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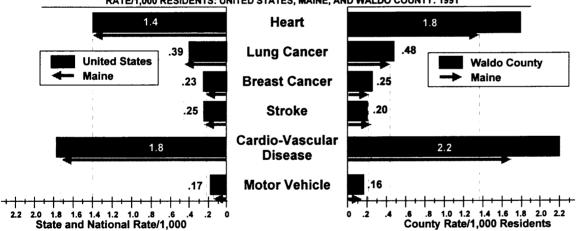
WALDO COUNTY: 1992 Health Status Indicators

- **→** Population: In 1992, the population of Waldo county was 34,130, making it Maine's 12th most populous county.
- → Population Aged 65 and Older: In 1992, 4,597 county residents were 65 years old or older, about 13.5% of the county population. The state average was 14%; nationally it was 12.7%.

Distribution of Population by Age Groups: Waldo county - 1992				
7.1%	19.4%		19.9%	13.5%
0-4	5 - 17 Yrs.	18 - 44 Yrs.	45 - 64 Yrs.	65+ Yrs.

- **▶** Births: There were 453 births to residents of Waldo county; this yielded a county birth rate of 13.3 births for every 1,000 residents; this is <u>significantly less</u> than the national rate.
- Adolescent births (10-17 years old): 5.0% of all live births in this county were to adolescent mothers; this is significantly greater than the national figure of 3.8%.
- Low birth weight babies: In Waldo county, 6.1% of all live births resulted in babies weighing less than 2500 grams (5 1/2 pounds). This compares to the national figure of 5.8%.
- Deaths: There were 304 deaths to county residents in 1992. The age-adjusted death rate*, 5.3, compares to the national rate of 4.9.

AGE-ADJUSTED DEATH RATES* BY SELECTED CAUSES OF DEATH RATE/1,000 RESIDENTS: UNITED STATES, MAINE, AND WALDO COUNTY: 1991



- Age-adjusted Death Rates: The age-adjusted death rates for deaths due to heart disease, lung cancer and cardio-vascular disease are significantly greater than the national rates; the rate due to motor vehicle accidents is significantly smaller than the national rate.
- Infant Deaths**: The county infant death rate was 7.3 deaths per 1,000 live births; the same as the national infant death rate.

NOTES: See NOTES on the accompanying Fact Sheet: Waldo County - Health Care Resources

* 1991 age-adjusted death rates are for underlying cause of death, U.S. rates are for whites only; rates are age adjusted to the US 1940 standard population; these are rates that have been standardized to eliminate differences due solely to variations in the age composition of the populations.

**Infant deaths were calculated using the average of the infant death rate for the three year period, 1990-1992.

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