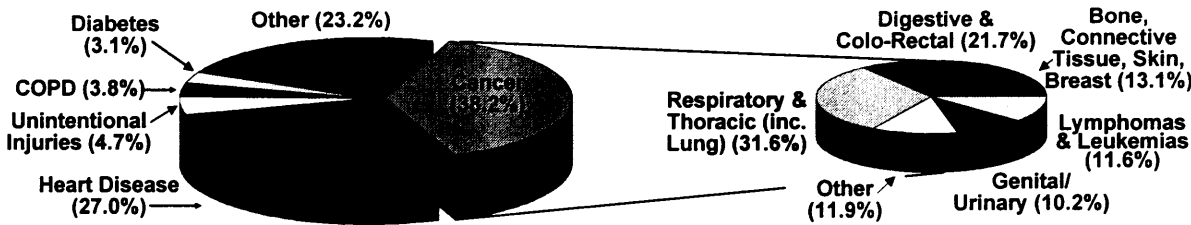


LEADING CAUSES OF DEATH, MAINE: 1997 45 - 64 YEARS OLD

Five Leading Causes of Death: 1997 Maine Residents, 45 - 64 Years Old

<u>Cause of Death</u>	<u>Deaths</u>
Cancer	649
Heart Disease	458
Unintentional Injuries	80
Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease (COPD)	64
Diabetes	53
All Other Causes	395
Total Deaths	1,699



- ➔ In 1997, 1,699 Maine residents 45-64 years old died, resulting in a state-wide death rate of 622 deaths per 100,000 population of the same age; a rate comparable to the national rate of 630.
- ➔ Cancer was the leading cause of death for this age group claiming 649 lives and resulting in a death rate of 238 deaths/100,000 population, a rate comparable to the national death rate of 230.
- ➔ Cancers of the "respiratory and thoracic organs" were the leading cause of cancer death for this age group; 95% of those deaths (195 of 205 deaths) were attributed to cancers of the trachea, bronchus, or lung.
- ➔ As a group, cancers of the "bone, connective tissue, skin, and breast" were the 3rd leading cause of cancer death. Female cancer of the breast, as a specific site, was the 2nd leading cause of cancer death; 63 women, aged 45 - 64, died of breast cancer in 1997.
- ➔ Heart disease, the 2nd leading cause of death for this group, led to the death of 458 residents resulting in a statewide death rate of 168/100,000 population - a rate comparable to the national rate of 169/100,000.
- ➔ Males accounted for nearly ¾ of the deaths from heart disease to residents 45 - 64 years old; 337 men and 121 women died from this cause.

Notes: All rates are for underlying cause of death. US rates are for whites only. Age specific rates cannot be age adjusted. Unless noted, differences in rates are not statistically significant, i.e., they could be accounted for by chance alone.

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