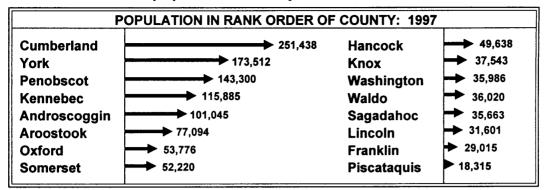
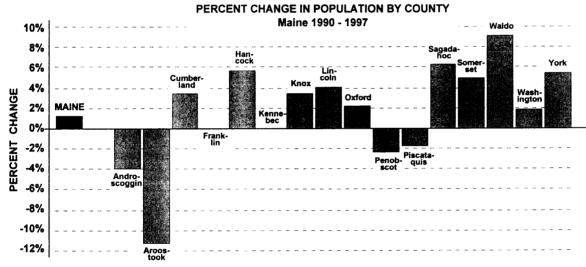
Maine's estimated population for July 1, 1997 was 1,242,051.



Since the 1990 census 4 Maine counties have shown a net loss of population - Androscoggin county with a loss of more than 4,200 residents, Aroostook county with a loss of more than 9,800 rsidents, Penobscot county with a loss of 3,300 residents, and Piscataguis county with a loss of 340 residents.



- ▶ In the 7 years since the 1990 census, Aroostook county has experienced the greatest numeric loss in population (9,842 residents) as well as the greatest proportional loss - a decrease of more than 11% of the 1990 county population. York county experienced the greatest numeric gain in population during this period (8,925 residents), but Waldo county experienced the greatest proportional increase, an increase of 9% (3,002 residents).
- Since the turn of the century, the population of Maine has increased by over a half million residents - from 694,466 in 1900 to 1,242,051 in 1997a population increase of 78%.

For further data on this topic, please contact: the Office of Data, Research, and Vital Statistics, Bureau of Health at 35 Anthony Avenue, State House Station 11, Augusta, Maine 04333-0011 The contact person is: Rhonda Webber - (207) 624-5445

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