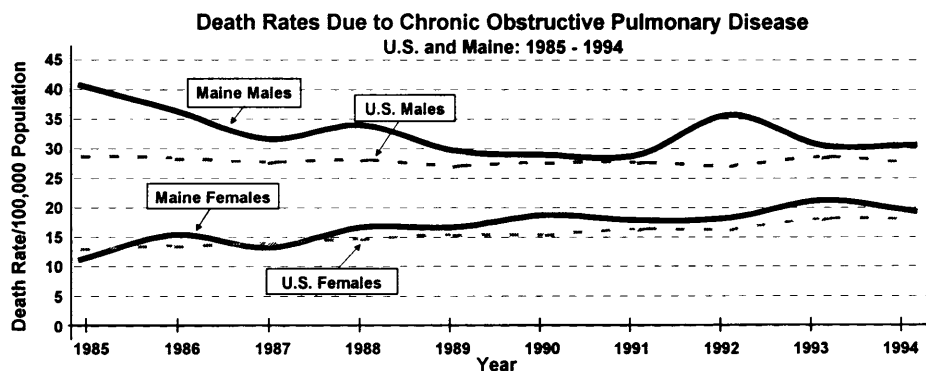


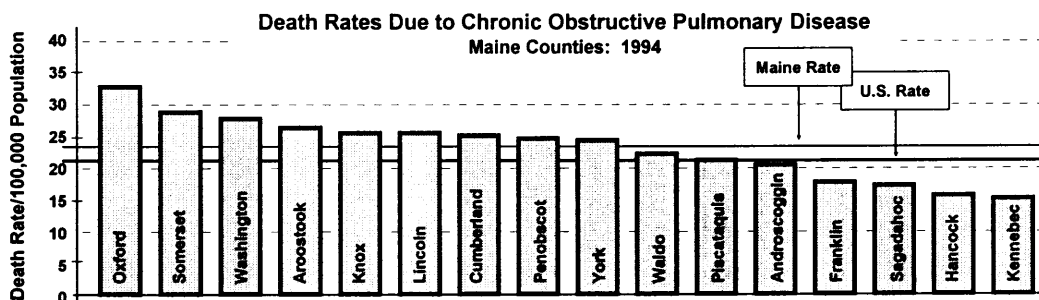
DEATHS DUE TO CHRONIC OBSTRUCTIVE PULMONARY DISEASE

Maine 1985 - 1994

- ➔ Over the course of the 10 year period, 1985 - 1994, Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease (COPD) was the 4th leading cause of death for Maine residents and accounted for more than 5,500 deaths. In 1994, 628 residents died from this cause for a statewide age-adjusted death rate of 23.7 deaths per 100,000 population; this compares to a national rate of 21.6.
- ➔ Although on average, Maine males died from COPD at nearly twice the rate of females during this 10 year period, the difference in death rates between the sexes narrowed from a difference of 29 deaths/100,000 in 1985 to 11 deaths/100,000 in 1994. This was the result of a decrease in the male death rate of 10 deaths/100,000 and an increase in the female death rate of 7 deaths/100,000. Nationally, the male rate was relatively stable while the female rate increased by 5 deaths/100,000 resulting in an overall narrowing of the death rate by sex to 10 deaths/100,000.²



- ➔ Of Maine's 16 counties, only Oxford county had a death rate due to COPD that was *significantly higher statistically* than the US rate in 1994. Kennebec county had the lowest death rate due to COPD that same year (15.4/100,000), a rate *significantly lower* than the US rate.



Notes: Deaths due to chronic obstructive pulmonary disease are those attributed to ICD-9 cause of death codes 490.0 - 496.9. Unless noted, differences in rates are not statistically significant, i.e., they could be accounted for by chance alone. 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.

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

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