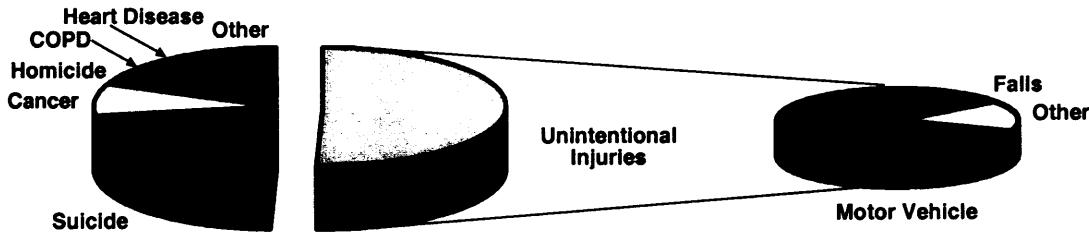


LEADING CAUSES OF DEATH, MAINE: 1994 15 - 24 YEARS OLD

Five Leading Causes of Death: 1994
Maine Residents, 15 - 24 Years Old

Cause of Death	Deaths
Unintentional Injuries	57
Suicide	25
Cancer	10
Homicide	5
Heart Disease	3
Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease	3
All Other Causes	10
Total Deaths	113



- ➔ In 1994, 113 Maine residents, 15 to 24 years old died. This resulted in a statewide death rate of 68 deaths per 100,000 population of the same age. This was comparable to the national rate of 70.^{1,2}
- ➔ Half of all deaths to Maine's young adults were the result of unintentional injuries. All but 11 of these injury deaths were attributed to motor vehicle accidents.
- ➔ Suicide was the second leading cause of death for Maine residents 15 to 24 years old; the deaths of 18 young men and 7 young women were attributed to suicide, resulting in a death rate of 15 deaths for each 100,000 population. This is comparable to the national death rate of 14 deaths per 100,000 population for this age group.^{1,2}
- ➔ Twenty-three suicides (92%) were the result of firearm and hanging injuries. Ten suicide deaths involved adolescents, 15 - 19 years old, 7 of whom were males.

All rates are for underlying cause of death and are age-adjusted to the US 1940 standard population; these rates have been standardized to eliminate differences due solely to variations in the age composition of the populations. US rates are for whites only. Age specific rates cannot be age adjusted. Unless noted, differences in rates are not statistically significant, i.e., they could be accounted for by chance alone.

Footnotes 1, 2: Full citations will be provided upon request.

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