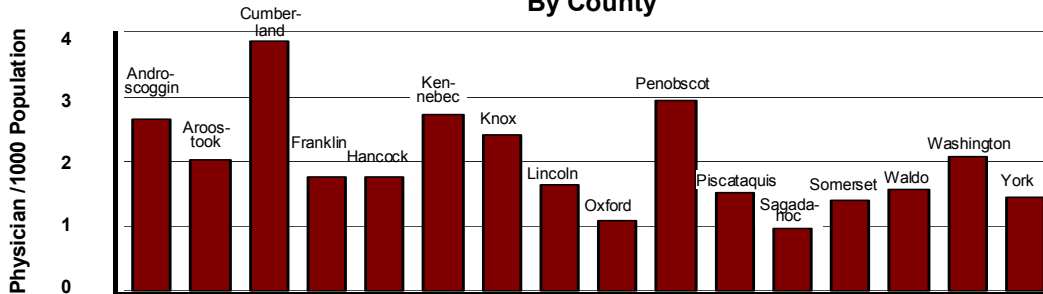


# MAINE PHYSICIANS: 2002

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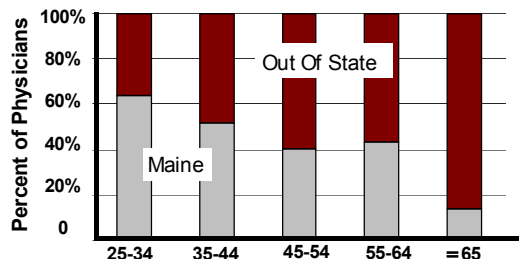
- In 2002, 3,119 physicians worked in Maine: 2,736 allopathic physicians (MDs) and 383 osteopathic physicians (DOs).
- This resulted in a ratio of 1 physician for every 415 Maine residents in 2002, a ratio significantly smaller than in 1992 when there was 1 physician for every 528 residents.<sup>1</sup>
- Although the rate of physicians to the population in Maine was smaller in 2002 than in 1992, Maine's rate was still significantly higher than the US rate of 1 physician for every 319 residents.<sup>2</sup>

Rate of Physicians to 1000 Population  
By County



- During 1992-2002, 2 counties had an increase in the ratio of physicians to population. Sagadahoc county had the biggest increase with 1 physician for every 790 residents in 1992 to 1 physician for 1028 residents in 2002. Oxford county had 1 physician for every 835 residents in 1992 compared to 1 physician for 927 residents in 2002.
- Washington county had the biggest decrease, where the number of residents served by each physician went from 945 to 484 persons for every physician.
- Since January 2001, 654 new physicians were licensed in Maine; however, by December 2002, over 35% (243) of that group had moved out of state.
- As the age of newly licensed physicians increased, so did the likelihood of them locating out of state.
- Beginning in July of 1997, a Federal program, the J1 Visa program, developed to bring physicians to underserved areas, began in Maine. Through the program, foreign trained physicians were placed in these areas for a 3 to 6 year obligation.<sup>3</sup> By December 2002, 69 physicians had been placed in Maine; 52 were still practicing in Maine, but 17 had relocated.

Physicians Licensed in 2001- 2002  
by Age and Location: December 31, 2002



Notes: Differences in rates and percentages are statistically significant unless noted, i.e., they could not be accounted for by chance alone.

<sup>1</sup> Population Estimates, Office of Data, Research, and Vital Statistics. <sup>2</sup>American Osteopathic Association, American Medical Association. <sup>3</sup>Maine Office of Rural and Primary Health. Full citations are available upon request.

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