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## ABSTRACT

This Kids Count data book details statewide trends in the well-being of Maine's children. The statistical portrait is based on indicators in the areas of physical and mental health, including insurance enrollment, adolescent health and safety, and child welfare; social and economic status, including poverty, unemployment, and teen pregnancies; and education and child care, including graduation and dropout rates, and early childhood staff characteristics. The first part of the data book presents data for the state as a whole for each indicator, with national data for comparison. The second part presents county profiles for each indicator. Indicators showing improvement include the number of children uninsured, the teen pregnancy rate, and arrests of children for violent crime. Indicators showing mixed progress include a declining overall child poverty rate, but a rising number of children in low-income families; an increase in employed mothers, but a decrease in jobs paying a livable wage; and an unacceptably large number of uninsured children with working parents. Measures needing immediate attention are teen motor vehicle crashes, an increasing child and teen suicide rate, and increasing number of child abuse and neglect reports. The data book concludes with definitions and sources. (HTH)

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## 2003 Data Book



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# Introduction

The Maine KIDS COUNT Data Book is now in its ninth edition, having tracked the well-being of Maine children since 1994. Each year, we call attention to the most significant trends in children's physical and mental health, social and economic status, early care and education. When trying to make sense of these trends, we must examine the entire context of children's lives; development is not only influenced by the health of the family, but the health of the community. What is clear is that neither the positive trends nor the areas of concern we highlight occur arbitrarily; trends can be linked reliably to areas of either focus or neglect in public policy and public attention.

In the past several years, we have been fortunate to celebrate the success of child outcomes due to expanded public resources, such as increased health insurance coverage for children and families, declining teen pregnancy, higher rates of prenatal care and low infant mortality. Today, however, we face significant deficits in the state budget; declining state revenues, as well as cuts in federal aid, are forcing our lawmakers to consider cuts of unparalleled depth to essential services and supports that Maine people have fought hard to create and sustain.

At the same time, we face increasing income inequality, rising unemployment, and a scarcity of federal policy initiatives aimed at improving the financial self-sufficiency of working families. In Maine, over one third (35%) of children live in low-income families; in most cases, parents are working year-round but do not earn wages sufficient to provide for their families' basic needs. This is of grave concern because, perhaps better than any other single indicator, family economic security predicts a child's well-being throughout all stages of development. As we question our trust in the free market's ability to ensure equal opportunity, it is especially important that we require government accountability in the effective and socially-just use of our tax dollars. In their budget deliberations, it is essential that lawmakers address existing inequalities in our tax system.

A recent report by the non-partisan Institute on Taxation and Economic Policy entitled "Who Pays?" examined the tax systems of all states, and revealed that in Maine, the system is not working fairly for all people. The poor and middle class in Maine pay larger shares of their total income in taxes than do the wealthiest 1% of the population (see data on p.9). The poorest Maine families – those earning less than \$15,000 – pay 10% of their total income in state and local taxes, after federal offset, while the wealthiest 1% - those earning an aver-



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age of \$477,000 – pay 6.8%. The study found that although Maine's state income tax has many progressive features, such as the low-income property tax circuit breaker and the earned income tax credit, the benefits to low-income taxpayers are outweighed by the burden of our consumptive taxes. Steps can be taken to ensure that all Maine children and their families have equal access to opportunity and self-sufficiency.

In our children, we possess a currency that measures beyond the accounting of dollars and cents. Maine children must have access to every opportunity to enrich their lives and nurture their talents; our hope for the future lies solely with them. As our elected officials take on the difficult task of balancing the state budget, we remind them that fiscal responsibility and a wise investment in our future are one and the same.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Lynn Davey".

Lynn Davey, Kids Count Director

*"Many things we need can wait, the child cannot.  
Now is the time his bones are being formed,  
his blood is being made, his mind is being developed.  
To him we cannot say 'tomorrow,' his name is today."*

*Gabriela Mistral*

## What is Maine Kids Count?

Maine KIDS COUNT, a project of the Maine Children's Alliance, is part of the national KIDS COUNT network, a state-by-state effort funded by the Annie E. Casey Foundation to track the status of children across the United States. The principal activity of KIDS COUNT is the publication of the Data Book, which provides the most up-to-date data on the social, economic, physical and educational well-being of children in Maine. Through the publication of the annual data book, we seek to 1) increase public awareness of the status of children across the state, and 2) enrich discussions concerning ways to secure better futures for all of Maine's children.

The indicators reported in the Data Book have all met the following criteria for inclusion:

- the indicator must be from a reliable source
- the indicator must be available and consistent over time
- the indicator must be easily understandable to the public
- the indicator must reflect an important outcome or measure of children's well-being
- the indicators, as a group, should represent children of all ages

## How to Use This Book

In order to both assess our present standing and evaluate our progress over time, it is essential to understand what is being measured and how. The DEFINITIONS AND SOURCES section, in the back of the book, provides a comprehensive definition of each indicator, an explanation of how and by whom it is collected and measured, as well as web addresses with direct links to data and data sources.

For every indicator in the book, we report a number and a percentage or rate. We certainly like to know the number of children represented by any indicator. It is essential to present the indicators as percents or rates in order to enable comparison between groups of different population size (i.e. different counties).

### CALCULATING RATES

Percentages and rates are measures of the probability of an event. They both take into account the total population of children who could experience that event. Rates that include a "%" sign are percents, or rates per 100 events. Other rates are expressed per 1,000, 10,000, or 100,000 events. The generic formula for calculating rates or percents is:

$$\frac{(\text{number of occurrences}) \times (\text{base rate})}{\text{population}}$$

There are 36,580 students in Maine with disabilities; that translates to a rate of 160.4 students with disabilities per 1,000.

That rate was calculated as follows:

$$\frac{(36,580 \text{ students with disabilities}) \times (1000)}{227,958 \text{ students in Maine schools}} = 160.4$$

We could also report that as 16% of all Maine students (the rate per 100 students).

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## Indicators at a Glance

### MEASURES SHOWING IMPROVEMENT:

- The number of uninsured children continues to decline: the most recent data indicate that, on average, **7% of Maine children were uninsured** during the years 2000-2002, a 50% decline from the 1995-1999 average of 14%. Research indicates that the decline is due largely to increasing enrollments in public health insurance programs (i.e. MaineCare).
- The **teen pregnancy rate** declined to a low of 8.2 in 2000; the rate was 14.6 in 1990 (per 1,000 young women age 10-17).
- **Arrests of children for violent crime** have decreased 14% since last year (a rate of 1 per 1,000 children in 2001).

### MEASURES SHOWING MIXED PROGRESS:

The economic picture in Maine continues to be a concern.

- While the **child poverty rate** continues to decline (from 14.6% of all children in 1998 to 13.7% in 2000), the number of children in **low-income families**<sup>1</sup> continues to rise; in 2000, 35% of all Maine children, or 103,673 children, lived in low-income families.
- Maine ranks in the top ten nationally in the percentage of employed women with children: **81% of women with school-age (6-17 years) children are employed; 70% of women with children under age 6 are employed.** At the same time, the percent of jobs that pay a livable wage has been stagnant for the past three years. In 2001, a livable wage in Maine equaled an annual salary of \$21,402; **only 67% of all jobs in Maine paid a salary of at least \$21,402<sup>2</sup>.**
- While the numbers of uninsured children have declined significantly in recent years, there are still an estimated **21,000 uninsured children in Maine, 95% of whom have working parents.** Further, 57% of currently uninsured children are eligible for MaineCare, but are not enrolled.

Photo by Kathy VanCorder



### MEASURES NEEDING IMMEDIATE ATTENTION:

- **Motor vehicle crashes are the leading cause of death in teens age 15-19.** On average, Maine loses the equivalent of an entire classroom of teens to motor vehicle crashes each year; 23 young people lost their lives in 2000. Most motor vehicle crashes are **not alcohol-related**, but are due to driver inexperience and risky driving behavior.
- **Suicide is the second leading cause of death among children and teens age 10-19.** The **child and teen suicide rate has increased 15%** since last year's report (up from 6.1 per 100,000 children age 10-19 to 7.0). In 2000 alone, suicide accounted for 1 in 4 of all deaths of adolescents age 15-19.
- In 2000, 4,279 Maine children were substantiated by the Department of Human Services as victims of **child abuse and neglect** (14.6 per 1,000 children); 61% of these victims are under age 8. In addition, an increasing number of reports received by the Department warranted Child Protective Services, and increasing numbers are being investigated by contracted agencies.

<sup>1</sup>KIDS COUNT defines "low-income" as twice the poverty threshold or below (< 200% of poverty). In 2000, the poverty threshold for a family of four was \$17,603. Thus, "low-income" represents income of less than \$35,206 per year for a family of four.

<sup>2</sup>The Maine Economic Growth Council considers an annual livable wage to be 185% of the federal poverty threshold for a family of two (assuming a single-wage earner). The 2001 poverty threshold for a family of two was \$11,569. Thus, a livable wage is an annual salary of (185% x \$11,569) \$21,402.

# Physical and Mental Health



Photo by Dean Abranson

**FACT** Although indicators of prenatal care, immunizations, infant and child mortality, and rates of insured children are all positive, only Franklin county meets the nation's average physician-to-population ratio.

	MAINE		NATIONAL
	State Number	Rate or Percent	Rate or Percent
<b>CHILD HEALTH / HEALTH INSURANCE</b>			
Children without health insurance, 1999-2001	21,000	7%	12%
Low-income uninsured children, 1999-2001	12,000	57%	64%
Immunizations of children age 19-35 months, 2001		83.3%	78.6%
Well child clinic visits, SFY 2002	321		
TOTAL Recipients of WIC benefits, 2002	41,238		
<i>Women</i>	10,725		
<i>Infants and Children (as % of all children under age 5)</i>	30,513	43%	
<b>MENTAL HEALTH</b>			
Hospital discharges of children for attempted suicide, 2001; rate per 1,000 children age 0-19	173	0.5	
TOTAL Hospital discharges of children for mental health or substance abuse diagnoses, 2001; rate per 1,000 children age 0-19	2,203	6.6	
<i>Mental Health Discharges</i>	1,954		
<i>Substance Abuse Discharges</i>	249		

## Charges for Inpatient Hospitalizations Children Age 0-17, 2001

PAYER	ALL DISCHARGES	MENTAL HEALTH AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE DISCHARGES	MENTAL HEALTH AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE AS % OF ALL DISCHARGES
Medicaid	\$71,543,536.00	\$28,054,704.00	39.2%
Military	\$3,094,996.00	\$578,454.00	18.7%
Commercial Payers	\$71,449,302.00	\$7,966,195.00	11%
Charity	\$1,108.00	-	0.0%
Self-Pay	\$3,266,788.00	\$453,753.00	13.9%
Unknown	\$713,601.00	\$17,241.00	2.4%
<b>STATEWIDE TOTAL</b>	<b>\$150,069,331.00</b>	<b>\$37,070,347.00</b>	<b>24.7%</b>

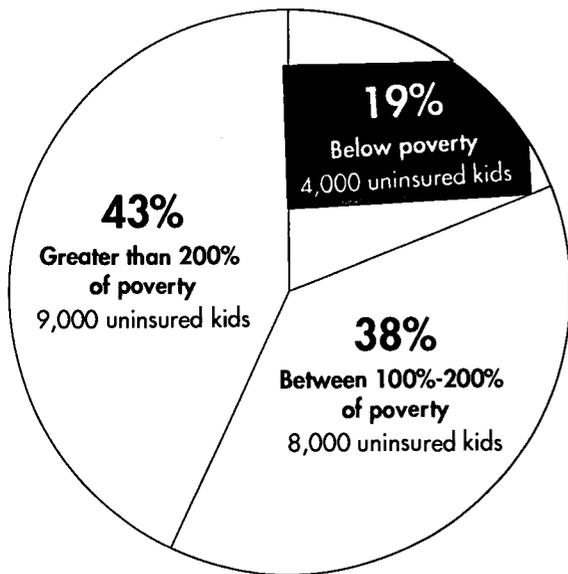
## Inpatient Top 10 Diagnosis Codes, 2001 Age Group 13-17

CODE	DESCRIPTION	DISCHARGES
296	Affective psychoses	624
540	Acute appendicitis	165
309	Adjustment reaction	116
664	Trauma to perineal laceration	77
311	Depressive disorder, not elsewhere classified	72
V58	Encounter for Other and Unspecified Aftercare	64
312	Disturbance of conduct, not elsewhere classified	60
965	Poisoning by analgesics, antipyretics and antirheumatics	53
300	Neurotic disorders	44
555	Regional enteritis	43

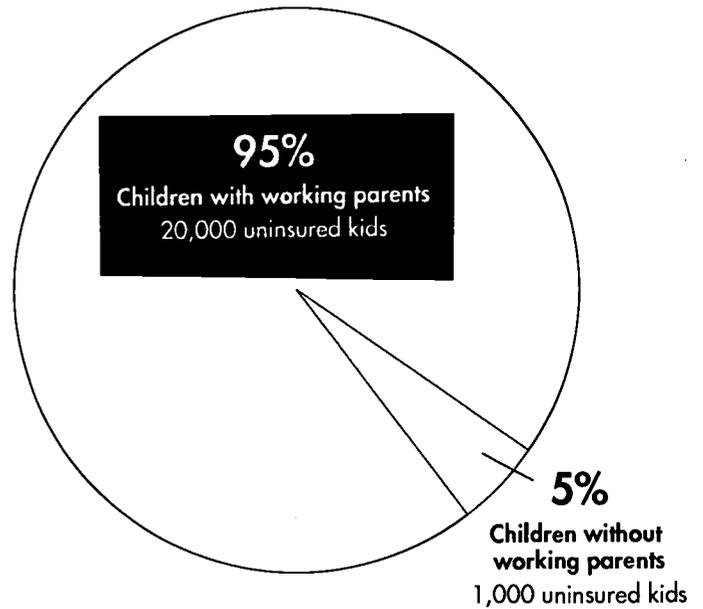
(Summarized by 3-digit code)

SOURCE: Maine Health Data Organization, Special Data Run

**Uninsured Population by Family Income Level, 2000-2002**  
(21,000 uninsured children age 0-18)



**Parental Work Status of Maine's Uninsured Children, 2000-2002**  
(21,000 uninsured children age 0-18)



NOTE: The 12,000 kids below 200% of poverty are eligible for Maine Care

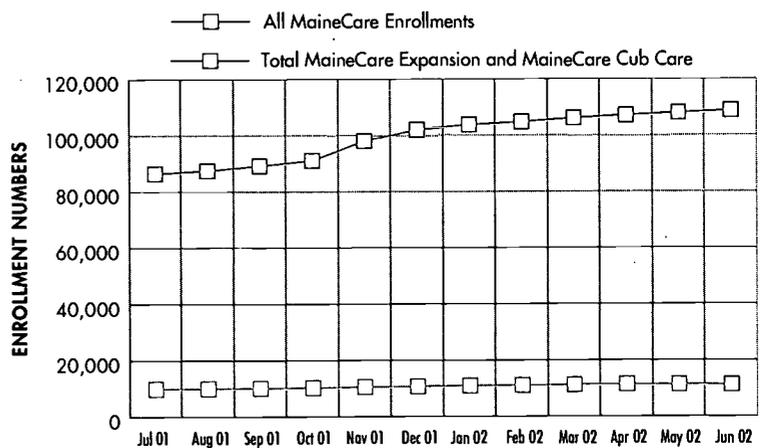
SOURCE: 2000-2002 Average of Census Bureau's Annual March Current Population Survey

**FACT** Children who are uninsured are less likely to receive regular preventive medical care, are more likely to use the emergency room as a source of health care, and are more likely to go without prescription medication when necessary.

**FACT** The leading diagnosis of all inpatient hospitalizations of children age 6-17 is Affective Psychosis, which includes major depressive disorder, manic disorder and bipolar disorder.

**FACT** Five of the 10 leading diagnoses for inpatient hospitalizations of Maine kids age 13-17 are for mental health diagnoses.

**MAINECARE ENROLLMENTS OF CHILDREN AGE 0-17, SFY 2002**



SOURCE: Maine Department of Human Services, Bureau of Medical Services, MaineCare Decision Support System, special data run.

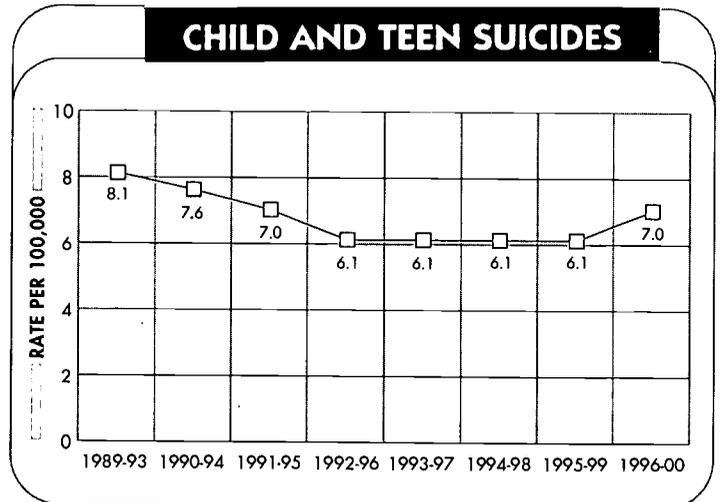
ADOLESCENT HEALTH AND SAFETY	MAINE		NATIONAL
	State Number	Rate or Percent	Rate or Percent
In 2001, High school students reporting:			
Alcohol use within past 30 days		48%	50%
Marijuana use within past 30 days		27%	27%
Cigarette smoking within past 30 days		25%	35%
At least one suicide attempt in the last year		9%	8%
Sexually active students who reported using a condom during last intercourse		52%	58%
Gonorrhea cases, 2001; rate per 1,000 children age 10-19	33	0.2	
Chlamydia cases, 2001; rate per 1,000 children age 10-19	526	2.9	
Children and adolescents using services of licensed alcohol and drug abuse treatment providers, 2001; rate per 1,000			
Children age 0-14	283	1.2	
Adolescents age 15-19	1,454	16.2	
Children in motor vehicle crashes with personal injury, 2001; children age 0-19	4,243	17.4%	
OUI arrests, 2001 (drivers under age 20); rate per 1,000	1,302	28.8	
OUI license suspensions, 2001 (drivers under age 20); rate per 1,000			
DMV administrative suspension	378	8.4	
Court suspensions	206	4.6	
OUI convictions, 2001 (drivers under age 20); rate per 1,000	192	4.2	

**FACT** From 1998 to 2000 there were 588 children age 0-19 hospitalized for injuries sustained in motor vehicle crashes (78% of whom were teens age 15-19). The average medical charges amounted to \$18,727 per hospitalization; total medical charges for these 588 hospitalizations were \$11,012,041.

**Leading Cause of Death, 2000**  
Children age 15-19

CAUSE	# OF DEATHS
Unintentional injury	29
Suicide	14
Malignant Neoplasms	3
Congenital Anomalies	2
Homicide	2
Benign Neoplasms	1
Influenza & Pneumonia	1
<b>TOTAL DEATHS:</b>	<b>52</b>

UNINTENTIONAL INJURIES	
CAUSE	# OF DEATHS
Motor Vehicle Traffic	23
Poisoning	3
Natural/Environment	1
Other Transport	1
Struck by or Against	1



Source: Maine Department of Human Services, Office of Data, Research and Vital Statistics

**FACT** Motor vehicle crashes are the leading cause of injury and death for adolescents age 15-19.

SOURCE: Centers for Disease Control, National Center for Injury Prevention and Control, Injury Mortality Reports 1999-2000 Data are available online at: <http://webapp.cdc.gov/saswebincp/mortrate10.html>

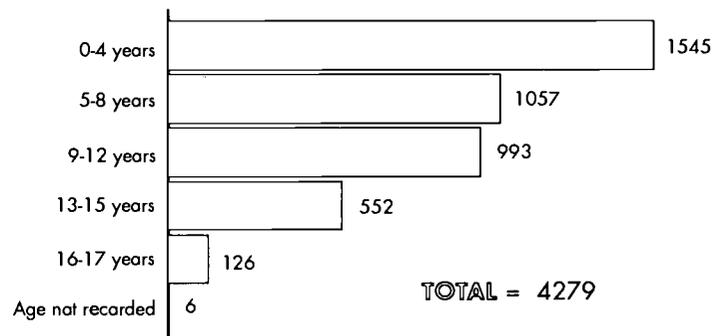
CHILD WELFARE	MAINE	
	State Number	Rate or Percent
Children age 0-17 in Department of Human Services care or custody, December, 2002; rate per 1,000 children age 0-17	2,888	9.6
Substantiated child abuse and neglect victims; rate per 1,000 children age 0-17, 2001	4,279	14.2
TOTAL Reports alleging child abuse and neglect that were received by Child Protective Services, calendar year 2001	15,794	100%
Number of reports screened out (did not warrant Child Protective Services)	5,894	37%
Number of reports that warranted Child Protective Services	9,900	63%
Cases assigned to Child Protective Services	4,794	48%
Cases which were assigned to a contract agency	4,901	50%
Cases not assigned to Child Protective Services due to lack of resources	205	2%
TOTAL Case assessments completed by CPS in 2001 (includes those that may have been reported in the previous calendar year)	4,728	100%
Cases substantiated	2,296	50%
Cases unsubstantiated	2,265	50%

### Children in DHS Care or Custody

Children age 0-17, as of December 2002

IN-STATE, COUNTY	# OF CHILDREN
Androscoggin	170
Aroostook	247
Cumberland	531
Franklin	36
Hancock	98
Kennebec	234
Knox	39
Lincoln	47
Oxford	106
Penobscot	402
Piscataquis	58
Sagadahoc	22
Somerset	218
Waldo	57
Washington	113
York	364
Unknown	5
<b>IN-STATE TOTAL</b>	<b>2,747</b>
<b>OUT-OF-STATE TOTAL</b>	<b>138</b>
<b>OUT-OF-COUNTRY TOTAL</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>TOTAL CHILDREN IN CARE</b>	<b>2,888</b>

### SUBSTANTIATED CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT VICTIMS BY AGE, 2001



SOURCE: Maine Department of Human Services, Bureau of Child and Family Services, Child Protective Services.

**FACT** The majority of child abuse and neglect referrals are made by school personnel, social services personnel, law enforcement and mental health professionals.

**FACT** In 2001, substantiated victims of child abuse and neglect were most often victimized by neglect (39%), followed by emotional abuse (33%), physical abuse (16%) and sexual abuse (12%).

SOURCE: Maine Department of Human Services, Bureau of Child and Family Services

# Social and Economic Status

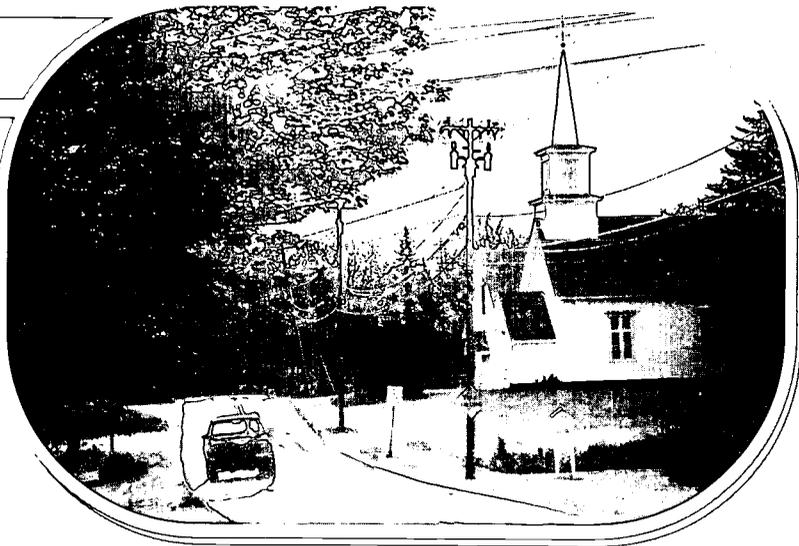
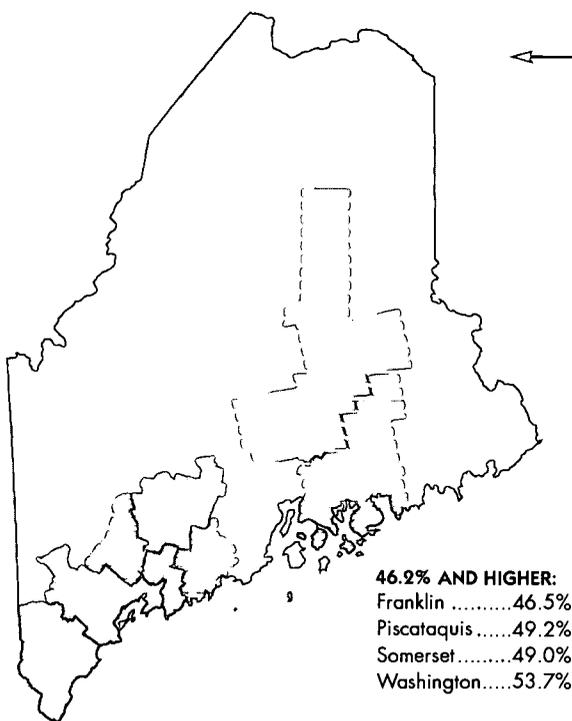


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**FACT** While poverty has declined, the number of children in low-income families (twice the poverty level or below) has increased: 35% of all Maine children live in families who struggle to make ends meet.

## CHILDREN IN LOW-INCOME FAMILIES (as % of all children) 2000



### DEFINITION

#### Children in low-income families

Percent of children age 0-17 who live in families with incomes less than twice the federal poverty threshold (<200% of poverty). In 2000, the poverty threshold for a family of four was \$17,603. Thus, "low-income" would represent income of less than \$35,206 for a family of four.

SOURCE: Census 2000

- 46.2% and higher
- 39.4% to 46.1%
- 36.4% to 39.3%
- 36.3% and lower
- No data available

**46.2% AND HIGHER:**  
Franklin .....46.5%  
Piscataquis .....49.2%  
Somerset .....49.0%  
Washington .....53.7%

**39.4% to 46.1%**  
Aroostook .....45.7%  
Knox .....40.0%  
Oxford .....41.8%  
Waldo .....45.2%

**36.4% to 39.3%**  
Androscoggin...36.4%  
Hancock .....37.7%  
Lincoln .....37.4%  
Penobscot .....38.5%

**36.3% and lower**  
Cumberland ...25.1%  
Kennebec .....36.1%  
Sagadahoc .....33.3%  
York .....26.8%

## MAINE MOMS AT WORK

Maine ranks 23rd nationally in the percentage of women who work:

→ 59.8% of females age 16+ are employed ←

**BUT...**

Maine ranks 10th in the percentage of women with children who work:

→ 66.6% of mothers with children under age 17 are employed ←

→ 69.6% of mothers with children under age 6 are employed ←

→ 81.3% of mothers with school-age children (age 6-17) are employed ←

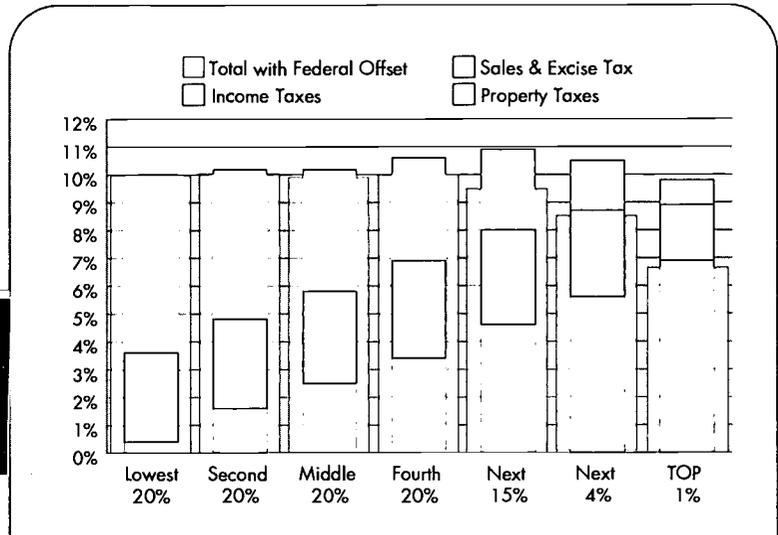
	MAINE		NATIONAL
	State Number	Rate or Percent	Rate or Percent
<b>FAMILY INCOME</b>			
Children age 0-17 living in homeless or emergency shelters, July, 2002; rate per 1,000 children age 0-17	481	1.6	
Children in single-parent families, three-year average, 1998-2000		28%	27%
Jobs that pay a livable wage, 2001	399,894	67%	

**INCOME SUPPORTS**

Families headed by mothers receiving child support or alimony, 3-year average, 1998-2000		61%	35%
Child support enforcement, cases with collection, 2001	42,089	67%	43.7%
State TANF and Food Stamp maximum benefit level; as a percent of the Federal Poverty Guideline, 2001	\$851/month	68.0%	

**TAX BURDEN**

**FACT** State and local personal income and property taxes, unlike sales and excise taxes, are allowed as itemized deductions in computing federal income taxes. This means that federal itemizers can effectively export part of their state tax burden to the federal government. This has a significant impact on the real tax burdens facing wealthier state taxpayers.



**TOTAL TAX BURDEN**  
**STATE AND LOCAL TAXES 2002**  
 Shares of family income for non-elderly taxpayers

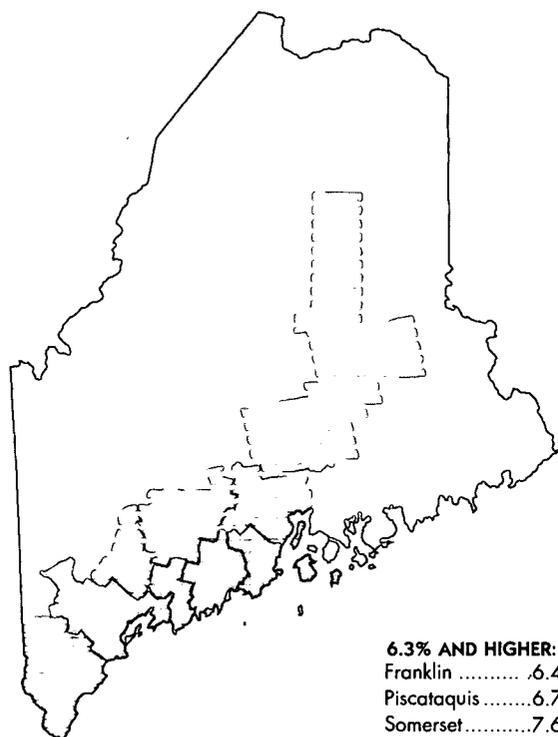
Source: Institute on Taxation and Economic Policy

Income Group	Lowest 20%	Second 20%	Middle 20%	Fourth 20%	Top 20%		
					Next 15%	Next 4%	TOP 1%
Income Range	Less than \$15,000	\$15,000 - \$26,000	\$26,000 - \$40,000	\$40,000 - \$63,000	\$63,000 - \$116,000	\$116,000 - \$262,000	\$262,000 - or more
Average Income in Group	\$9,400	\$20,300	\$32,800	\$49,900	\$80,100	\$156,600	\$477,400
Sales & Excise Taxes	6.4%	5.4%	4.4%	3.7%	2.9%	1.8%	0.9%
Property Taxes	3.2%	3.2%	3.3%	3.5%	3.4%	3.1%	2.0%
Income Taxes	0.4%	1.6%	2.5%	3.4%	4.6%	5.6%	6.9%
<b>TOTAL TAXES</b>	<b>10.0%</b>	<b>10.3%</b>	<b>10.2%</b>	<b>10.5%</b>	<b>10.9%</b>	<b>10.5%</b>	<b>9.7%</b>
<b>TOTAL AFTER FEDERAL OFFSET</b>	<b>10.0%</b>	<b>10.2%</b>	<b>9.9%</b>	<b>10.0%</b>	<b>9.5%</b>	<b>8.5%</b>	<b>6.8%</b>

NOTE: Table shows 2002 tax law at 2000 income levels.

	MAINE		NATIONAL
	State Number	Rate or Percent	Rate or Percent
<b>POVERTY</b>			
Children under age 5 in poverty, 2000	11,218	16.2%	18.2%
Children in poverty, 2000	40,171	13.7%	16.6%
<b>UNEMPLOYMENT</b>			
Unemployment rate, 2001	27,100	4.0%	4.8%
Unemployed persons age 16-19, 2001	5,000	13.2%	

### UNEMPLOYMENT RATE 2001



#### DEFINITION

#### Unemployment Rate

Unemployed persons age 16 and over; annual average, 2000: The sum of the number of unemployed people age 16 and over each month of the year 2000, divided by 12. Percent is the average number of people in the civilian labor force divided by the average number of unemployed people.

SOURCE: Maine Department of Labor, Bureau of Employment Security, Division of Labor Market Information Services, Local Area Unemployment Statistics Program (LAUS), "Civilian Labor Force for Maine and Counties, 2000: <http://www.state.me.us/labor/lmis/reports/edrg/mecy00.html>

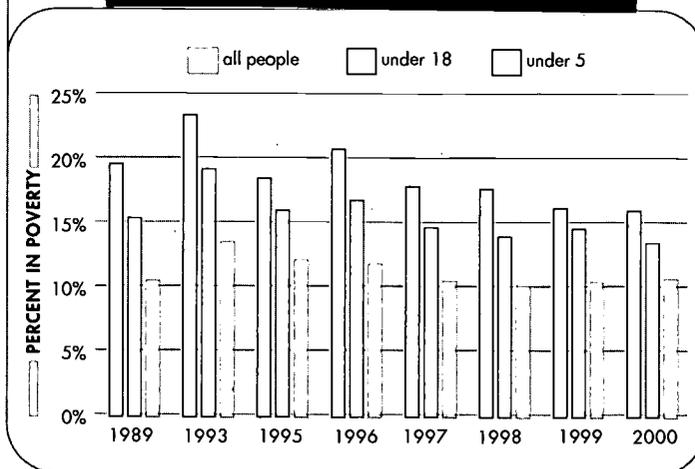
**FACT** Unemployment increased 14% from 2000 to 2001. Thirteen of Maine's sixteen counties experienced rising unemployment.

**FACT** One-third of all jobs in Maine fail to pay an annual salary of at least \$21,402.

- 6.3% and higher
- 4.2% to 6.2%
- 3.5% to 4.1%
- 3.4% and lower
- No data available

- 6.3% AND HIGHER:**  
 Franklin ..... 6.4%  
 Piscataquis ..... 6.7%  
 Somerset ..... 7.6%  
 Washington ..... 8.1%
- 4.2% to 6.2%**  
 Aroostook ..... 4.4%  
 Hancock ..... 4.5%  
 Oxford ..... 6.0%
- 3.5% to 4.1%**  
 Androscoggin ..... 4.1%  
 Kennebec ..... 4.0%  
 Penobscot ..... 4.1%  
 Waldo ..... 4.0%  
 York ..... 3.6%
- 3.4% and lower**  
 Cumberland ..... 2.3%  
 Knox ..... 2.9%  
 Lincoln ..... 2.9%  
 Sagadahoc ..... 3.2%

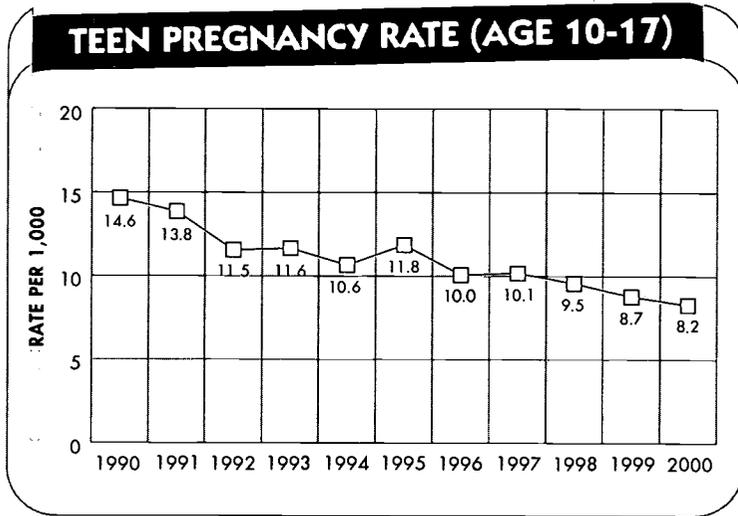
### CHILDREN IN POVERTY, 2000



SOURCE: U.S. Census Bureau's Small Area Income and Poverty Estimates (SAIPE), 1993-1999 data; U.S. Census 2000, 2000 data.

**TEEN PREGNANCY**

	MAINE	
	State Number	Rate or Percent
Births to single teenaged mothers, 2000 (as % of total live births)	1,107	8.1%
Births to married teenaged mothers, 2000 (as % of total live births)	165	1.2%
Repeat teen pregnancies, 2000 (as % of total teen pregnancies)	506	28%



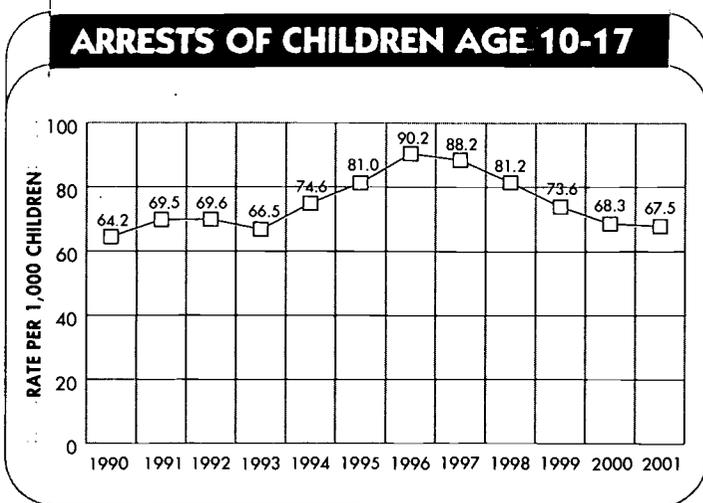
SOURCE: Maine Department of Human Services, Office of Data, Research and Vital Statistics

**FACT** Maine has experienced one of the most precipitous declines in teen pregnancy in the nation, falling 44% from 1990 to 2000.

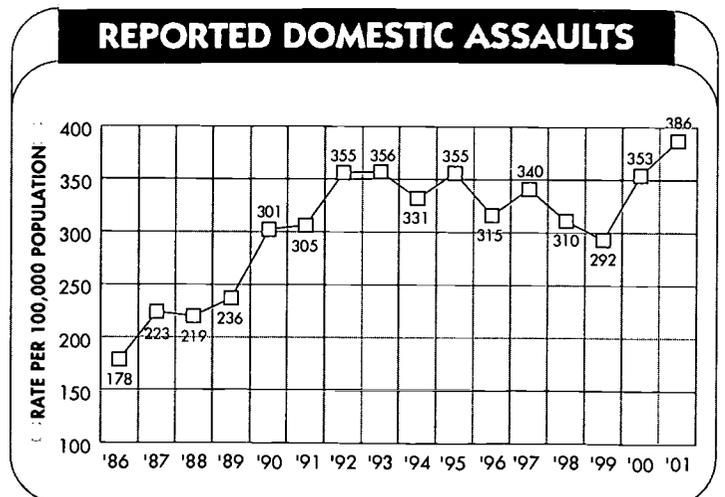
**CRIME TRENDS**

**FACT** Arrests of children for crimes against persons (a subset of the total arrest data below) decreased 14% between 2000 and 2001.

**FACT** Domestic assaults increased 9% between 2000 and 2001.



Source: Maine Department of Public Safety, Uniform Crime Reports



Source: Maine Department of Public Safety, Uniform Crime Reports

# Education and Child Care

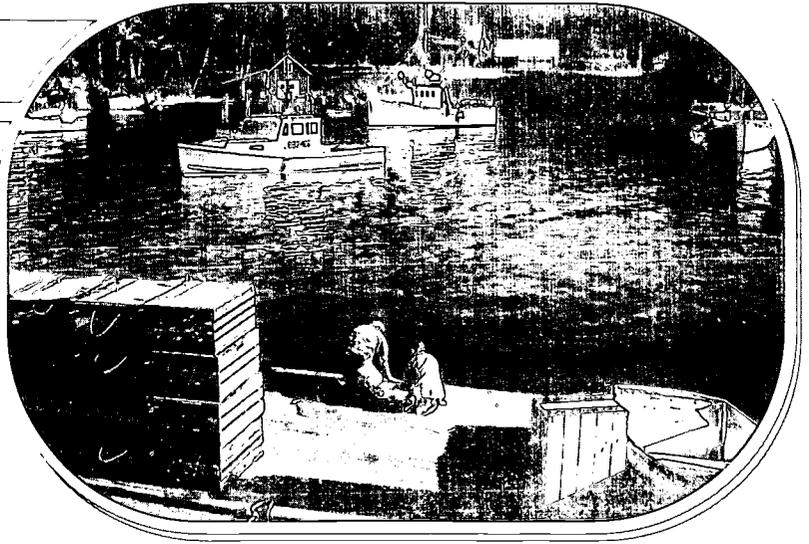
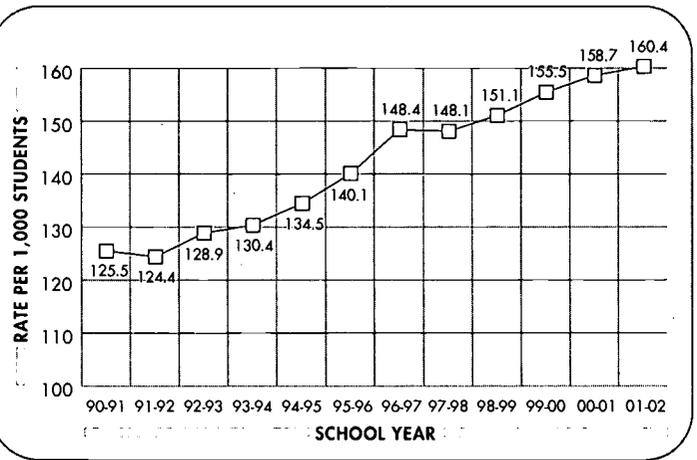


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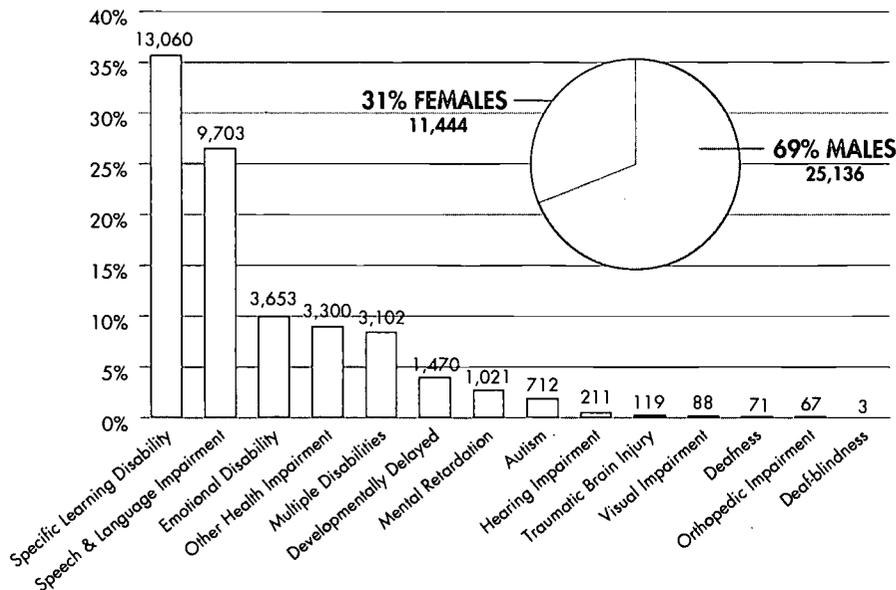
**FACT** The number of students identified with disabilities requiring special education services has been steadily on the rise, both in Maine and nationally, for the past 20 years.

In 2001, 16% of all students enrolled in school were in need of special education services.

## INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES AGE 3-21



SOURCE: Maine Department of Education, Division of Special Services



**INDIVIDUALS WITH  
DISABILITIES AGE 3-21  
BY GENDER AND  
DISABILITY  
2001-2002 SCHOOL YEAR  
36,580 TOTAL**

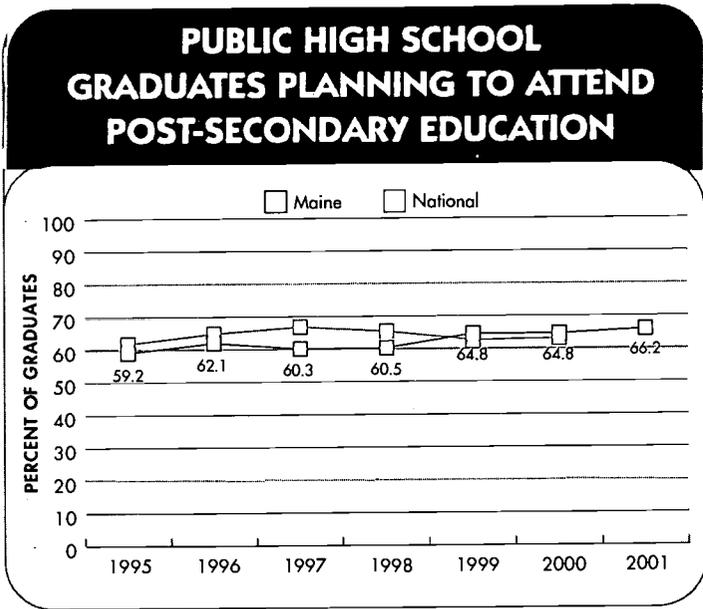
SOURCE: Maine Department of Education, Division of Special Services

**DROPOUTS**

	MAINE		NATIONAL
	State Number	Rate or Percent	Rate or Percent
TOTAL High School dropouts, 2000-2001 school year	2,054	3.07%	4.8%
Public High School dropouts	1,929	3.14%	
Selected Private High School dropouts (with 60% or more publicly-funded students)	125	2.33%	
High School completion rate, Class of 2001	12,575	85.9%	

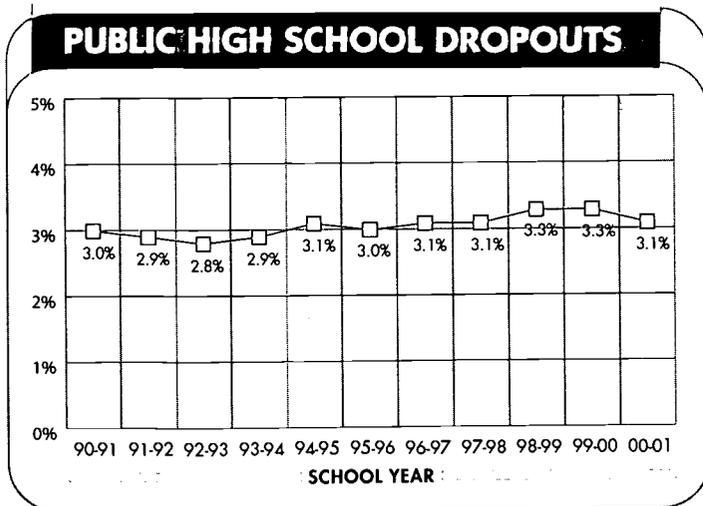
**COLLEGE PLANS**

	MAINE		NATIONAL
	State Number	Rate or Percent	Rate or Percent
TOTAL High School graduates planning to attend post-secondary school, 2000-2001 school year	9,851	68.2%	63.3%
Public High School graduates	8,382	66.2%	
Selected private High School graduates (with 60% or more publicly-funded students)	798	69.8%	
Private High School graduates	671	89.5%	



Source: Maine Department of Education, Division of Management Information

**FACT** | Maine's rate of high school graduates immediately transitioning to college (66%) has been increasing since the mid 1990s, and now exceeds the 2000 national average (63%).



Source: Maine Department of Education, Division of Management Information

**FACT** | Maine continues to sustain one of the lowest high school dropout rates in the country; the rate has hovered around 3% for the past decade.

MAINE LICENSED CHILD CARE CENTERS

**Staff Salaries**

	Average annual salary	Average hourly wage
Center Director.....	\$27,570	\$12.78
Head or lead teachers .....	\$21,139	\$9.82
Teachers .....	\$15,281	\$8.99
Teacher assistants .....	\$12,008	\$7.76
Teacher aids .....	\$10,551	\$7.55

**Educational Attainment**

**Associates degree or less\***

Center Director .....	.45%
Head or lead teachers.....	.62%
Teachers .....	.78%
Teacher assistants .....	.86%
Teacher aids.....	.94%

\* Highest level of educational attainment. Includes: AA in any field, Child Development Associates (CDA), High School Diploma/GED, Less than high school diploma.

**Benefits**

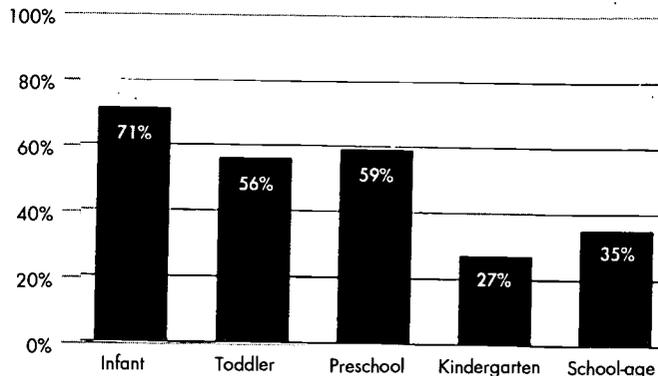
**Percentage of centers that offer these benefits to all staff:**

	All Full-time staff	All Part-time staff
Health Insurance.....	64%	16%
Dental Insurance .....	40%	13%
Disability Insurance .....	43%	17%
Retirement Plan.....	47%	20%
Paid Vacation.....	73%	29%
Paid sick time/personal day.....	70%	31%

SOURCE: Maine Department of Human Services, Office of Child Care and Head Start; "Maine Child Care Market Rate and Workforce Study, September2002"

**WAITING LISTS**

Centers that serve the age group identified and have children of those ages on waiting lists



SOURCE: Maine Department of Human Services, Office of Child Care and Head Start; "Maine Child Care Market Rate and Workforce Study, September2002"

**FACT** Only Center Directors earn an average annual salary that amounts to a livable wage (\$27,570). None of the teaching staff earns a livable wage salary.

**FACT** 2002 survey of Maine child care centers found that 34% of centers have some form of accreditation. Most have Head Start Program of Quality or Excellence accreditation; only 6% of centers have NAEYC (National Association for the Education of Young Children) accreditation.

**FACT** On average, child care centers have children in their care for 9 hours a day

CHILD CARE	MAINE	
	State Number	Rate or Percent
TOTAL Children served through child care subsidies, SFY 2002; (as a % of all eligible children)	12,739	19.9%
<i>TANF child care</i>	3,111	
<i>Slots</i>	3,319	
<i>Vouchers</i>	6,309	
TOTAL Number of licensed child care providers, December 2002	2,624	
<i>Child Care Centers (as % of total providers)</i>	700	26.7%
<i>Child Care Homes (as % of total providers)</i>	1,924	73.3%
Head Start Program, SFY 2002		
Number of state and federally-funded children	3,660	
Estimated eligible children	11,218	
Estimated unmet need	7,558	67.4%

Average range\* of annual child care costs in Maine

Infant.....	\$5200-\$8500
Toddler.....	\$4600-\$7500
Preschooler.....	\$4600-\$7800

\*Rates vary by child care setting and geographic location

LICENSED FAMILY CHILD CARE PROVIDERS

**FACT** Family Child Care Providers (also referred to as "licensed child care homes") work, on average, 60 hours per week for an average annual income of \$19,800.

<p><b>Educational Attainment</b> Associates degree or less*</p> <p>Family care providers.....88%</p> <p>Assistants.....90%</p> <p>* Highest level of educational attainment. Includes: AA in any field, Child Development Associates (CDA), High School Diploma/GED, Less than high school diploma.</p>	<p><b>Benefits</b> Percentage of providers that have these benefits through their FCC business:</p> <p>Health Insurance.....5%</p> <p>Dental Insurance.....2%</p>
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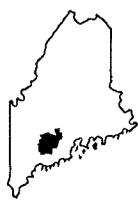
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# County Profiles

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NATIONAL Rate or Percent	MAINE		% change since last book	ANDROSCOGGIN		AROOSTOOK	
	State Number	Rate or Percent		County Number	Rate or Percent	County Number	Rate or Percent
<b>PHYSICAL AND MENTAL HEALTH</b>							
	589	2.0	18%	45	1.8	24	1.4
	445	0.3	n/a	38	0.4	16	0.2
83.2	11,973	88.1%	-1%	1,051	92.4%	650	89.5%
7.6	819	6.0%	0%	74	6.5%	48	6.6%
6.9	69	5.0	-6%	7	6.1	4	5.1
2.3	46	2.0	-3%	3.0	1.5	2.6	2.0
6.8	55.0	6.2	6%	3.8	5.1	4.8	0.9
5.3	43.2	4.9	9%	2.8	3.7	4.6	0.8
.47	13	0.70	15%	1.2	0.81	1.0	0.92
	4,922	386.1	9%	640	616.6	263	355.7
	9,951	67.5	-1%	1,732	146.6	655	76.8
	152	1.0	-14%	23	1.9	9	1.1
<b>SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY</b>							
16.6%	40,171	13.7%	-4%	3,489	14.5%	2,772	17.0%
38%	103,673	35.2%	n/a		36.4%		45.7%
\$40,696	\$36,902		4%	\$34,931		\$29,003	
\$48,196	\$44,596		n/a	\$42,286		\$37,116	
	19,324	6.4%	5%	2,464	9.9%	1,354	8.1%
	26,485	8.8%	-28%	2,443	9.8%	2,038	12.2%
	63,098	31.2%	4%	5,664	36.0%	5,720	47.0%
4.8%	27,100	4.0%	14%	2,440	4.1%	1,660	4.4%
<b>EDUCATION AND LEARNING</b>							
	12,575	85.9%	-1%		82.7%		90.9%
4.8%	1,929	3.14%	-5%	229	4.49%	63	1.66%
63.3%	8,382	66.2%	2%	649	64.6%	564	69.5%
13.0%	36,580	16.0%	1%	3,092	16.9%	1,897	15.5%
<b>DEMOGRAPHICS</b>							
	1,274,923	100%	n/a	103,793		73,938	
	70,726	5.5%	n/a	6,122		3,730	
	230,512	18.1%	n/a	18,714		12,990	
	790,283	62.0%	n/a	63,995		44,667	
	183,402	14.4%	n/a	14,962		12,551	
	301,238	23.6%	n/a	24,836		16,720	
	147,490	11.6%	n/a	11,816		8,531	
	103,903	8.1%	n/a	9,455		5,818	

**CUMBERLAND****FRANKLIN****HANCOCK****KENNEBEC****KNOX****LINCOLN**

County Number	Rate or Percent										
176	2.8	21	3.0	31	2.7	68	2.4	11	1.2	18	2.4
137	0.5	8	0.3	22	0.4	47	0.4	15	0.4	13	0.4
2,728	91.5%	242	86.1%	411	83.7%	1,070	85.7%	368	89.8%	256	88.3%
194	6.5%	13	4.6%	21	4.3%	72	5.8%	17	4.1%	17	5.9%
14	4.7	1	2.0	2	4.1	7	5.5	2	4.0	1	4.0
7.2	1.5	1.0	1.9	1.6	1.8	3.2	1.5	1.4	2.0	0.6	1.0
8.0	4.6	1.6	6.3	2.2	6.4	3.8	4.4	2.2	9.2	2.2	10.5
6.2	3.6	1.2	4.7	1.6	4.7	3.4	3.9	1.6	6.7	1.8	8.6
2.8	0.80	0.2	0.42	0.2	0.29	0.6	0.35	0.0	0.0	0.6	1.34
1,039	391.2	103	349.5	134	258.7	507	432.9	106	267.6	55	163.6
1,748	60.3	267	75.0	306	51.4	948	68.0	351	79.9	99	25.2
26	0.9	12	3.4	8	1.3	5	0.4	0	0.0	2	0.5
5,790	9.5%	1,274	18.7%	1,409	12.5%	3,769	13.8%	1,083	12.5%	1,026	13.9%
	25.1%		46.5%		37.7%		36.1%		40.0%		37.4%
\$43,177		\$31,054		\$35,413		\$35,891		\$35,873		\$37,326	
\$55,370		\$36,613		\$41,074		\$43,214		\$40,467		\$42,651	
3,451	5.6%	540	7.8%	397	3.4%	1,555	5.6%	495	5.6%	297	3.9%
3,721	6.0%	653	9.4%	696	6.0%	2,753	9.9%	699	7.9%	656	8.6%
8,902	19.9%	1,658	40.6%	2,088	28.5%	5,437	30.8%	1,470	32.0%	1,480	31.3%
3,380	2.3%	930	6.4%	1,310	4.5%	2,460	4.0%	590	2.9%	530	2.9%
	83.3%		88.4%		83.5%		87.9%		90.5%		81.9%
309	2.62%	25	1.50%	92	4.02%	109	1.94%	84	3.54%	28	3.91%
1,800	74.6%	237	66.6%	262	56.3%	836	70.7%	282	58.8%	95	62.1%
6,225	14.2%	761	15.0%	1,648	18.9%	3,482	17.4%	1,179	24.7%	898	11.6%
265,612		29,467		51,791		117,114		39,618		33,616	
15,443		1,514		2,516		6,388		2,082		1,621	
46,519		5,415		9,027		21,539		6,777		6,006	
168,326		18,354		31,963		72,582		23,927		19,882	
35,324		4,184		8,285		16,605		6,832		6,107	
61,962		6,929		11,543		27,927		8,859		7,627	
29,012		3,559		5,958		13,942		4,394		3,923	
22,324		3,275		3,825		9,941		2,496		1,842	

# County Profiles, cont.

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NATIONAL Rate or Percent	MAINE		% change since last book		OXFORD		PENOBSCOT	
	State Number	Rate or Percent			County Number	Rate or Percent	County Number	Rate or Percent
	589	2.0	18%	<b>PHYSICAL AND MENTAL HEALTH</b>				
	445	0.3	n/a	Pediatricians, Family Practitioners, and General Practitioners, 2000	15	1.1	61	1.8
				General practice dentists, 2002	12	0.2	44	0.3
83.2	11,973	88.1%	-1%	Live births for which prenatal care began in the first trimester, 2000	440	85.1%	1,303	84.6%
7.6	819	6.0%	0%	Low birth-weight infants, 2000	28	5.4%	104	6.8%
6.9	69	5.0	-6%	Infant mortality rate, 1996-2000	2	3.3	10	6.5
2.3	46	2.0	-3%	Child deaths (age 1-14), 1996-2000	2.6	2.5	6.8	2.6
6.8	55.0	6.2	6%	Teen deaths (age 15-19), 1996-2000	1.6	4.3	7.4	6.3
5.3	43.2	4.9	9%	Teen violent deaths (age 15-19), 1996-2000	0.8	2.2	6.2	5.3
.47	13	0.70	15%	Child and teen suicides (age 10-19), 1996-2000	0.6	0.76	2.6	1.2
	4,922	386.1	9%	Domestic assaults reported to police, 2001	191	348.8	443	305.7
	9,951	67.5	-1%	Arrests of children (age 10-17), 2001	272	40.0	1,010	62.0
	152	1.0	-14%	Arrests of children (age 10-17) for crimes against persons, 2001	6	0.9	13	0.8
				<b>SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY</b>				
16.6%	40,171	13.7%	-4%	Children in poverty, 2000	1,993	15.5%	5,140	16.1%
38%	103,673	35.2%	n/a	Children in low-income families, 2000		41.8%		38.5%
\$40,696	\$36,902		4%	Median household income, 1999	\$32,029		\$34,340	
\$48,196	\$44,596		n/a	Median income of families with own children, 2000	\$39,704		\$41,568	
	19,324	6.4%	5%	Children on TANF, September 2002	1,266	9.6%	2,439	7.4%
	26,485	8.8%	-28%	Children receiving food stamps, January 2003	1,511	11.4%	3,184	9.6%
	63,098	31.2%	4%	School children receiving subsidized school lunch, 2002-2003	4,041	38.2%	7,588	33.4%
4.8%	27,100	4.0%	14%	Unemployment rate, 2001	1,580	6.0%	3,310	4.1%
				<b>EDUCATION AND LEARNING</b>				
	12,575	85.9%	-1%	Public High School completion rate, Class of 2001		85.9%		87.6%
4.8%	1,929	3.14%	-5%	Public High School dropouts, 2000-2001	118	3.89%	256	3.35%
63.3%	8,382	66.2%	2%	Public High School graduates planning to attend post-secondary school, 2000-2001	349	59.1%	1,101	66.9%
13.0%	36,580	16.0%	1%	Individuals with disabilities age 3-21, 2001-2002	1,867	15.3%	3,991	15.0%
				<b>DEMOGRAPHICS</b>				
	1,274,923	100%	n/a	Total Population, 2000 estimate	54,755		144,919	
	70,726	5.5%	n/a	Under age 5	2,895		7,768	
	230,512	18.1%	n/a	age 5-17	10,339		25,332	
	790,283	62.0%	n/a	age 18-64	32,728		92,899	
	183,402	14.4%	n/a	age 65 years and over	8,793		18,920	
	301,238	23.6%	n/a	age 0-17	13,234		33,100	
	147,490	11.6%	n/a	age 10-17	6,805		16,298	
	103,903	8.1%	n/a	age 18-24	3,558		16,318	



**PISCATAQUIS**

**SAGADAHOC**

**SOMERSET**

**WALDO**

**WASHINGTON**

**YORK**

County Number	Rate or Percent										
7	1.7	11	1.2	23	1.8	14	1.6	12	1.5	52	1.1
4	0.2	10	0.3	12	0.2	7	0.2	9	0.3	51	0.3
131	78.0%	348	89.7%	432	79.4%	357	86.2%	291	82.9%	1,895	90.2%
11	6.5%	11	2.8%	30	5.5%	25	6.0%	22	6.3%	132	6.3%
2	11.3	0.4	1.0	3	4.9	2	6.1	2	4.5	11	5.2
0.8	2.5	0.6	0.9	3.8	3.9	1.8	2.6	1.8	2.9	7.4	2.1
0.8	6.4	1.0	4.3	3.2	8.6	3.0	12.3	2.2	9.1	6.8	5.7
0.6	4.8	0.8	3.4	2.4	6.5	2.2	9.0	1.6	6.6	5.4	4.5
0.2	0.77	0.2	0.40	0.6	0.79	0.6	1.17	0.2	0.41	1.0	0.40
55	319.1	174	494.1	215	422.5	107	294.9	94	277.0	796	426.3
147	67.5	233	53.0	377	59.4	95	22.0	150	38.7	1,561	70.5
6	2.8	3	0.7	11	1.7	1	0.2	6	1.5	21	0.9
730	18.5%	1,130	12.7%	2,478	20.4%	1,660	19.2%	1,748	23.0%	4,680	10.3%
	49.2%		33.3%		49.0%		45.2%		53.7%		26.8%
\$28,492		\$41,133		\$30,112		\$32,797		\$26,230		\$42,331	
\$35,168		\$45,424		\$35,849		\$38,510		\$32,398		\$51,405	
301	7.5%	353	3.9%	1,085	8.6%	574	6.5%	669	8.6%	2,082	4.5%
531	13.2%	632	7.0%	1,905	15.2%	1,013	11.5%	1,037	13.3%	3,017	6.5%
1,518	47.1%	1,540	29.5%	3,844	42.4%	2,303	42.2%	2,657	54.1%	7,188	23.7%
550	6.7%	520	3.2%	1,950	7.6%	970	4.0%	1,320	8.1%	3,670	3.6%
	83.6%		86.4%		86.7%		86.2%		84.6%		88.7%
35	4.72%	91	4.34%	88	3.41%	47	3.17%	53	3.63%	302	3.31%
86	58.1%	234	54.9%	289	52.5%	194	68.2%	204	64.2%	1,200	66.3%
317	8.5%	1,394	19.5%	1,958	19.0%	1,128	21.1%	1,013	17.9%	5,728	15.7%
17,235		35,214		50,888		36,280		33,941		186,742	
826		2,153		2,883		2,042		1,727		11,016	
3,208		6,921		9,680		6,734		6,054		35,257	
10,206		21,806		31,047		22,557		20,304		115,040	
2,995		4,334		7,278		4,947		5,856		25,429	
4,034		9,074		12,563		8,776		7,781		46,273	
2,179		4,398		6,342		4,309		3,878		22,146	
974		2,308		3,538		2,723		2,701		12,807	

## PHYSICAL AND MENTAL HEALTH

### Child Health Insurance

#### **Children without health insurance, 1999-2001**

The estimated number and percent of related children age 0-17 who are not covered by any kind of public or private health insurance. Related children include a household head's children by birth, marriage or adoption, as well as any other person age 0-17, such as nieces or nephews, who are related to the household head. Three-year average (1999-2001).

*SOURCE: U.S. Census Bureau, Current Population Survey (March supplement), 2000 through 2002.*

#### **Low-income uninsured children, 2000**

The number of children age 0-17 who live in families with incomes less than twice the federal poverty threshold (< 200% of poverty) who lack health insurance. The rate is calculated as a percent of all uninsured children

*SOURCE: U.S. Census Bureau, Census 2000. Access data at <http://www.aecf.org/kidscount/census/>*

#### **MaineCare Enrollments, SFY 2002**

Enrollment data from the MaineCare Decision Support System, by month, state fiscal year 2002.

*SOURCE: Maine Department of Human Services, Bureau of Medical Services, MaineCare Decision Support System.*

### Child Health

#### **General Practice Dentists, 2002**

The number of licensed and active professionals who responded to the survey and indicated "General Practice" as their primary specialty in the Maine Cooperative Health Manpower Resource Inventory of Dentists, 2002; rate per 1,000.

*SOURCE: Maine Department of Human Services, Office of Data, Research and Vital Statistics, Maine Cooperative Health Manpower Resource Inventory.*

#### **Immunizations, 2001**

Data are from the National Immunization Survey, conducted by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. These data represent the percent of children 19-35 months who have received "4:3:1 Series Coverage"; that is, 4 doses of DTP (Diphtheria-Tetanus-Pertussis) vaccine, 3 doses of Poliovirus vaccine, and 1 dose of MMR (Measles-Mumps-Rubella) vaccine.

*SOURCE: Center for Disease Control and Preventions, Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report, August 3, 2002, 50, 637-641. National Immunization Survey, 2001: [http://www.cdc.gov/nip/coverage/NIS/01/TAB27-431\\_race\\_jap.htm](http://www.cdc.gov/nip/coverage/NIS/01/TAB27-431_race_jap.htm)*

#### **Individuals with Disabilities**

see EDUCATION AND LEARNING section

#### **Live births for which prenatal care began in the first trimester, 2000**

Number of live births in 2000 for which the mother began receiving prenatal care during the first three months of pregnancy, as a percent of all live births.

*SOURCE: Maine Department of Human Services, Office of Data, Research and Vital Statistics; 2000 national rate from Centers for Disease Control, National Center for Health Statistics "Births: Final data for 2000." National vital statistics reports; vol. 50 no. 5. [http://www.cdc.gov/nchs/data/nvsr/nvsr50/nvsr50\\_05.pdf](http://www.cdc.gov/nchs/data/nvsr/nvsr50/nvsr50_05.pdf)*

#### **Low birthweight infants, 2000**

Live births occurring in calendar year 2000 in which the newborn weighed less than 2500 grams, (5.5 pounds); as a percent of total live births.

*SOURCE: Maine Department of Human Services, Office of Data, Research and Vital Statistics; 2000 national rate from Centers for Disease Control, National Center for Health Statistics "Births: Final data for 2000." National vital statistics reports; vol. 50 no. 5.*

*[http://www.cdc.gov/nchs/data/nvsr/nvsr50/nvsr50\\_05.pdf](http://www.cdc.gov/nchs/data/nvsr/nvsr50/nvsr50_05.pdf)*

#### **Pediatricians, Family Practitioners, and General Practitioners, 2000**

Licensed and Board Certified pediatricians, family practitioners, and general practitioners (allopaths/MDs and osteopaths/DOs) in Maine, 2000. Data from the Health Manpower Resource Inventory, a survey enclosed with relicensure application and returned on a voluntary basis by the licensee to the respective board (Board of Licensure in Medicine for MDs, and Board of Osteopathic Licensure for DOs). Overall in-state response rates were 96.4% for MDs and 94.9% for DOs. Rate per 1,000 children 0-17.

*SOURCE: Maine Department of Human Services, Office of Data, Research and Vital Statistics, Maine Cooperative Health Manpower Resource Inventory, Physicians: 2000.*

#### **Teen Pregnancy**

see SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC STATUS section, "Teen Pregnancy"

#### **Well child clinic visits, SFY 2002**

Number of individual children under age 13 who visited either Public Health Nurse-run clinics or Women and Children Preventative Health Services at Maine General Medical Center-Waterville.

*SOURCE: Maine Department of Human Services, Bureau of Health, Division of Community and Family Health*

#### **WIC Benefits, 2002**

Number of individuals receiving WIC (Women's, Infant's, Children's Supplemental Nutrition Program) benefits during calendar year 2002. WIC provides specific nutritious foods and nutrition education to low-income pregnant and breast-feeding women, infants and children up to age five. Recipients must be at or below 185% of poverty, and be at medical or nutritional risk.

*SOURCE: Maine Department of Human Services, WIC Program, special data run.*

### Child Welfare

#### **Children in Department of Human Services care or custody, December 2002**

Children ordered into Department of Human Services custody as a result of a child protection hearing where the child is found to be in jeopardy, a juvenile hearing where it would be contrary to the child's health and welfare to remain in the care or custody of his parents, or a divorce and/or custody hearing where neither parent has been found able to provide a home in the best interest of the child. Count as of December, 2002; rate per 1,000 children age 0-17.

*SOURCE: Maine Department of Human Services, Bureau of Child and Family Services.*

#### **Requests for child abuse and neglect services, 2001**

Any written or verbal requests made during calendar year 2001 for Child Protective Services intervention in a family situation on behalf of a child in order to assess or resolve problems being presented. Cases are screened

out when evidence of serious family problems or dysfunction was evident but the situation did not contain an allegation of abuse or neglect. Cases deemed appropriate for referral meet the standards contained in 22 MRSA, 4002 as defined under the definition for substantiated child abuse and neglect victims. Appropriate referrals not assigned due to lack of resources represent referrals that warrant Child Protective Services intervention but are not assigned because the office has reached the upper limits of its capacity to investigate and assess.

SOURCE: Maine Department of Human Services, Bureau of Child and Family Services, Child Protective Services.

### **Substantiated child abuse and neglect victims, 2001**

The number of individual victims of child abuse and neglect in calendar year 2001 for whom assessment led to a finding of a threat to a child's health or welfare by physical, mental or emotional injury or impairment, sexual abuse or exploitation, deprivation of essential needs or lack of protection from these by a person responsible for the child (22 MRSA, 4002). Rate per 1,000 children age 0-17.

SOURCE: Maine Department of Human Services, Bureau of Child and Family Services, Child Protective Services.

## **Injury and Mortality**

### **Child and teen suicides, 1996-2000**

Suicides of children age 10-19. Data are reported by the child's place of residence, not the place of death. Five-year average (1996-2000); rate per 10,000 children age 10-19 is reported for each county. Rate per 100,000 is reported in the state-level rates on page 6.

SOURCE: Special tabulations by the Maine Department of Human Services, Office of Data, Research and Vital Statistics; 1999 National rate from Centers for Disease Control, Wonder System, Mortality Query Results for ICD-10 codes X60-X84; children age 10-14, 15-19.

### **Child deaths, 1996-2000**

Deaths from all causes to children from age 1 through 14. The data are reported by the child's place of residence, not the place of death. Five-year average (1996-2000); rate per 10,000 children age 1-14.

SOURCE: Special tabulations by the Maine Department of Human Services, Office of Data, Research and Vital Statistics. 2000 National rate from National Center for Health Statistics, Leading Causes of Death, 2000, p.20, Table 3: [http://www.cdc.gov/nchs/data/nvsr/nvsr50/nvsr50\\_15.pdf](http://www.cdc.gov/nchs/data/nvsr/nvsr50/nvsr50_15.pdf)

### **Children in motor vehicle crashes with personal injury, 2001**

Number and percent of children age 0-19 in motor vehicle crashes with personal injury.

SOURCE: Department of Human Services, Bureau of Health, Maine Injury Prevention Program.

### **Infant mortality, 1996-2000**

Deaths of infants under 1 year of age in comparison to live births occurring during the same time period. The data are reported by place of residence, not place of death. Five-year average (1996-2000); rate per 1,000 live births.

SOURCE: Maine Department of Human Services, Office of Data, Research and Vital Statistics; 2000 national rate from Centers for Disease Control the National Vital Statistics Report, Vol. 49, No. 8. Deaths: Final Data for 2000. Report is available on-line:

[http://www.cdc.gov/nchs/data/nvsr/nvsr49/nvsr49\\_08.pdf](http://www.cdc.gov/nchs/data/nvsr/nvsr49/nvsr49_08.pdf)

### **Teen deaths, 1996-2000**

The number of deaths from all causes to children age 15 through 19. The data are reported by the child's place of residence, not the place of death. Five-year average (1996-2000); rate per 10,000 children age 15-19.

SOURCE: Special tabulations by the Maine Department of Human Services, Office of Data, Research and Vital Statistics; 2000 National rate from National Center for Health Statistics, Leading Causes of Death, 2000, p.20, Table 3: [http://www.cdc.gov/nchs/data/nvsr/nvsr50/nvsr50\\_15.pdf](http://www.cdc.gov/nchs/data/nvsr/nvsr50/nvsr50_15.pdf)

### **Teen violent deaths, 1996-2000**

Deaths caused by homicide, suicide and accidents to children age 15 through 19. The data are reported by the child's place of residence, not the place where the death occurred. Five-year average (1996-2000); rate per 10,000 children age 15-19.

SOURCE: Special tabulations, Maine Department of Human Services, Office of Data, Research and Vital Statistics; 1999 national rate from Annie E. Casey Foundation, Kids Count Data Book: State Profiles of Child Well-being, 2002.

## **Mental Health**

### **Hospital discharges for attempted suicide, 2001**

Number of inpatient hospital discharges of children age 0-19 with a principal diagnosis of an injury, and an E Code categorizing the cause of injury as suicide/self-inflicted (E950.0 – E959). Rate per 1,000 children age 0-19.

SOURCE: Maine Health Data Organization, special data run.

### **Hospital discharges for mental health or substance abuse diagnoses, 2001**

Number of inpatient hospital discharges of children age 0-19 with a principal diagnosis of mental disease/disorder (MDC 19), alcohol/drug use or alcohol/drug induced organic mental disorders (MDC 20). These data count hospitalizations, not individual children. Rate per 1,000 children age 0-19.

SOURCE: Maine Health Data Organization, special data run.

## **Adolescent Health and Safety**

### **Children and adolescents using services of licensed alcohol and drug abuse treatment providers, 2001**

The total number of individual children age 0-14 and 15-19 using services provided by Maine alcohol and drug abuse treatment. These data represent total clients, and include clients with substance abuse, affected others (such as children of parents with substance abuse problems requiring therapy), and clients in for evaluation only.

SOURCE: Maine Department of Behavioral and Developmental Services, Office of Substance Abuse, Treatment Data System.

### **Chlamydia cases, 2001**

Reported cases of chlamydia among Maine children and adolescents age 10-19; rate per 1,000 children age 10-19.

SOURCE: Maine Department of Human Services, Bureau of Health, HIV/STD Program.

### **Gonorrhea cases, 2001**

Reported cases of gonorrhea among Maine children and adolescents age 10-19; rate per 1,000 children age 10-19.

SOURCE: Maine Department of Human Services, Bureau of Health, HIV/STD Program

### High school students reporting:

- alcohol use, within past 30 days, 2001
- marijuana use within past 30 days, 2001
- cigarette smoking within past 30 days, 2001
- at least one suicide attempt in the last year, 2001
- using a condom during last intercourse, 2001

SOURCE: Maine Department of Education, Bureau of Instruction, 2001  
Maine Youth Risk Behavior Survey Report. 2000 National rate from the Youth Risk Behavior Surveillance - Centers for Disease Control:  
<http://www.cdc.gov/nccdphp/dash/yrbst/trend.htm>

### Homeless children

see SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC STATUS section, under "Income"

### OUI Arrests, Licenses Suspensions and Convictions, 2001

Arrests represent implied consent statistics from the Bureau of Motor Vehicles; numbers represent drivers under age 20 who took or refused to take a blood alcohol test, 2001. License suspensions are broken into administrative suspensions, issued by the Bureau of Motor Vehicles, and suspensions issued by the courts. Convictions represent those drivers under age 20 convicted for Operating Under the Influence. All data are from calendar year 2001. Population numbers used to compute rates are the population of drivers under age 20.

SOURCE: Department of the Secretary of State, Bureau of Motor Vehicles.  
Some data are available online at:  
<http://www.state.me.us/sos/bmv/stats/statistics01.htm>

## SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC STATUS

### Income

#### Children in homeless or emergency shelters, July, 2002

Individual children age 0-17 staying in one of Maine's homeless or emergency shelters during July of 2002, with or without other family members. This number may include children whose primary residence is out of state. It is also important to note that not all of the state's homeless or emergency shelters admit children. Rate per 1,000 children age 0-17.

SOURCE: Maine State Housing Authority.

#### Children in low-income families, 2000

The estimated number and percent of children age 0-17 who live in families with incomes less than twice the federal poverty threshold (< 200% of poverty). In 2000, the poverty threshold for a typical family of four was \$17,603. Thus, "low-income" represents income of less than \$35,206 for a family of four. At the county level, only percentages are reported.

SOURCE: U.S. Census Bureau, Census 2000. Access data at  
<http://www.aecf.org/kidscount/census/>

#### Children in poverty, 2000

The estimated number and percent of children age 0-17 for whom poverty is determined. Poverty status is not determined for people in institutions, in military group quarters, people in college dormitories, and unrelated individuals under age 15. Data are reported by county. In 2000, the poverty threshold for a typical family of four persons was \$17,603.

SOURCE: U.S. Census Bureau, Census 2000. Access data at  
<http://www.aecf.org/kidscount/census/>

#### Children under age 5 in poverty, 2000

The estimated number and percent of children under age 5 for whom poverty is determined. Poverty status is not determined for people in institutions, in military group quarters, people in college dormitories, and unrelated individuals under age 15. In 2000, the poverty threshold for a typical family of four persons was \$17,603.

SOURCE: U.S. Census Bureau, Census 2000. Access data at:  
<http://www.aecf.org/kidscount/census/>

#### Children in single-parent families, 2000

The estimated percent of related children age 0-17 who live in families headed by a male or female person without a spouse present in the home. Related children include the family head's children by birth, marriage or adoption, as well as other persons age 0-17, such as nieces or nephews, who are related to the family head.

SOURCE: U.S. Census Bureau, Census 2000. Access data at:  
<http://www.aecf.org/kidscount/census/>

#### Jobs that pay a livable wage, 2001

The percentage of all jobs in Maine that paid what the Maine Economic Growth Council considers an annual livable wage for a family of two (assuming a single wage-earner) for calendar year 2001. This measure considers a livable wage to be 185% of the federal poverty threshold for a family of two. The 2001 poverty threshold for a family of two was \$11,569. Therefore, a livable wage amounted to an annual salary of \$21,403 for a family of two. Reported here is the percent of jobs that paid at least \$21,403 per year. NOTE: Some research suggests a true livable wage is above 200% of poverty, or \$23,138/year. 65% of jobs in Maine pay a livable wage according to that definition.

SOURCE: Maine Development Foundation, special data analysis.

#### Median household income, 1999

Estimated median household income by county in Maine. These estimates are modeled from combined census estimates, current population surveys (CPS), and other administrative and economic data. The median income is the dollar amount which divides the income distribution into two equal groups - half with income above the median and half with income below it.

SOURCE: U.S. Census Bureau, Small Area Income and Poverty Estimates, 1999 [http://www.census.gov/hhes/www/saiper/stcty/c99\\_23.htm](http://www.census.gov/hhes/www/saiper/stcty/c99_23.htm)

#### Median income of families with own children, 2000

The estimated median annual income for families with own children under age 18.

SOURCE: Population Reference Bureau analysis of the U.S. Census Bureau, Census 2000, Census Summary File 3. Access data at  
<http://www.aecf.org/kidscount/census/>

#### Unemployed persons age 16 and over, annual average, 2001

Percent is the average number of people in the civilian labor force, divided by the average number of unemployed people.

SOURCE: Maine Department of Labor, Bureau of Employment Security, Division of Labor Market Information Services, Local Area Unemployment Statistics Program (LAUS), Civilian Labor Force for Maine and Counties, 2001. Data are available online:  
<http://www.maine.gov/labor/lmis/data/laus/mecty01.html>

National data referenced are from the Bureau of Labor Statistics, Local Area Unemployment Statistics Program (LAUS). Table 1: Employment status of the civilian noninstitutional population 16 years of age and over by region, division, and state, 2000-2001 annual average:  
<http://stats.bls.gov/news.release/srgune.t01.htm>

## Income Supports

### **Children receiving Food Stamps; January 2003**

Total number of children age 0-17 who were receiving Food Stamp benefits in January 2003.

SOURCE: Maine Department of Human Services, Bureau of Family Independence.

### **Children receiving TANF; September 2002**

The total number of children age 0-17 who were receiving Temporary Aid to Needy Families in September 2002.

SOURCE: Maine Department of Human Services, Bureau of Family Independence.

### **Children receiving Medicaid**

see PHYSICAL AND MENTAL HEALTH section, under "Child Health Insurance"

### **Children receiving Subsidized School Lunch**

see EDUCATION AND LEARNING section

### **Children served through child care subsidies**

see EDUCATION AND LEARNING, under "Child Care and Head Start"

### **Child support enforcement, cases with collection, FY 2001**

The number of families with children for whom the state child support enforcement agency successfully collected child support payments due, as a percent of the total number of families on the agency's caseload during fiscal year 2001.

SOURCE: U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Administration for Children and Families, Office of Child Support Enforcement. *Child Support Enforcement Fiscal Year 2001. Data Preview Report: Table 5 - Statistical Program Status, FY 2001*

[http://www.acf.dhhs.gov/programs/cse/pubs/2002/reports/datapreview/table\\_5.html](http://www.acf.dhhs.gov/programs/cse/pubs/2002/reports/datapreview/table_5.html)

### **Families headed by mothers receiving child support or alimony, 1998-2000**

The estimated percent of families headed by a woman with no spouse present and with one or more own children age 0-17 receiving either child support or alimony payments during the previous calendar year. Includes those receiving partial payment as well as those receiving full payment. There may be no child support award in place for many of these families. Own children include the family head's children by birth, marriage or adoption. Three-year average (1998-2000).

SOURCE: Population Reference Bureau analysis of data from the U.S. Census Bureau, *Current Population Survey (March supplement), 1999 through 2001, as published in the Annie E. Casey Foundation, Kids Count Data Book: State Profiles of Child Well-being, 2002.*

### **State TANF and Food Stamp maximum benefit level as a percent of the Federal Poverty Level, 2002**

The percent of the 2002 Federal Poverty Guideline for a one-parent family of three persons (one parent, two children) covered by current-year state TANF (Temporary Aid to Needy Families) and Food Stamp Benefits. For a family of three, the 2002 Federal Poverty Guideline was \$15,020, or \$1,252/month. In Maine, the TANF maximum monthly grant for a family of three is \$485. Therefore, the TANF maximum is 40% of the federal poverty guideline. A family of three receiving \$485 in TANF benefits would receive a maximum monthly Food Stamp benefit of \$366. The combined benefit of \$851 is 68% of the Federal Poverty Guideline for a family of three.

SOURCE: Maine Department of Human Services, Bureau of Family Independence; *Poverty Guidelines provided in the Federal Register, Vol. 66, No. 33, February 16, 2002, pp. 10695-10697; http://aspe.hhs.gov/poverty/02poverty.htm*

## Crime

### **Arrests of children, 2001**

The annual arrest data counts all arrests of youth for offenses during calendar year 2001, including repeated offenses by the same individual. Rate per 1,000 children age 10-17.

SOURCE: Maine Department of Public Safety, *Uniform Crime Reports, 2001.* [http://www.state.me.us/dps/cim/crime\\_in\\_maine/cim.htm](http://www.state.me.us/dps/cim/crime_in_maine/cim.htm)

### **Arrests of children for crimes against persons, 2001**

Total number of arrests of children age 10-17 for crimes against persons including: murder and non-negligent manslaughter, forcible rape, robbery, and aggravated assault; does not include other assaults. The annual arrest data count all arrests of youth for crimes against persons during calendar year 2001, including repeated offenses by the same individual. Rate per 1,000 children age 10-17.

SOURCE: Maine Department of Public Safety, *Uniform Crime Reports, 2001.* [http://www.state.me.us/dps/cim/crime\\_in\\_maine/cim.htm](http://www.state.me.us/dps/cim/crime_in_maine/cim.htm)

### **Domestic assaults reported to police, 2001**

Assaults reported to the police which were perpetrated by family or household members who are or were married or living together in a romantic relationship, natural parents of the same child (whether or not the couple ever lived together) or other adult family members related by blood or marriage. These are not unduplicated counts, and may include numerous assaults affecting the same individuals. Rate per 100,000 population.

SOURCE: Maine Department of Public Safety, *Uniform Crime Reports, 2001.*

### **OUI Arrests, License Suspensions, and Convictions**

see PHYSICAL AND MENTAL HEALTH section, under "Mental Health, Substance Abuse, and Risk Behaviors"

## Teen Pregnancy

### **Births to married teenage mothers as a percent of total live births, 2000**

Births are reported by the mother's place of residence at the time of birth.

SOURCE: Maine Department of Human Services, Office of Data, Research and Vital Statistics.

### **Births to single teenage mothers as a percent of total live births, 2000**

Births are reported by the mother's place of residence at the time of birth.

SOURCE: Maine Department of Human Services, Office of Data, Research and Vital Statistics.

### **Births to unmarried teenage mothers who have not completed 12 years of school, five-year average (1996-2000)**

Rate per 1,000 females age 10-19. The data reflect the mother's place of residence at the time of birth. They are averaged over a five-year period to smooth out annual fluctuations.

SOURCE: *Special tabulations by the Maine Department of Human Services, Office of Data, Research and Vital Statistics.*

### **Teen pregnancy rate**

Rate per 1,000 females age 10-17, 2000. All reported live births, induced abortions, and fetal deaths occurring to females age 10-17 during calendar year 2000.

SOURCE: Maine Department of Human Services, Office of Data, Research and Vital Statistics.

### **Repeat teen pregnancies as a percent of total teen pregnancies, 2000**

The percent of females under age 20 who became pregnant during calendar year 2000 who had already been pregnant at least once before in their lives.

*SOURCE: Special tabulations by Maine Department of Human Services, Office of Data, Research and Vital Statistics.*

## **EDUCATION AND LEARNING**

### **High School completion rate, Class of 2001**

The percentage of students who graduated from their high school, rather than dropping out of school sometime during their high school years. A separate completion rate is calculated for each graduating class, such as the "Class of 2001." Calculation of rate is as follows: Number of graduates in this High School class/(Number of graduates + Number of all dropouts during the 9th, 10th, 11th and 12th grade years of this graduating class).

*SOURCE: Maine Department of Education, Division of Management Information: <http://www.state.me.us/education/enroll/grads/grad.htm>*

### **High School dropouts, 2000-2001**

Any person who has withdrawn or been expelled from high school before graduation or completion of a program of studies, and who has not enrolled in another educational institution or program. Each local educational unit submits a dropout report to the Department of Education as of the last day of school, counting all students who dropped out during the previous calendar year. This calculation is referred to as an "event" dropout rate. Data represent the 2000-2001 school year and are reported by county for public schools only.

*SOURCE: Maine Department of Education, Division of Management Information: <http://www.state.me.us/education/enroll/dropouts/drop.htm>. 2000 National rate from the National Center for Education Statistics, Dropout Rates in the United States: 2000. <http://nces.ed.gov/pubs2002/2002114.pdf>*

### **High School graduates planning to attend post-secondary school, 2000-2001**

High school graduates (including regular diploma, other diploma or certificate of completion during the previous school year or subsequent summer school) who intend to or are enrolled full or part-time in post-secondary education, according to a survey administered by the local educational unit and submitted in the fall following graduation. The 2000 national rate, referred to as "Immediate Transition to College," reports the percentage of high school completers age 16-24 who were enrolled in any post-secondary education institution the October after completing high school. Because of the difference in age ranges represented by County and State versus National data, please exercise caution in making comparisons.

*SOURCE: Maine Department of Education, Division of Management Information. Data are available on-line: <http://www.state.me.us/education/enroll/grads/grad.htm>. 2000 National rate from U.S. Department of Education, The Condition of Education 2002; Appendix 1, Supplemental Tables, Indicator 20: Immediate Transition to College. Data available on-line: [http://nces.ed.gov/pubs2002/2002025\\_App1.pdf](http://nces.ed.gov/pubs2002/2002025_App1.pdf)*

### **Individuals with disabilities, 2001-2002**

The number and percent of students enrolled in schools and individual education programs in Maine who are aged 3 through 21 and have disabilities requiring the provision of special education services during the 2001-2002 school year. The count is taken as of December 1 of the school year, and reflects special education enrollment on that one date. The child count is completed by school administrative units, approved state operat-

ed/state supported school and Child Development Services sites. Reported as percent of total resident enrollment in public and private schools, as of October 1, 2001. National rate represents children age 0-21 during the 1999-2000 school year.

*SOURCE: Maine Department of Education, Office of Special Services. Data are available on-line: "State and County Totals by Exit Data" [http://www.state.me.us/education/speced/EFS05/public\\_reports](http://www.state.me.us/education/speced/EFS05/public_reports). National rate from the National Center for Education Statistics, Digest of Education Statistics 2001. Chapter 2: Elementary and Secondary Education, Table 53.*

### **Children receiving subsidized school lunches, 2002-2003**

The National School Lunch Program is a meal entitlement plan primarily funded through federal dollars. All elementary and junior high schools are required to participate in the program. In Maine, high schools have the option of participating. Children are eligible for free school lunches if their family income does not exceed 130% of the federal poverty level. They are eligible for reduced price school lunches if their family income falls between 130% and 185% of the federal poverty level. Data represent the 2002-2003 school year.

*SOURCE: Maine Department of Education, School Nutrition Program. Data are available on-line: [http://thor.dafs.state.me.us/pls/doe\\_sfsr/eddev.ed534.ed534\\_parameters](http://thor.dafs.state.me.us/pls/doe_sfsr/eddev.ed534.ed534_parameters)*

## **Child Care and Head Start**

### **Children served through child care subsidies, SFY 2002**

The number of children served through TANF child care, slots and vouchers, during State Fiscal Year 2002 (July 1, 2001 – June 30, 2002). Children up to age 12 are eligible for subsidized child care if their parents are working or in education training, and have incomes at or below 85% of the state median income. Eligibility estimates provided by U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

*SOURCE: Maine Department of Human Services, Division of Contracted Community Services*

### **Head Start Program, SFY 2002**

Total number of state and federally funded children in Head Start program throughout the state of Maine. Head Start provides comprehensive child development and supportive services to low-income preschool children and their families. Eligible children were estimated as the number of children under age 5 in poverty. Unmet need was calculated by subtracting the number of funded children from the estimate of eligible children.

*SOURCE: Maine Department of Human Services, Division of Contracted Community Services.*

### **Number of licensed child care providers, as of December 2002**

Number of child care centers and child care homes licensed in the state of Maine.

*SOURCE: Maine Department of Human Services, Division of Contracted Community Services.*



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