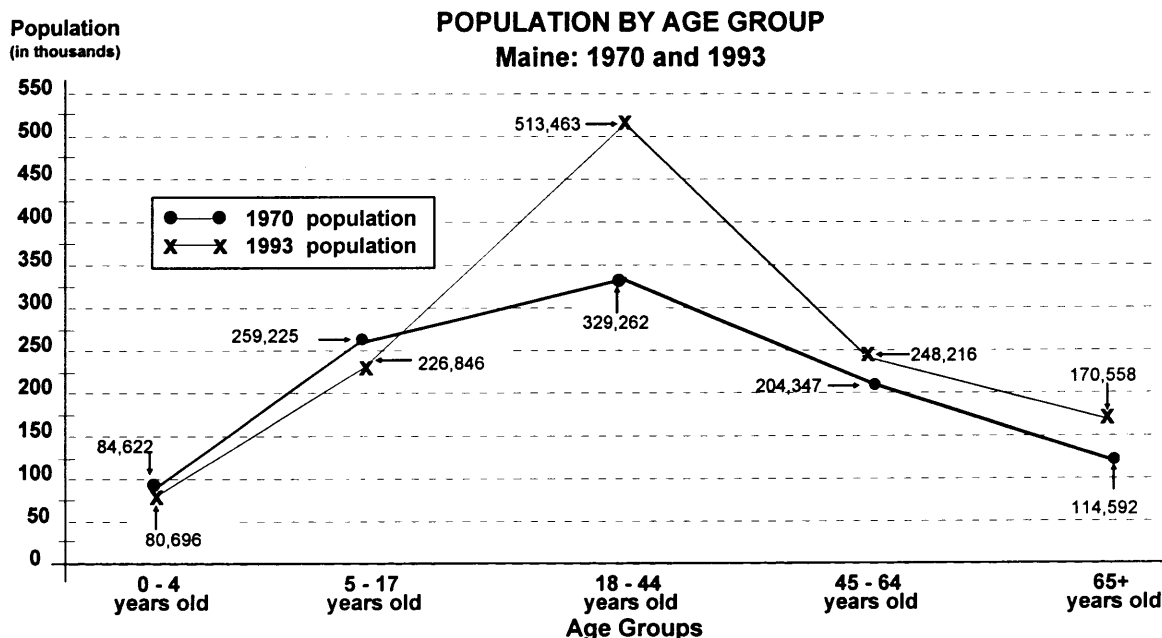


CHANGES IN POPULATION BY AGE GROUP

Maine: 1970 and 1993

- ➔ In the 23 years since the 1970 census, Maine's population grew by nearly a quarter million people for an overall increase of 25%. It grew from 992,048 residents in 1970 to an estimated 1,239,779 in 1993. This rate of increase was somewhat less than the national rate (up 27%¹), but consistent with the U.S. trend, it was not equally distributed among age groups; Maine's population is getting older.
- ➔ During this period, the population group aged 18 - 44 years old increased in size by 56%; in 1970, this age group represented 33% of Maine's population, but in 1993, it had swelled to 41% of the residents. The increase in the number of people in this age group (184,201) represented 74% of the increase in Maine's population since



- ➔ Although Maine's population total has increased over the period, the number and proportion of young residents has decreased. In 1970, 35% of the population was younger than 18 years old (343,847); in 1993, this proportion had shrunk to 25% (307,542).
- ➔ Since 1970, the number of Maine residents 45 - 64 years old has increased by approximately 44,000 individuals; the proportion that represents of the total population has remained relatively constant (about 20%) over the period. However, the number of Maine residents 65 years old and older has increased by about 56,000 individuals, a 2% increase in the proportion this age group represents in the total population.

Footnote 1: a full citation will be provided upon request.

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