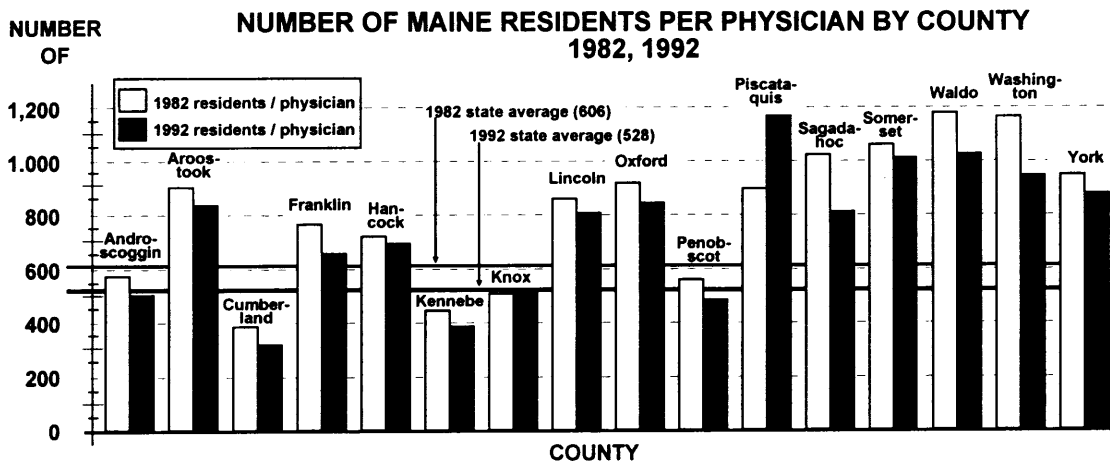


MAINE PHYSICIANS

1992

- ➔ In 1992, 2,342 physicians reported that they were working in Maine.
- ➔ Overall, the physician to population ratio in Maine has been improving over the past decade; between 1982 and 1992, this ratio changed from 1 physician for every 606 Maine residents to 1 physician for every 528 residents. Although this ratio has improved in Maine, it compares poorly with the 1990 national rate of one physician for every 427 residents.¹
- ➔ Piscataquis county was the only Maine county which experienced a worsening of physician to population ratio over the ten year period, from 1 doctor for every 890 residents in 1982 to 1 for every 1169 residents in 1992.



- ➔ The five specialties most frequently reported by allopathic physicians (MDs) in 1992 were: family practice (15%), internal medicine (12%), psychiatry (6%), general surgery (6%), and pediatrics (6%). 45% of MDs reported these specialties.
- ➔ Osteopathic physicians (DOs), however, most frequently reported specializing in general practice (50%), emergency medicine (9%), manipulative therapy (6%), internal medicine (5%), and obstetrics / gynecology (3%). 73% of DOs reported these specialties.
- ➔ The average age of MDs in 1992 was 47 years; for DOs, it was 44 years. The osteopathic profession was also "younger" in 1992 than it was in 1982; 66% of DOs were less than 45 years old in 1992 compared to 44% in 1982. Allopaths, however, were slightly "older"; there were 4% fewer MDs younger than 45 in 1992 than there were in 1982 while the 45 - 54 year old age group grew by 9%.

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