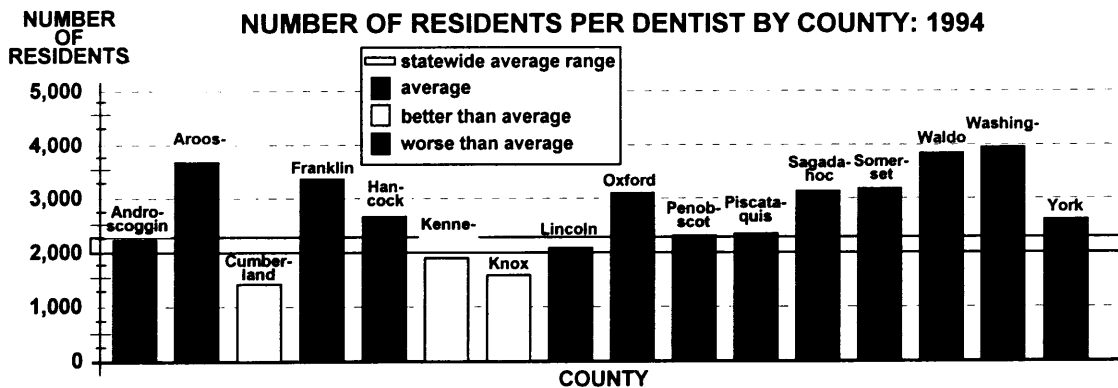


# MAINE DENTISTS

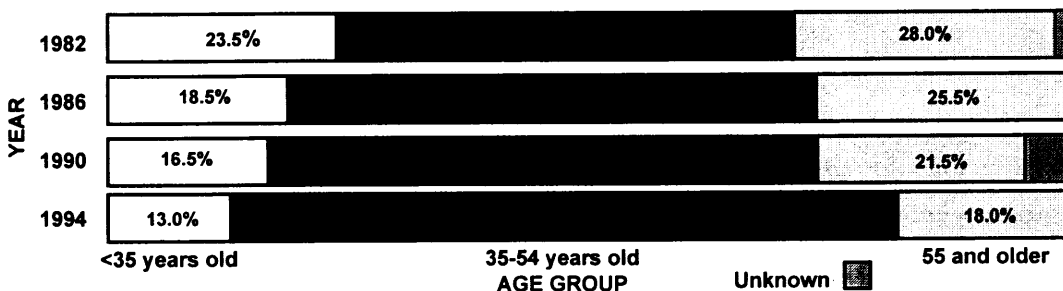
1994 (preliminary data)

- ➔ In 1994, 573 dentists reported that they were practicing dentistry in Maine (2,158 residents for each dentist). This represents an improvement over the previous decade in the availability of dentists to Maine residents (in 1980 there were 2,312 residents per dentist) but it is still *significantly*\* less than the US rate of 1,697 residents per dentist.
- ➔ Cumberland county has 20% of Maine's population and 31% of Maine's active dentists. In that county (which has the best population to dentist ratio in the state), there are 1,358 residents for every dentist. Washington county has the worst ratio in the state - 3,989 residents for every dentist. These county rates are *significantly*\* different than both the state rate of 2,158 residents per dentist and the US rate as well (1,697/dentist).



- ➔ The average number of hours worked each week by Maine dentists decreased steadily as age increased, from 41 hours by dentists 25-34 years old to 29 hours by dentists 65 years old and older.
- ➔ In 1980, 41% of Maine's dentists were 35-54 years old and an additional 27% were younger than 35; in 1990, 58% of dentists were 35-54 with 17% of dentists younger than 35. In 1994 the trend continued with 69% of Maine's dentists aged 35-54 years old and only 13% younger than 35.

PERCENT OF DENTISTS BY YEAR AND AGE GROUP



\*The county ratio was compared to state and national ratios; these differences in ratios were statistically significant, i.e., they could not be accounted for by chance alone.

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