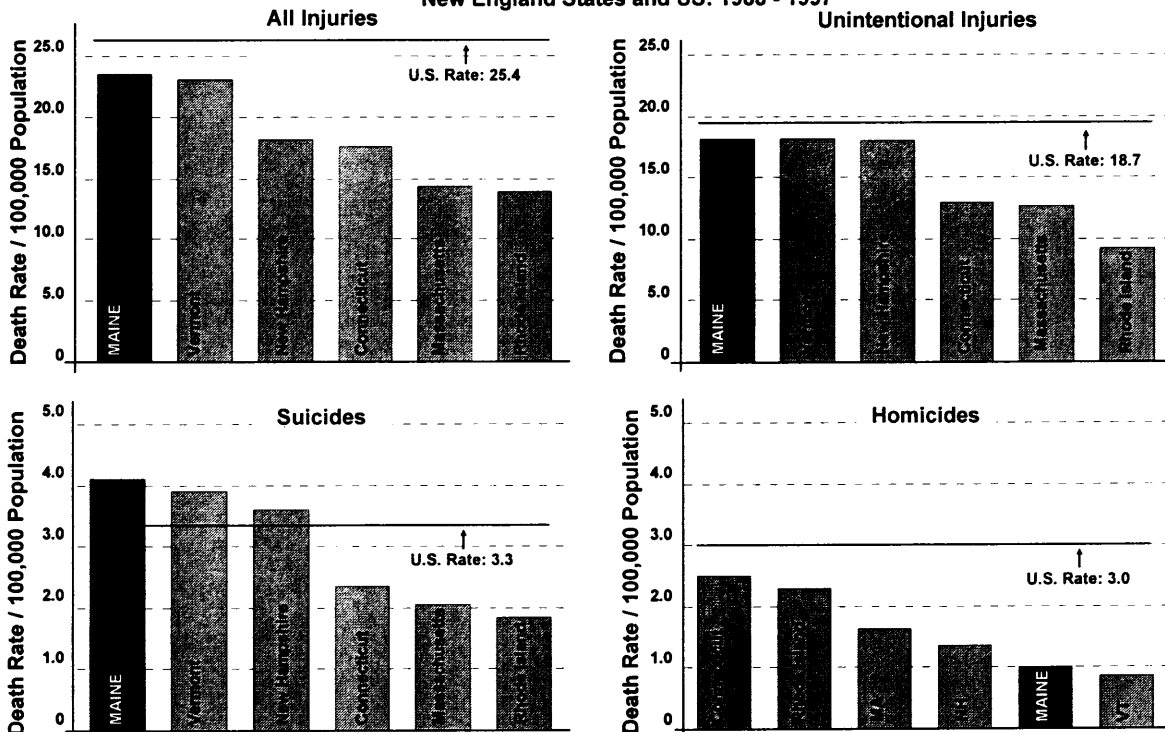


INJURY DEATHS TO MAINE YOUTH 1-19 YEARS OLD

Maine Residents: 1997 (preliminary data)

- ➔ In 1997, 97 Maine youths, 1 - 19 years old, died. Injury (intentional and unintentional) was the leading cause of death for this age group. Although injury deaths accounted for just 5% of the deaths to Maine residents of all ages in 1997, they accounted for 62% of all deaths to Maine's youth.
- ➔ Within New England, Maine's youth had the highest death rate for all injuries, unintentional injuries, and suicides. This was true not only for 1997, but for the most recent 10 year period as a whole, 1988 - 1997.

Death Rates Due to Injuries by Injury Type
New England States and US: 1988 - 1997



- ➔ Forty percent (24) of injury deaths to Maine's youth were the result of motor vehicle accidents; an additional 35% were the result of suicide and homicide (21).
- ➔ Of deaths to children 1 - 14 years old, 54% (26) were due to injuries; for those 15 - 19 years old, injuries accounted for nearly 70% (34) of all deaths. Males accounted for nearly ¾ of injury deaths.
- ➔ For Maine youth, the death rate due to injuries dropped by 40% from 1988 - 1997, from 30.6 deaths/100,000 population to 18.6. Nationally, the rate dropped by 25%. These drops in rates were statistically significant.

Notes: Deaths due to injuries are those attributed to ICD-9 cause of death codes 800 - 999.9. 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. US data and 10 year rates for Maine were obtained from CDC WONDER.

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