

MAINE PHYSICIANS - 1996

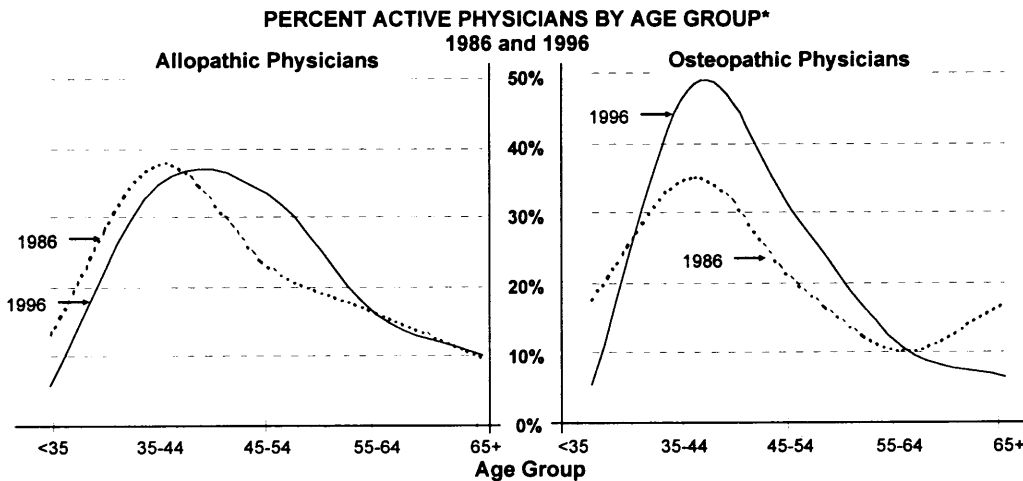
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- ➔ In 1996, 2,422 physicians reported working in Maine: 2,106 allopathic physicians (MDs) and 316 osteopathic physicians (DOs).
- ➔ Since 1986 the physician to population ratio in Maine narrowed from 1 physician for every 593 Maine residents to 1 physician for every 512 residents (1996). However, it still compared poorly to the 1995 national rate of one physician for every 385 residents¹, a difference that is *statistically significant*.
- ➔ In two Maine counties, Oxford and Piscataquis, the ratio of residents to each physician increased between 1986 and 1996, i.e., there were more residents for each physician to serve in 1996 than there were in 1986.

COUNTY POPULATION PER PHYSICIAN: 1996 (1986 = →)					
Cumberland	→	310	Sagadahoc	→	755
Kennebec	→	393	Somerset	→	842
Androscoggin	→	467	York	→	846
Penobscot	→	478	Lincoln	→	847
Knox	→	512	Washington	→	861
Hancock	→	657	Oxford	→	891
Franklin	→	720	Waldo	→	992
Aroostook	→	749	Piscataquis	→	1,087

- ➔ The average age of allopathic physicians was 49 years in 1996 compared to 46 years for their osteopathic counterparts.
- ➔ The age distribution of professionals within these two physician groups was similar in 1986; however, by 1996 the differences were pronounced with a flattening of the curve for allopaths (a more even distribution amongst age groups) and a marked spike in the 35 - 44 year old group for osteopaths (a 10% increase in this age group).



Unless noted, differences in rates are not statistically significant, i.e., they could be accounted for by chance alone.

Footnote 1: Health United States: 1996 - 1997. A full citation is available upon request.

* Physicians with unknown age were excluded.

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