

Leading Causes of Death, Maine: 2000

Women 25 Years Old and Older (preliminary data)

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DEATHS: 2000
WOMEN = 25 Years Old
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➔ In 2000, 6,381 Maine women, 25 years old and older, died; 70% of these deaths were due to the 5 leading causes - heart disease, cancer, cerebrovascular disease, chronic lower respiratory disease (CLRD), and Alzheimer's disease.

Cause of Death	Number of Deaths	Death Rate/100,000	
		Maine	U.S.
Deaths From All Causes	6,381	1398.1	1327.6
Heart Disease	1,743	381.9	405.6
Cancer	1,511	331.1	293.8
Cerebrovascular Disease	518	113.5	113.6
Chronic Lower Respiratory Diseases (CLRD)	394	86.3	73.5
Alzheimers Disease	322	70.6	41.8

* Rates from these causes are significantly different than the U.S. rate.

➔ Heart disease, the leading cause of death for Maine women, accounted for 1,743 deaths (27%), and cancer, the 2nd leading cause, for 1,511 (24%). These 2

diseases were also the leading causes of women's deaths nationally. Maine's death rate due to heart disease was significantly lower than the U.S. rate; the cancer death rate was significantly higher.

➔ Cerebrovascular disease and chronic lower respiratory disease were the 3rd and 4th leading cause of death for women in Maine and the U.S.. The death rate due to cerebrovascular disease was comparable to the U.S. rate; the Maine CLRD rate was significantly higher than the U.S. rate.

➔ The 5th leading cause of death to women in Maine and the U.S. was Alzheimer's Disease. The Maine death rate from this disease, 71 deaths/100,000 population, ranked highest in the nation. Maine's death rate from this cause was significantly higher than the US rate (41.8 deaths/100,000) and significantly higher than any other New England state.

State	Causes of Death and Ranking					
	ALL DEATHS	Heart Disease	Cancer	Cerebrovascular Disease	CLRD	Alzheimer's Disease
MAINE	2	3	2	1	1	1
New Hampshire	5	5	6	6	6	5
Vermont	6	6	5	5	4	3
Rhode Island	1	1	1	3	2	2
Connecticut	4	2	4	4	5	6
Massachusetts	3	4	3	2	3	4

➔ Maine death rates for women who died from cerebrovascular disease, CLRD, and Alzheimer's disease were the highest in New England.

➔ Eighty-five percent of deaths to women 25 years old or older occurred to women over 64. This was consistent with what occurred nationally.

Age	25-34 yr.	35-44 yr.	45-64 yr.	65-74 yr.	75-84 yr.	=85 yr.	Total
# Deaths	48	113	706	998	1,928	2,588	6,381
% Deaths	.8%	1.8%	11.1%	15.6%	30.2%	40.6%	100.0%

Notes: All national data (national data are for whites only) were obtained from CDC Wonder. All rates used are crude rates; unless noted, differences in rates are not statistically significant, i.e., they could be accounted for by chance alone.

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