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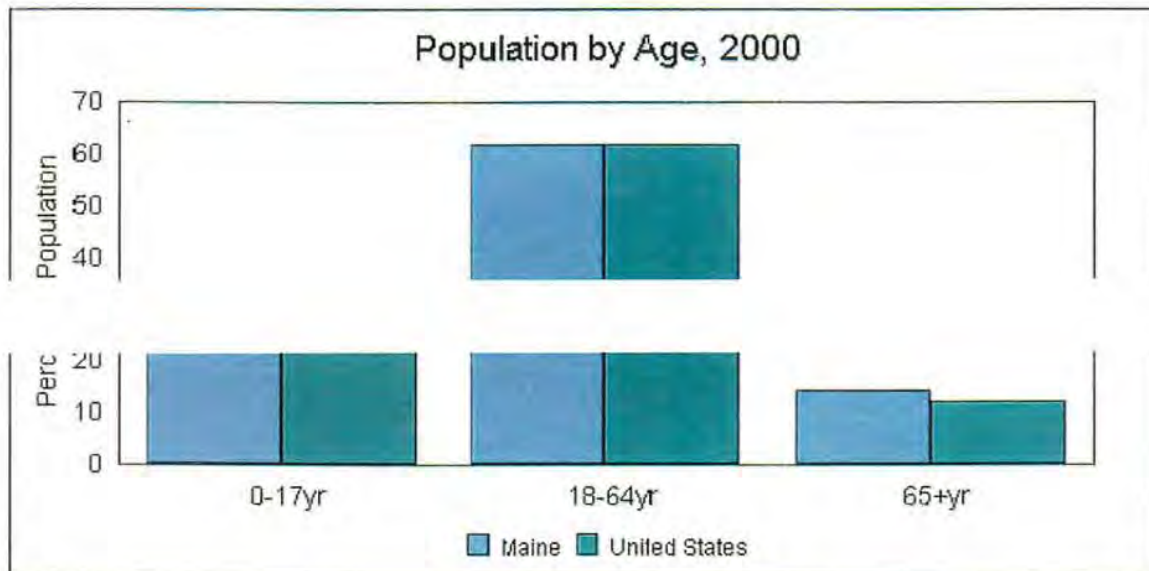
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# Report Card on Poverty in Maine

## 2000 Census Supplement #1



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## **Census 2000: Trends in Demographic Characteristics of the Population**

Information from the 2000 Census is gradually becoming available as the various components are compiled and released by the Census Bureau. Data on the composition of the population and of households and families was released this winter. Socio-economic data (including poverty and income figures) will not be available for some time yet.

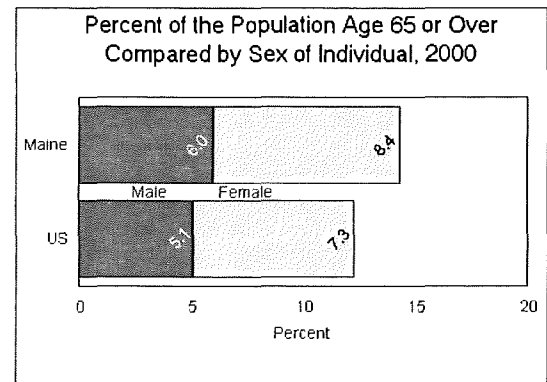
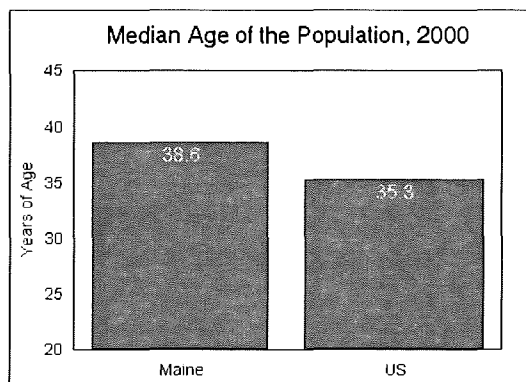
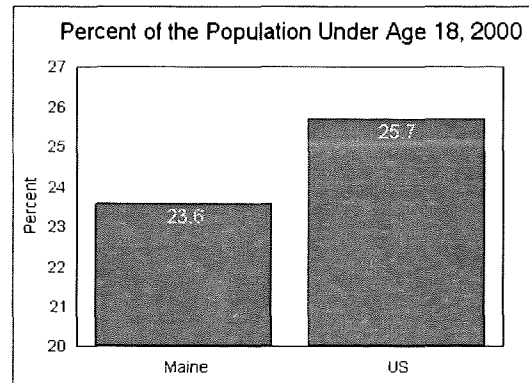
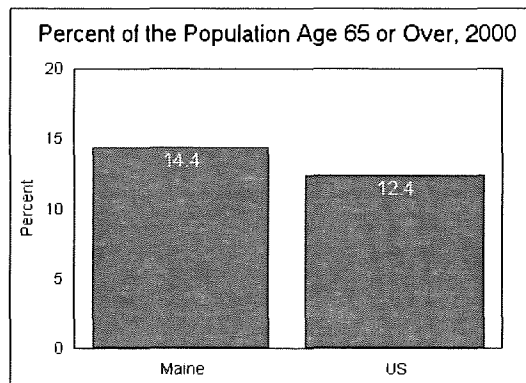
The data contain important information about Maine's population, economy and living conditions and reveals some important differences and trends:

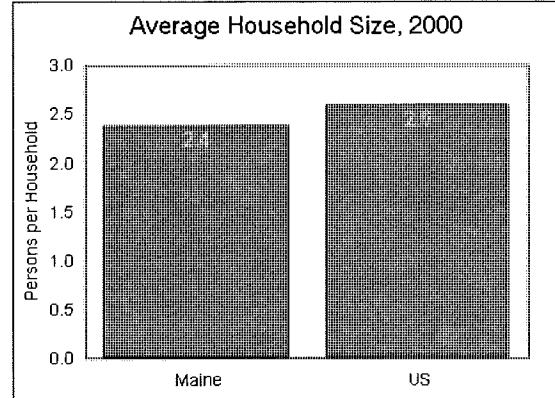
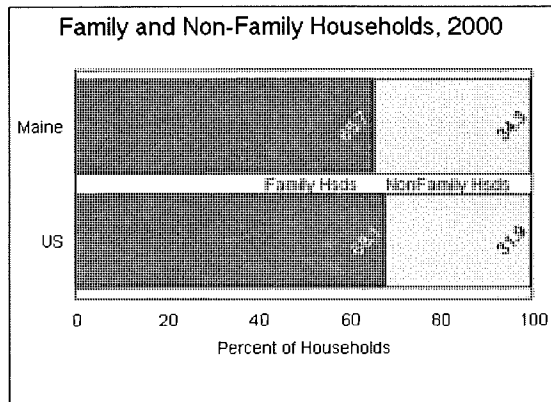
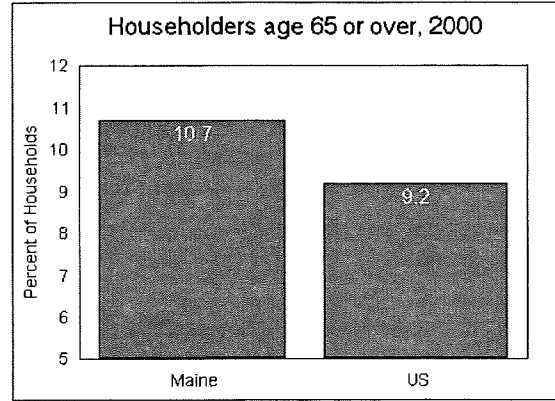
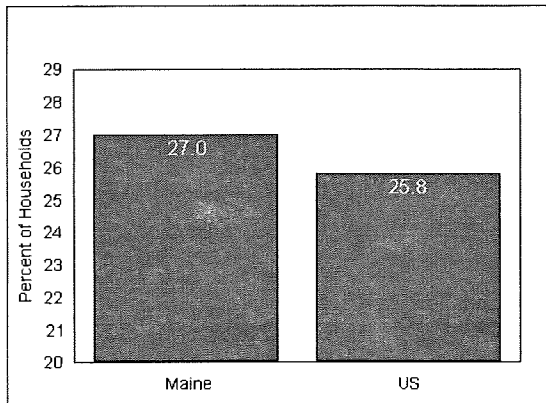
- When compared to the nation, Maine has unique differences.
- When 2000 data is compared with similar data from past censuses, and compared regionally within Maine, significant patterns emerge that offer clues to the persistence of poverty.

This supplement highlights some of the demographic differences that have implications for the level of poverty in Maine. The data is from the population & household composition file (Summary File 1, also known as the 100% count or the "short form" data). A later supplement will provide highlights from the census release covering social and economic factors.

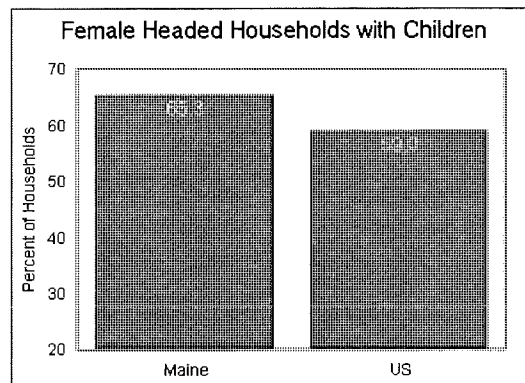
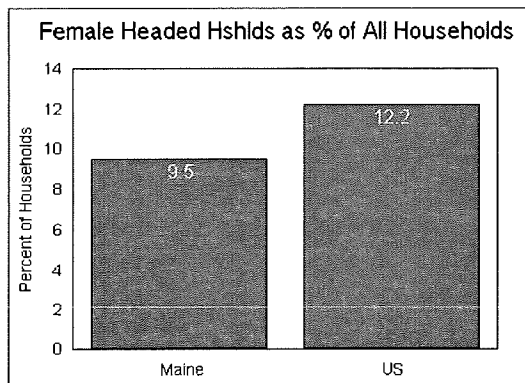
## I. Key Differences between Maine and the US

- Maine has fewer children and more elderly. Hence the median age of Maine's population is more than 3 years older than the national average and the average size of Maine's households and families is smaller. Maine has more family units that are elderly and more people living alone, a greater portion of whom are elderly. An older population and a higher portion of households that are headed by an elder have many positive implications, but it can also account for Maine's:
  - Higher dependence on transfer payments by Maine households and a resulting higher portion of the income in Maine from sources other than earnings,
  - Lower overall portion of households with a member in the labor force, especially with full time employment,
  - More limited labor supply to stimulate economic growth,
  - Growing need for health care services, alternative and assisted living arrangements and home care programs.

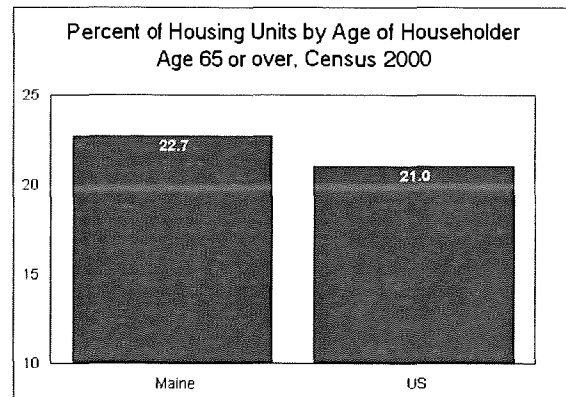
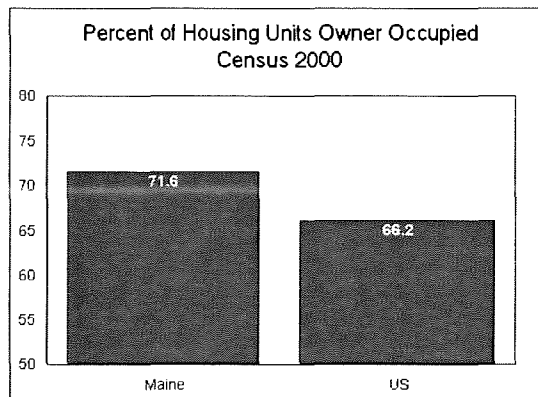




- Maine has fewer female-headed households, but a much higher portion have small children. A single parent family is, by lack of a second parent, limited to a single income. Therefore even with fewer children overall, and a smaller portion of single parent families, the risk of poverty among children is greater in Maine.



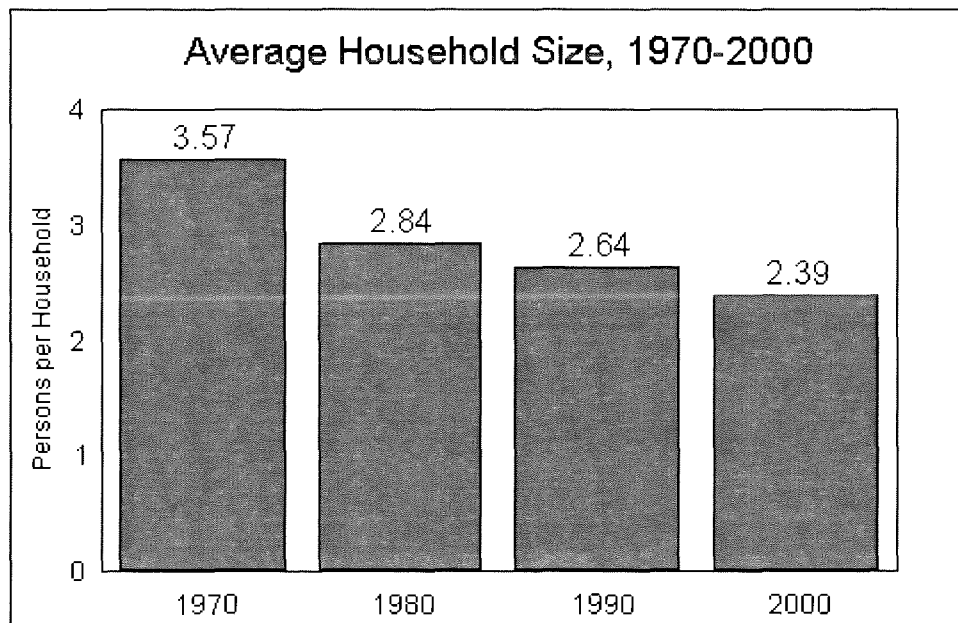
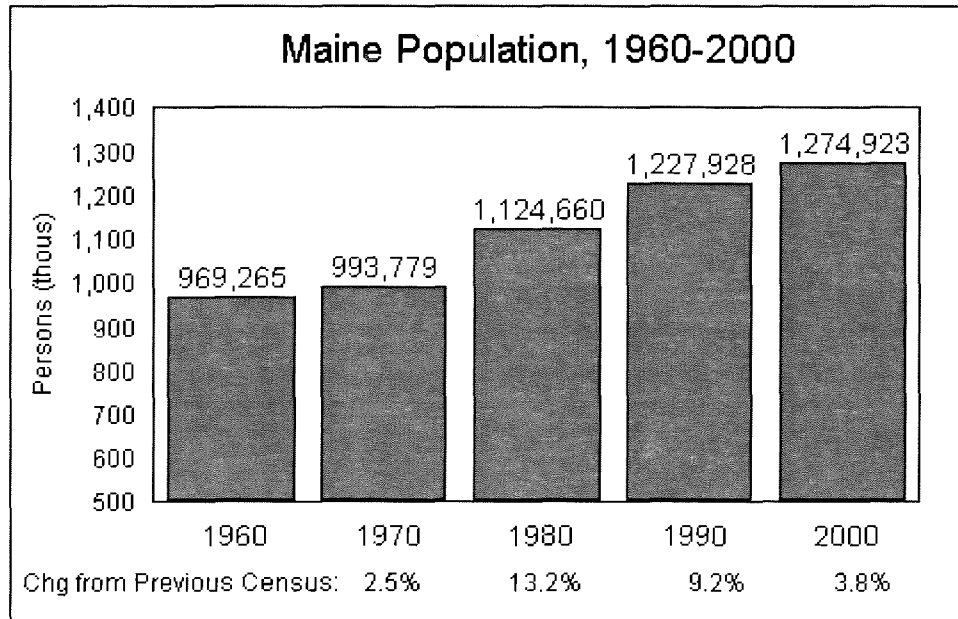
- Maine has one of the highest home ownership rates in the nation. The Census Bureau also identifies Maine as one of the most rural states because the State's population is more widely dispersed over the countryside rather than being concentrated in cities and nearby suburban neighborhoods. Mainers may enjoy and value their rural lifestyle, but it also accounts for Maine's
  - Higher rate of rural poverty,
  - Lower level of disposable income due to higher costs of maintaining and operating a home, commuting to work and so forth,
  - Higher tax burden due to the higher cost of delivering services, maintaining roads and infrastructure, and providing other services to a widespread low density population,
  - Greater importance of programs and services to assist homeowners with limited incomes such as homestead exemptions, fuel assistance and weatherization program, and senior transportation services.

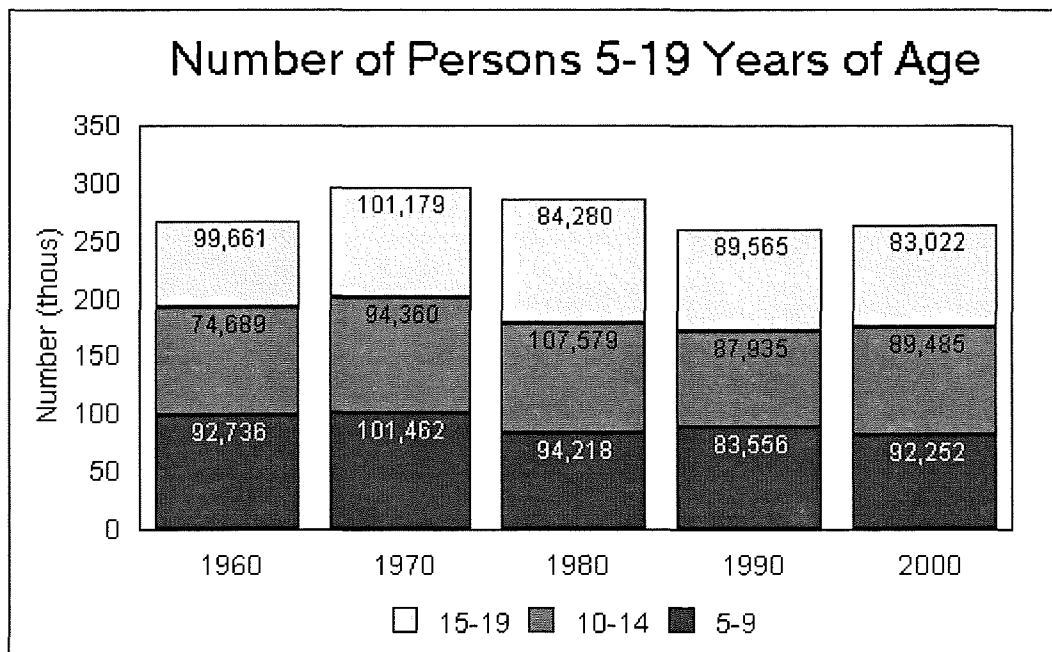
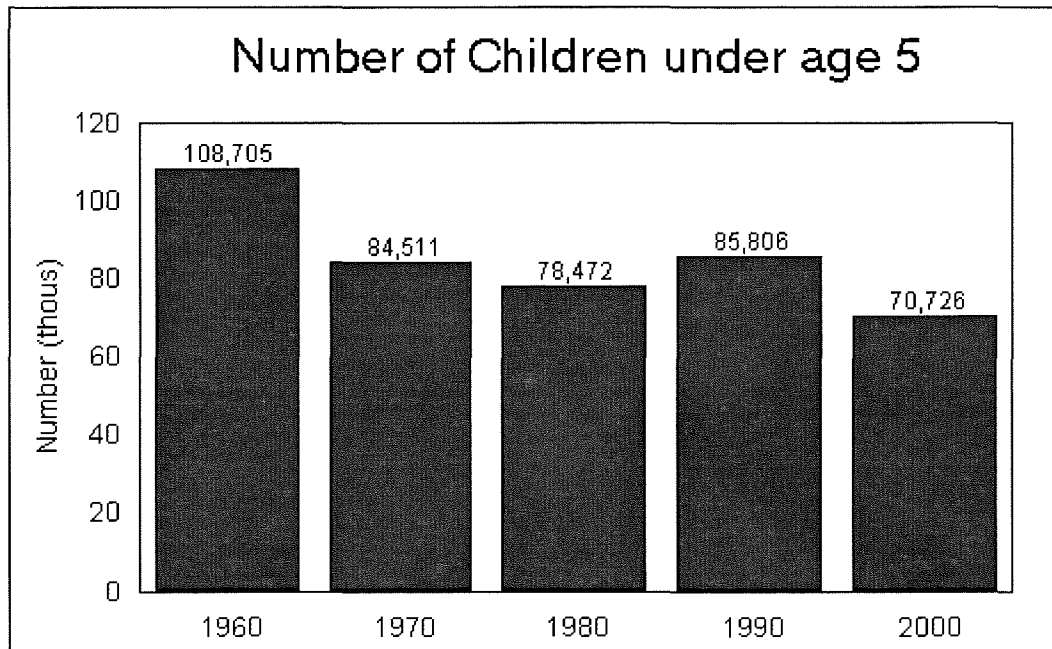


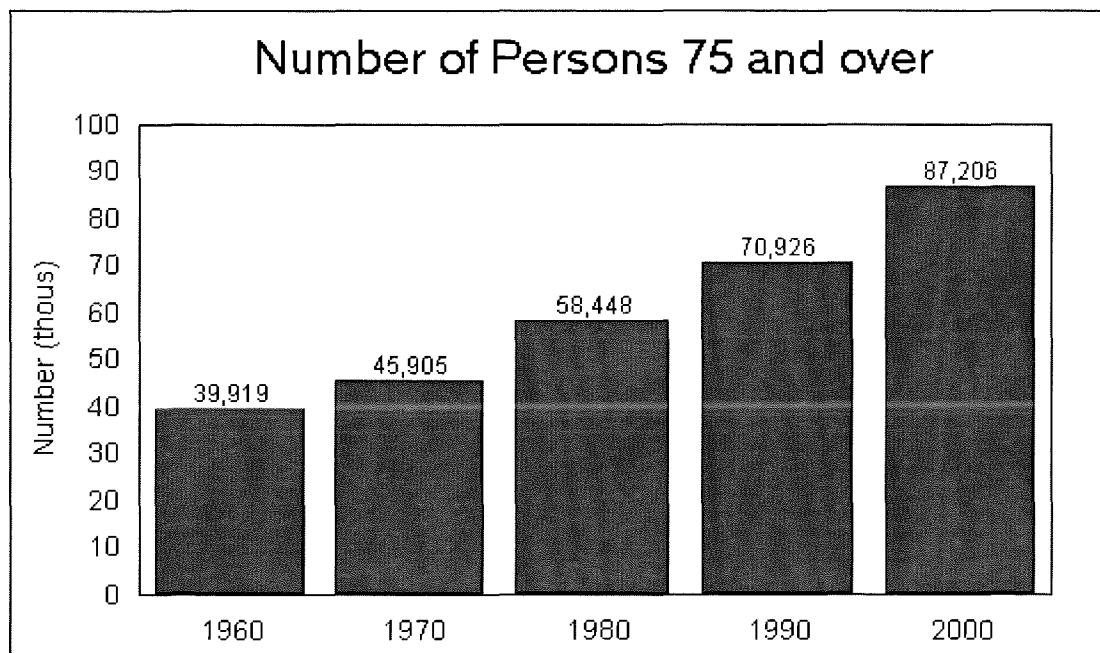
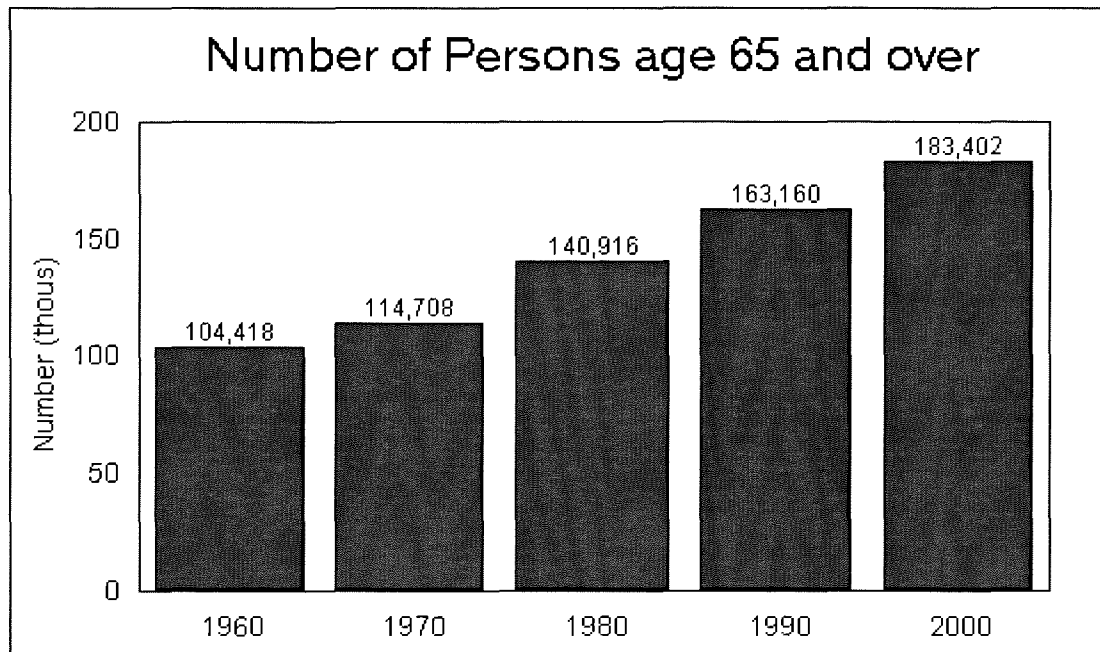
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| <p>Summary of Demographic Characteristics<br/>Maine Compared to the United States</p> |
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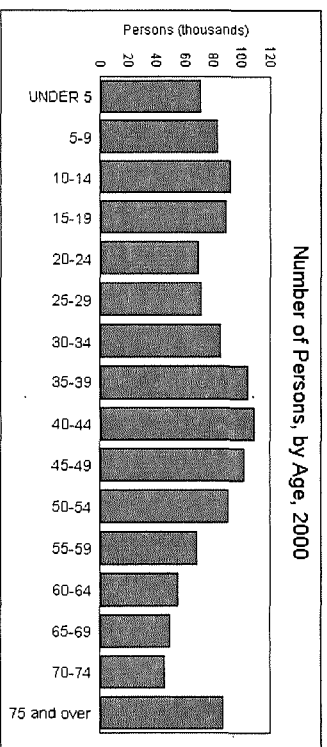
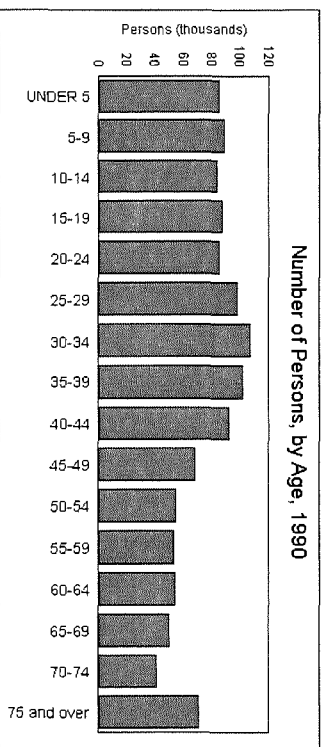
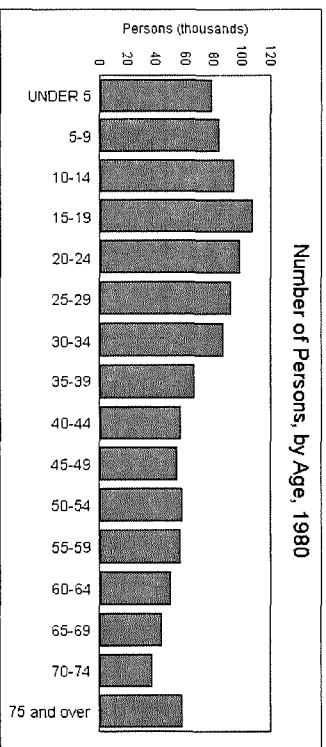
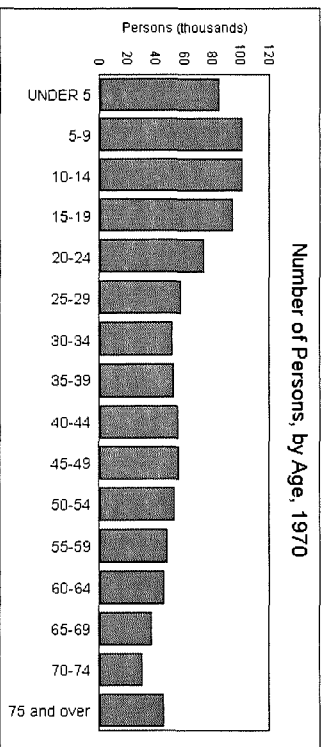
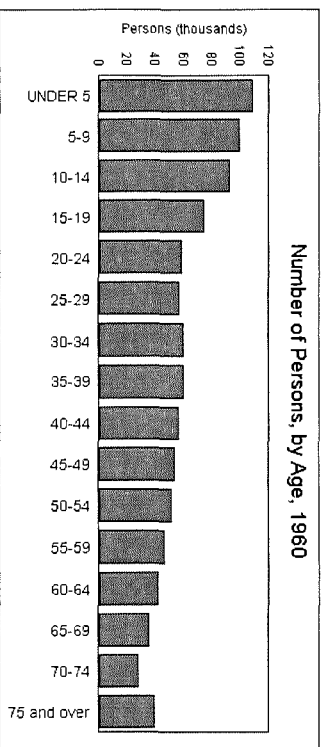
|  | <u>Maine</u> | <u>US</u> |
|--|--------------|-----------|
| Population Growth, 1990-2000   | 3.8%         | 13.1%     |
| Percent of Population under 18   | 23.6         | 25.7      |
| Percent of Population 65 and over  | 14.4         | 12.4      |
| Percent of Population 75 and over  | 6.8          | 5.9       |
| Median age of the population   | 38.6         | 35.3      |
| Average size of household  | 2.39         | 2.59      |
| Average size of family   | 2.90         | 3.14      |
|  |              |           |
| Percent of families with female head   | 9.5          | 12.2      |
| Percent of female headed families with children                                      | 66.0         | 58.6      |
| Percent of married couples without children  | 41.1         | 45.6      |
|  |              |           |
| Percent of hslds that are single persons living alone                                | 27.0         | 25.8      |
| Persons age 65+ living alone as % of all hslds                                       | 10.7         | 9.2       |
| Percent of hslds that are family households  | 65.7         | 68.1      |
| Percent of hslds that are non-family (single individuals or unrelated persons) hslds | 34.3         | 31.9      |
|  |              |           |
| Percent of housing owner occupied  | 71.6         | 66.2      |
| Percent of housing in which householder is age 65+                                   | 22.7         | 21.0      |

## II. Comparison with Past Censuses

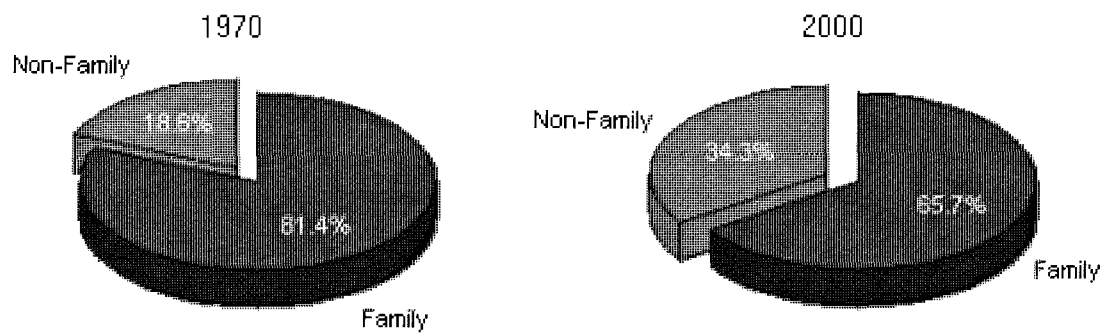




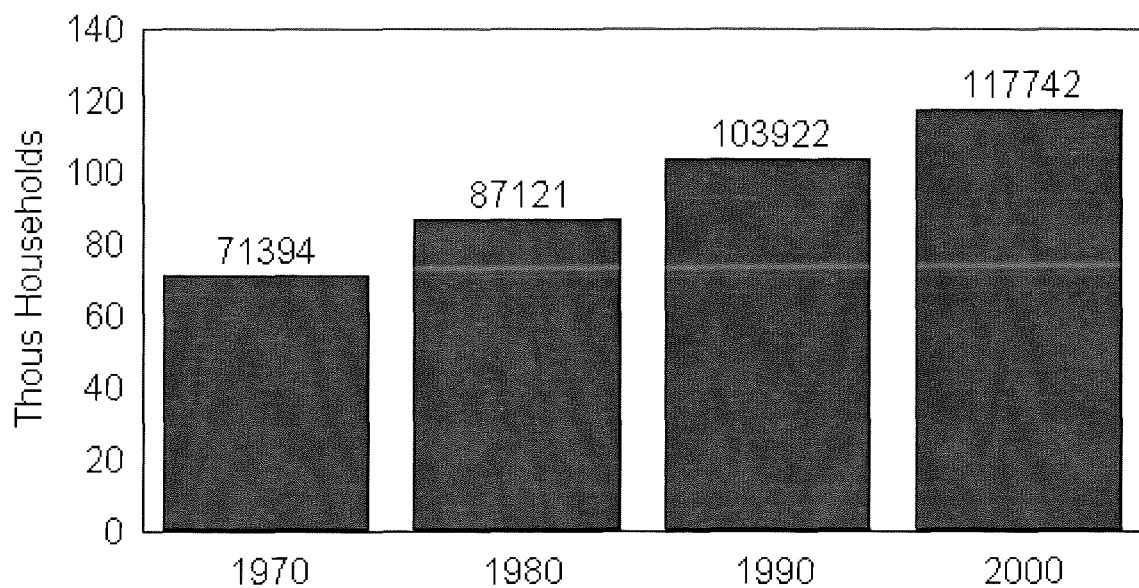




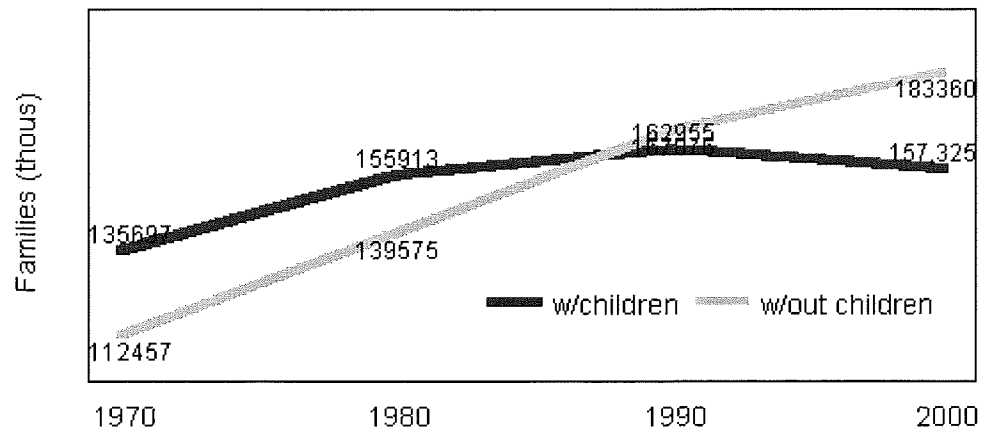
### Growth in Non-Family Households



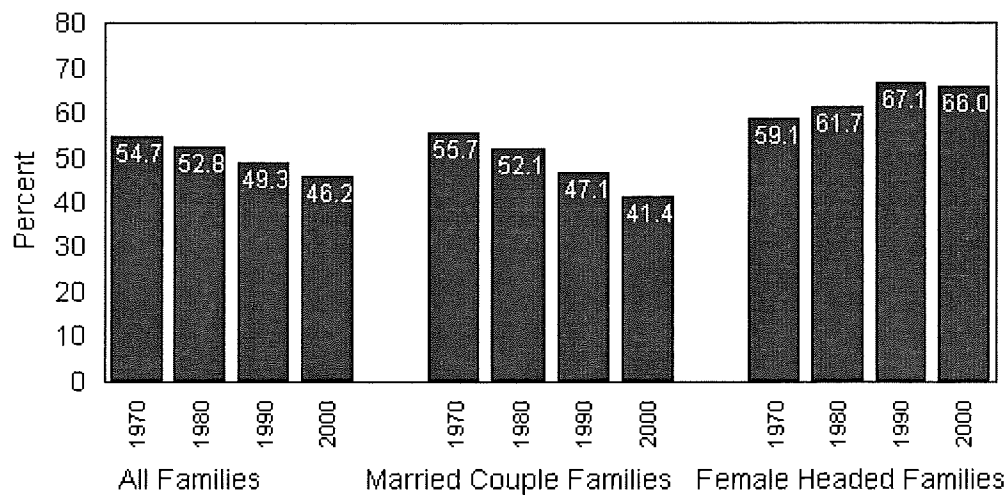
### Number of Households Headed by a Person age 65+



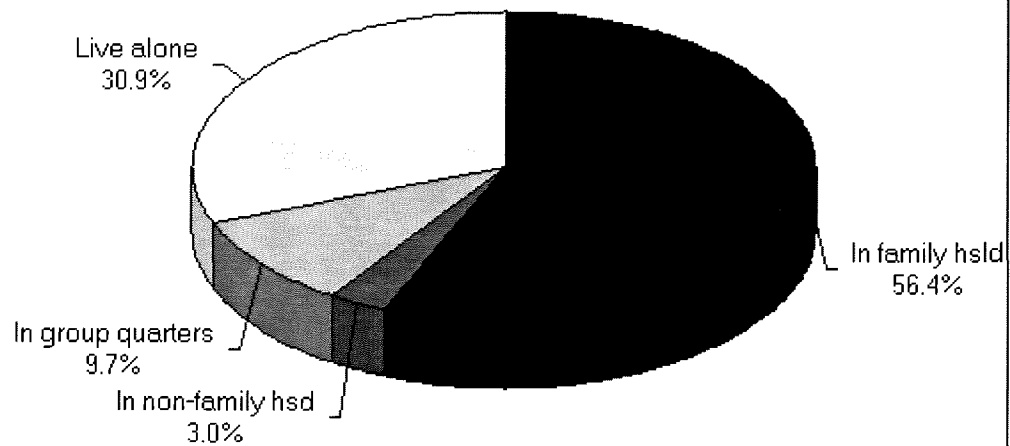
### Comparison of Families with Children and Families Without Children, 1970-2000



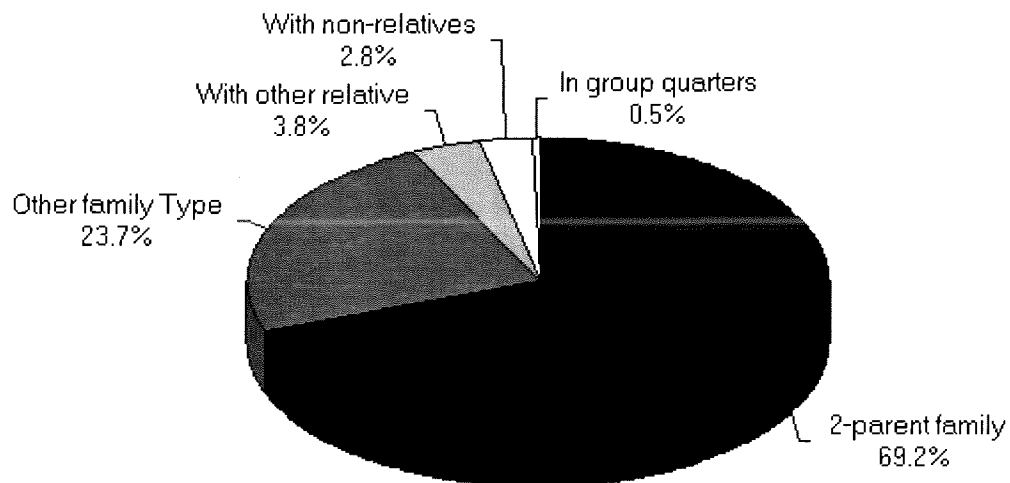
### Percent of Families with Children by Type of Family



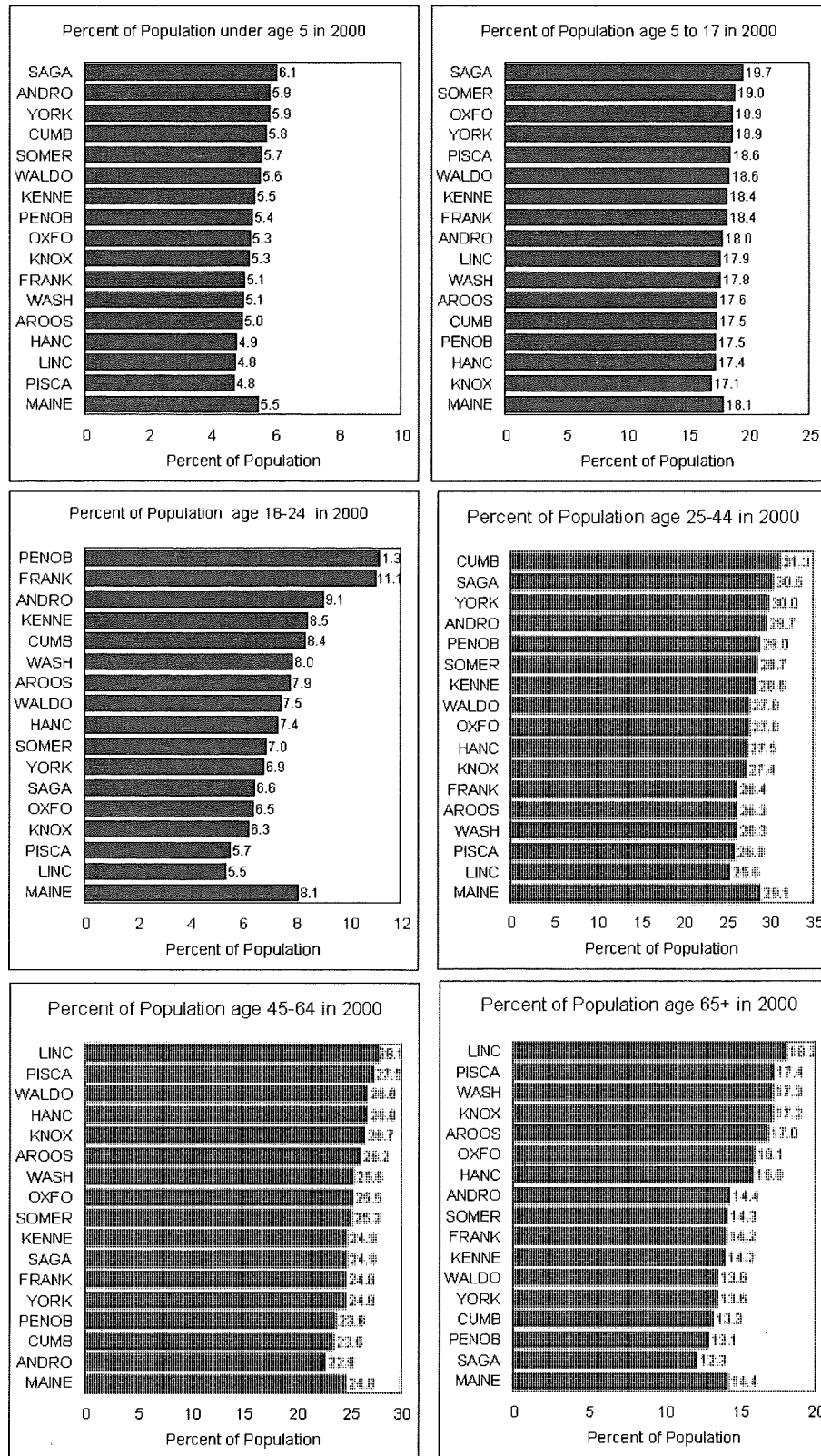
### Living Arrangements of Maine's Elderly



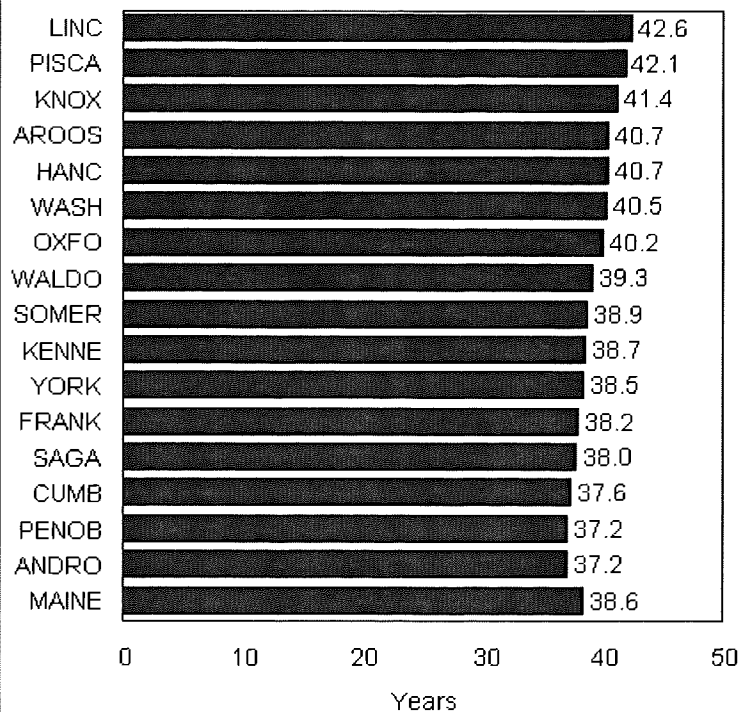
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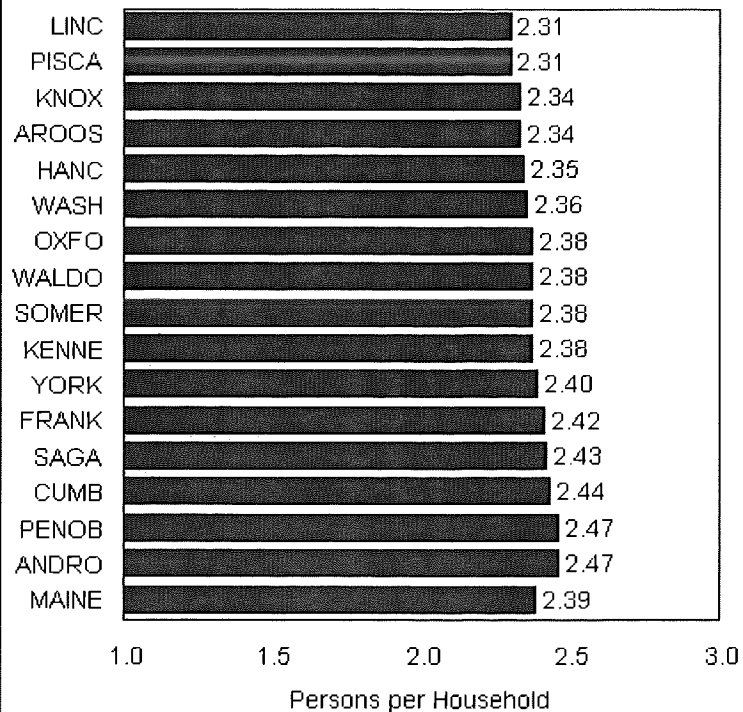
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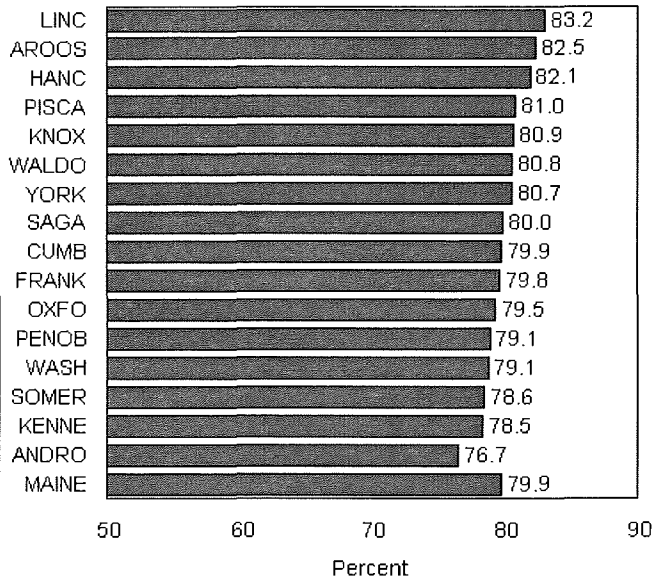
### Median Age of County Population, 2000



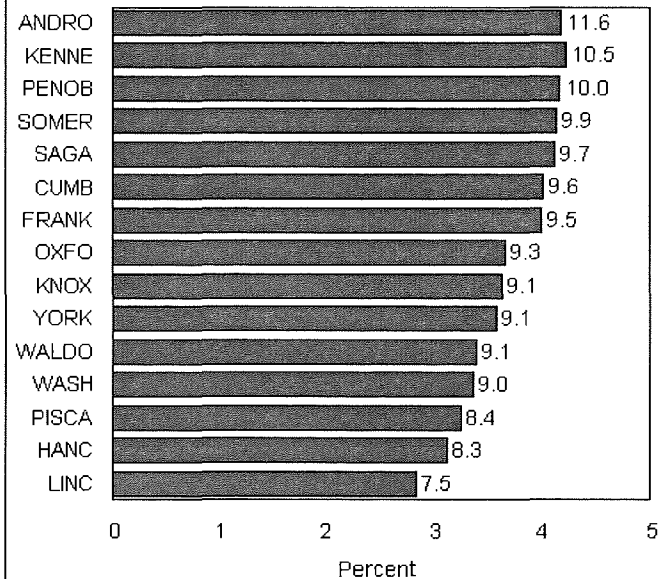
### Average Household Size, 2000



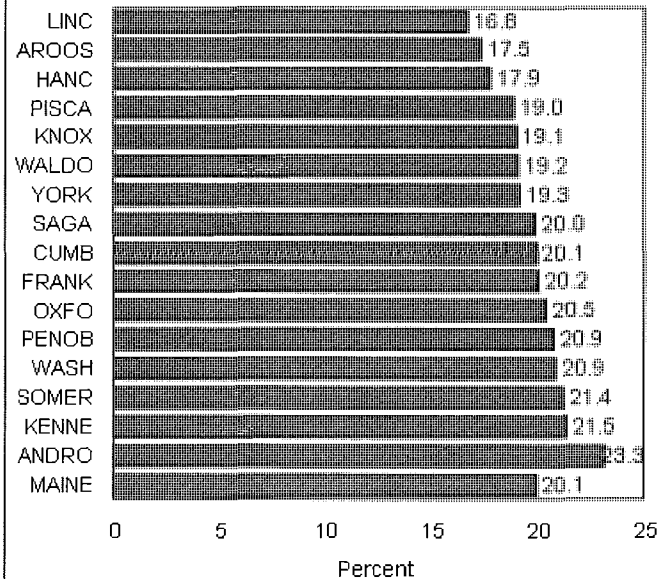
Percent of Families with Married Couple as Head



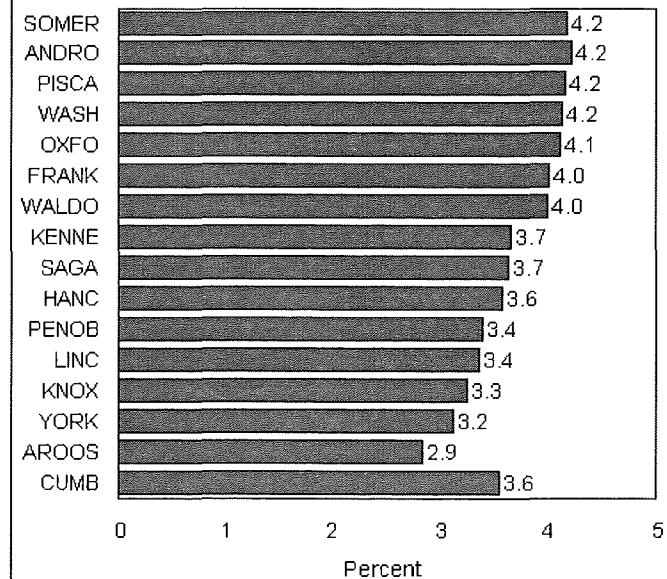
Percent of Families that are Female Headed with Children



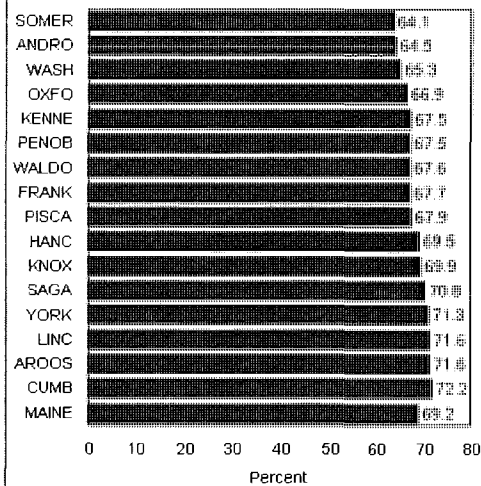
Percent of Families of Other Types



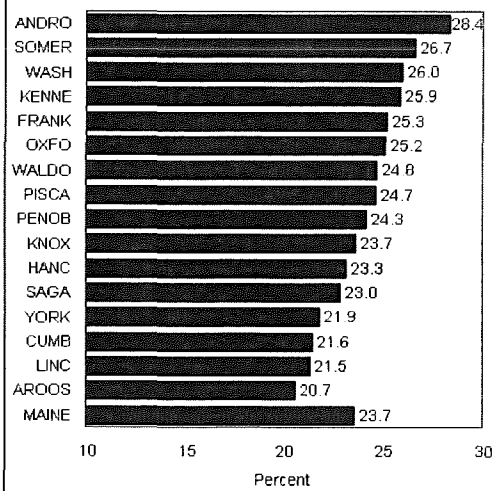
Percent of Families that are Male Headed with Children



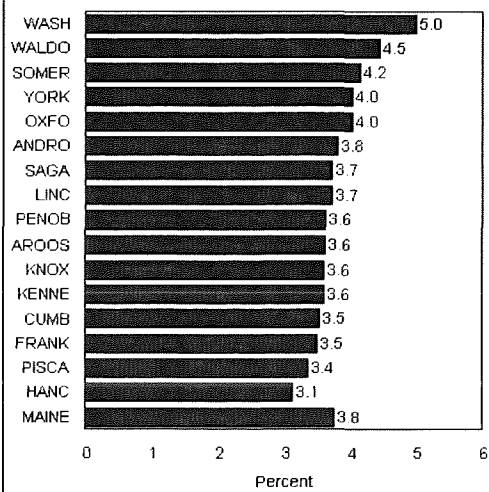
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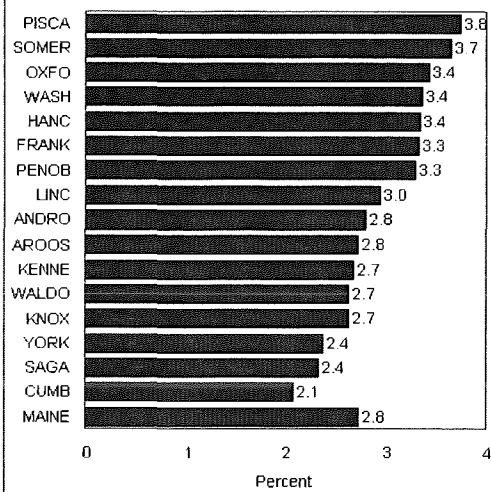
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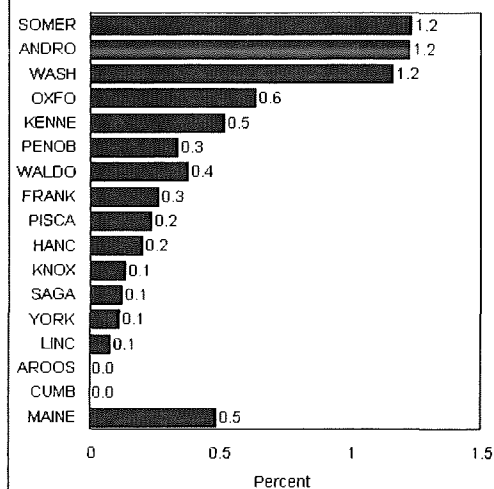
Percent of Maine Children Living with Other Relatives

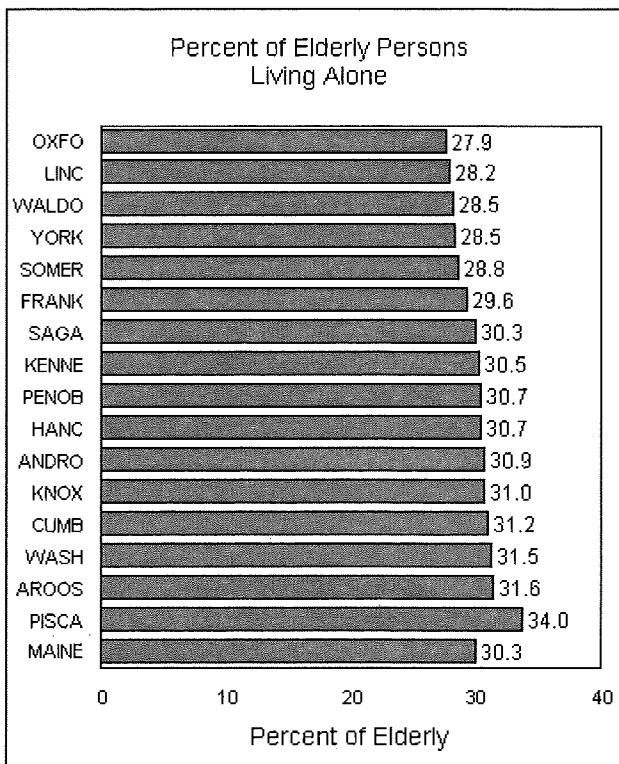
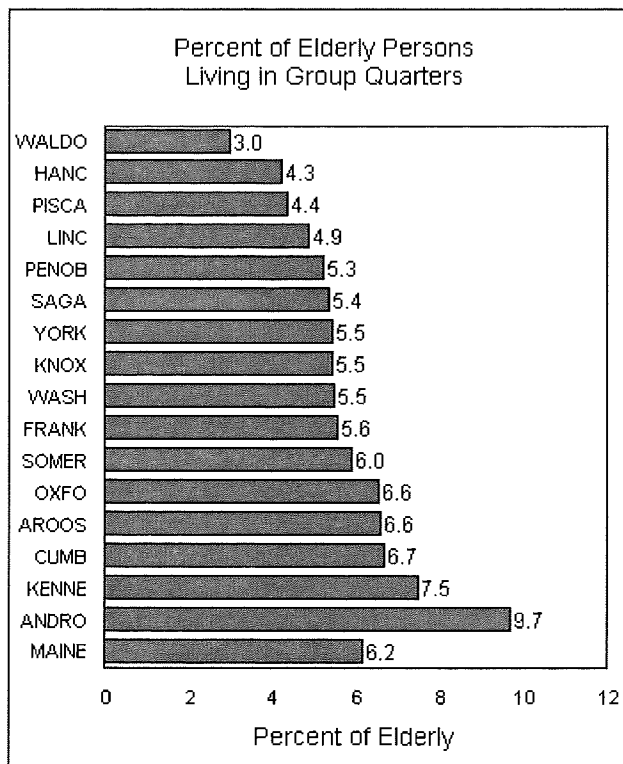
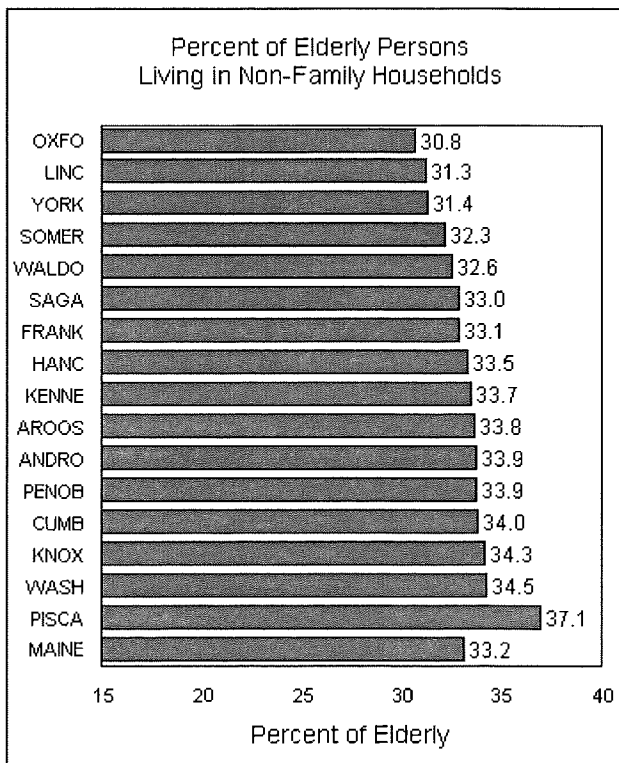
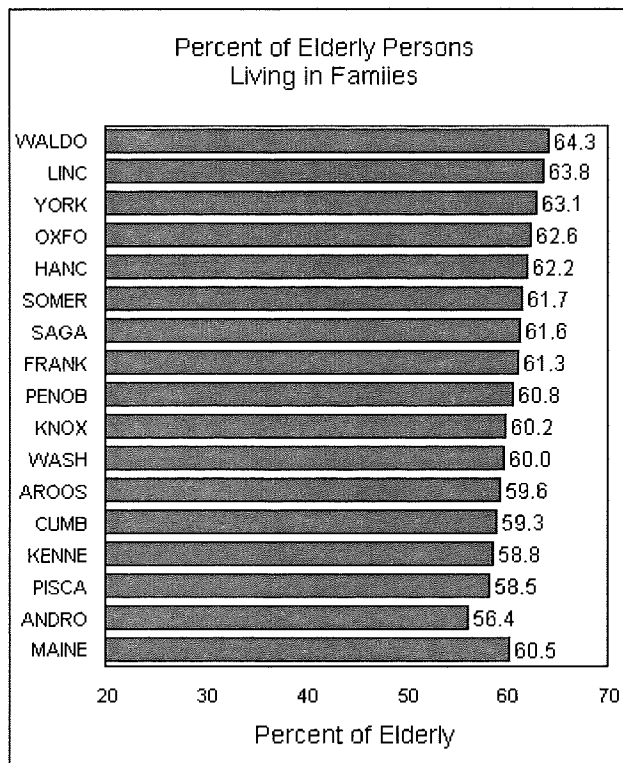


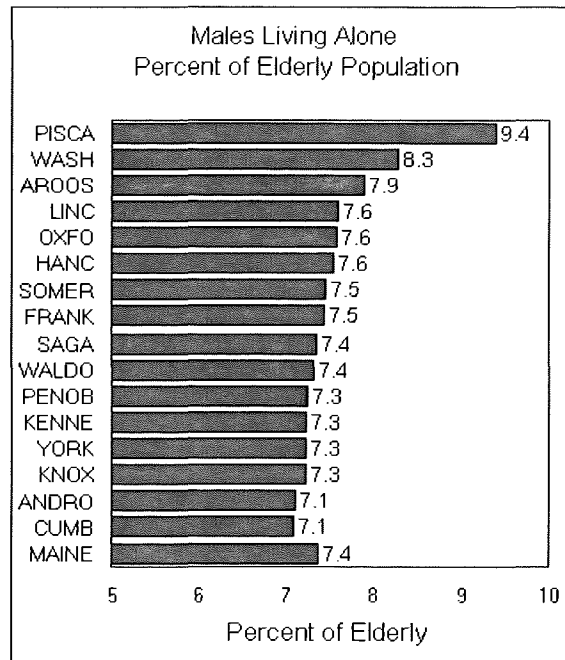
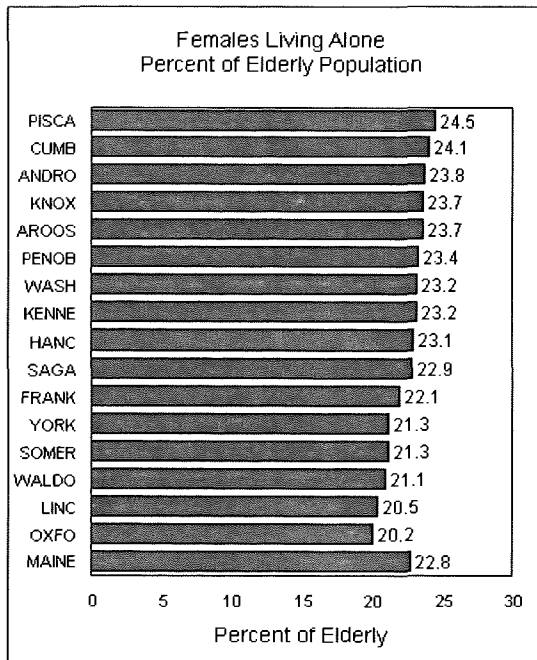
Percent of Maine Children Living with Non-Relatives



Percent of Maine Children Living in Group Quarters







Summary Data for Maine Counties  
U.S. Census Bureau Census 2000

| County:      | Total<br>Population | Median<br>Age | Total<br>Households | Average<br>Hsd. Size | Total<br>Families | Average<br>Fam. Size | No. of<br>Children | Pct.<br>Under18 | No.of<br>Elderly | Pct.<br>Age 65+ |
|--------------|---------------------|---------------|---------------------|----------------------|-------------------|----------------------|--------------------|-----------------|------------------|-----------------|
| Androscoggin | 103,793             | 37.2          | 42,028              | 2.38                 | 27,183            | 2.91                 | 24,836             | 23.9            | 14,962           | 14.4            |
| Aroostook    | 73,938              | 40.7          | 30,356              | 2.36                 | 20,436            | 2.86                 | 16,720             | 22.6            | 12,551           | 17.0            |
| Cumberland   | 265,612             | 37.6          | 107,989             | 2.38                 | 67,699            | 2.95                 | 61,962             | 23.3            | 35,324           | 13.3            |
| Franklin     | 29,467              | 38.2          | 11,806              | 2.4                  | 7,748             | 2.88                 | 6,929              | 23.5            | 4,184            | 14.2            |
| Hancock      | 51,791              | 40.7          | 21,864              | 2.31                 | 14,238            | 2.81                 | 11,543             | 22.3            | 8,285            | 16.0            |
| Kennebec     | 117,114             | 38.7          | 47,683              | 2.38                 | 31,328            | 2.89                 | 27,927             | 23.8            | 16,605           | 14.2            |
| Knox         | 39,618              | 41.4          | 16,608              | 2.31                 | 10,728            | 2.83                 | 8,859              | 22.4            | 6,832            | 17.2            |
| Lincoln      | 33,616              | 42.6          | 14,158              | 2.35                 | 9,545             | 2.82                 | 7,627              | 22.7            | 6,107            | 18.2            |
| Oxford       | 54,755              | 40.2          | 22,314              | 2.42                 | 15,180            | 2.87                 | 13,234             | 24.2            | 8,793            | 16.1            |
| Penobscot    | 144,919             | 37.2          | 58,096              | 2.38                 | 37,813            | 2.88                 | 33,100             | 22.8            | 18,920           | 13.1            |
| Piscataquis  | 17,235              | 42.1          | 7,278               | 2.34                 | 4,858             | 2.83                 | 4,034              | 23.4            | 2,995            | 17.4            |
| Sagadahoc    | 35,214              | 38.0          | 14,117              | 2.47                 | 9,636             | 2.96                 | 9,074              | 25.8            | 4,334            | 12.3            |
| Somerset     | 50,888              | 38.9          | 20,496              | 2.44                 | 14,117            | 2.87                 | 12,563             | 24.7            | 7,278            | 14.3            |
| Waldo        | 36,280              | 39.3          | 14,726              | 2.43                 | 10,053            | 2.88                 | 8,776              | 24.2            | 4,947            | 13.6            |
| Washington   | 33,941              | 40.5          | 14,118              | 2.34                 | 9,304             | 2.84                 | 7,781              | 22.9            | 5,856            | 17.3            |
| York         | 186,742             | 38.5          | 74,563              | 2.47                 | 50,819            | 2.96                 | 46,273             | 24.8            | 25,429           | 13.6            |
| MAINE        | 1,274,923           | 38.6          | 518,200             | 2.39                 | 340,685           | 2.90                 | 301,238            | 23.6            | 183,402          | 14.4            |

| County:      | Total<br>Households | Types of Households: |           | Types of Family Hslds: |                          |                            | Types of Non-Family Hslds: |                |
|--------------|---------------------|----------------------|-----------|------------------------|--------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|----------------|
|              |                     | Family               | Nonfamily | Married<br>Couple      | Male Head<br>(no spouse) | Female Head<br>(no spouse) | Male<br>Head               | Female<br>Head |
| Androscoggin | 42,028              | 27,183               | 14,845    | 20,851                 | 1,799                    | 4,533                      | 6,897                      | 7,948          |
| Aroostook    | 30,356              | 20,436               | 9,920     | 16,865                 | 1,119                    | 2,452                      | 4,375                      | 5,545          |
| Cumberland   | 107,989             | 67,699               | 40,290    | 54,109                 | 3,377                    | 10,213                     | 17,300                     | 22,990         |
| Franklin     | 11,806              | 7,748                | 4,058     | 6,186                  | 478                      | 1,084                      | 1,865                      | 2,193          |
| Hancock      | 21,864              | 14,238               | 7,626     | 11,692                 | 780                      | 1,766                      | 3,375                      | 4,251          |
| Kennebec     | 47,683              | 31,328               | 16,355    | 24,603                 | 1,937                    | 4,788                      | 7,321                      | 9,034          |
| Knox         | 16,608              | 10,728               | 5,880     | 8,676                  | 557                      | 1,495                      | 2,438                      | 3,442          |
| Lincoln      | 14,158              | 9,545                | 4,613     | 7,938                  | 518                      | 1,089                      | 2,069                      | 2,544          |
| Oxford       | 22,314              | 15,180               | 7,134     | 12,065                 | 991                      | 2,124                      | 3,402                      | 3,732          |
| Penobscot    | 58,096              | 37,813               | 20,283    | 29,913                 | 2,167                    | 5,733                      | 9,201                      | 11,082         |
| Piscataquis  | 7,278               | 4,858                | 2,420     | 3,934                  | 312                      | 612                        | 1,155                      | 1,265          |
| Sagadahoc    | 14,117              | 9,636                | 4,481     | 7,709                  | 572                      | 1,355                      | 2,110                      | 2,371          |
| Somerset     | 20,496              | 14,117               | 6,379     | 11,102                 | 955                      | 2,060                      | 3,075                      | 3,304          |
| Waldo        | 14,726              | 10,053               | 4,673     | 8,124                  | 601                      | 1,328                      | 2,173                      | 2,500          |
| Washington   | 14,118              | 9,304                | 4,814     | 7,356                  | 610                      | 1,338                      | 2,245                      | 2,569          |
| York         | 74,563              | 50,819               | 23,744    | 41,029                 | 2,738                    | 7,052                      | 10,832                     | 12,912         |
| MAINE        | 518,200             | 340,685              | 177,515   | 272,152                | 19,511                   | 49,022                     | 79,833                     | 97,682         |

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| County:      | Total<br>Children | Live in<br>Households | Live in<br>Group Qtrs | Live with:<br>Both Parents | Father only | Mother only | Another<br>Relative | A Non-<br>Relative |
|--------------|-------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|----------------------------|-------------|-------------|---------------------|--------------------|
| Androscoggin | 24,836            | 24,750                | 86                    | 16,012                     | 1,727       | 5,333       | 949                 | 701                |
| Aroostook    | 16,720            | 16,514                | 206                   | 11,978                     | 967         | 2,491       | 605                 | 461                |
| Cumberland   | 61,962            | 61,634                | 328                   | 44,717                     | 2,889       | 10,492      | 2,196               | 1,302              |
| Franklin     | 6,929             | 6,923                 | 6                     | 4,689                      | 509         | 1,244       | 243                 | 232                |
| Hancock      | 11,543            | 11,468                | 75                    | 8,022                      | 801         | 1,888       | 362                 | 388                |
| Kennebec     | 27,927            | 27,887                | 40                    | 18,848                     | 1,908       | 5,330       | 1,008               | 755                |
| Knox         | 8,859             | 8,859                 | 0                     | 6,190                      | 567         | 1,537       | 320                 | 236                |
| Lincoln      | 7,627             | 7,611                 | 16                    | 5,460                      | 497         | 1,141       | 284                 | 226                |
| Oxford       | 13,234            | 13,198                | 36                    | 8,857                      | 956         | 2,382       | 534                 | 456                |
| Penobscot    | 33,100            | 32,712                | 388                   | 22,349                     | 1,995       | 6,033       | 1,198               | 1,097              |
| Piscataquis  | 4,034             | 4,034                 | 0                     | 2,740                      | 302         | 696         | 136                 | 152                |
| Sagadahoc    | 9,074             | 9,063                 | 11                    | 6,424                      | 548         | 1,536       | 338                 | 214                |
| Somerset     | 12,563            | 12,407                | 156                   | 8,058                      | 1,032       | 2,322       | 524                 | 461                |
| Waldo        | 8,776             | 8,742                 | 34                    | 5,931                      | 647         | 1,531       | 392                 | 234                |
| Washington   | 7,781             | 7,771                 | 10                    | 5,082                      | 615         | 1,409       | 391                 | 263                |
| York         | 46,273            | 46,159                | 114                   | 33,005                     | 2,552       | 7,588       | 1,874               | 1,111              |
| MAINE        | 301,238           | 299,732               | 1506                  | 208,362                    | 18512       | 52953       | 11354               | 8289               |

| County:      | Total   | Live in    | Live in    | Live in a       | Elder is a Hsd Head: |                 |                    | Elder lives with:  |                     |                    | Elders Living Alone: Live in Non-Family Hsd |         |       |         |
|--------------|---------|------------|------------|-----------------|----------------------|-----------------|--------------------|--------------------|---------------------|--------------------|---|---------|-------|---------|
|              | Age 65+ | Households | Group Qtrs | Family<br>Total | Male<br>Hsldr        | Female<br>Hsldr | Spouse<br>of Hsldr | Son or<br>Daughter | Another<br>Relative | A Non-<br>Relative | Males                                       | Females | Males | Females |
| Androscoggin | 14,962  | 13,504     | 1,458      | 8,434           | 3,602                | 792             | 3,132              | 429                | 422                 | 57                 | 1,068                                       | 3,555   | 120   | 112     |
| Aroostook    | 12,551  | 11,719     | 832        | 7,476           | 3,517                | 615             | 2,828              | 254                | 227                 | 35                 | 996   | 2,975   | 91    | 59      |
| Cumberland   | 35,324  | 32,953     | 2,371      | 20,937          | 8,748                | 2,282           | 7,818              | 1,037              | 899                 | 153                | 2,514                                       | 8,515   | 258   | 255     |
| Franklin     | 4,184   | 3,949      | 235        | 2,566           | 1,119                | 259             | 1,004              | 81                 | 90                  | 13                 | 313   | 924     | 39    | 44      |
| Hancock      | 8,285   | 7,928      | 357        | 5,153           | 2,327                | 440             | 2,001              | 219                | 130                 | 36                 | 628   | 1,912   | 61    | 63      |
| Kennebec     | 16,605  | 15,354     | 1,251      | 9,763           | 4,284                | 922             | 3,694              | 415                | 377                 | 71                 | 1,207                                       | 3,855   | 140   | 135     |
| Knox         | 6,832   | 6,457      | 375        | 4,112           | 1,847                | 398             | 1,601              | 116                | 102                 | 48                 | 496   | 1,621   | 50    | 72      |
| Lincoln      | 6,107   | 5,807      | 300        | 3,896           | 1,775                | 325             | 1,528              | 118                | 113                 | 37                 | 466   | 1,254   | 54    | 51      |
| Oxford       | 8,793   | 8,213      | 580        | 5,506           | 2,465                | 505             | 2,098              | 220                | 185                 | 33                 | 670   | 1,779   | 71    | 67      |
| Penobscot    | 18,920  | 17,925     | 995        | 11,507          | 5,116                | 1,042           | 4,251              | 555                | 430                 | 113                | 1,378                                       | 4,421   | 167   | 163     |
| Piscataquis  | 2,995   | 2,863      | 132        | 1,751           | 745                  | 195             | 671                | 79                 | 52                  | 9                  | 282   | 735     | 29    | 23      |
| Sagadahoc    | 4,334   | 4,100      | 234        | 2,671           | 1,163                | 258             | 993                | 137                | 107                 | 13                 | 320   | 994     | 32    | 31      |
| Somerset     | 7,278   | 6,844      | 434        | 4,491           | 2,038                | 409             | 1,655              | 195                | 159                 | 35                 | 545   | 1,548   | 74    | 66      |
| Waldo        | 4,947   | 4,797      | 150        | 3,182           | 1,425                | 303             | 1,172              | 129                | 120                 | 33                 | 364   | 1,044   | 68    | 48      |
| Washington   | 5,856   | 5,532      | 324        | 3,514           | 1,465                | 472             | 1,339              | 126                | 101                 | 11                 | 487   | 1,360   | 44    | 48      |
| York         | 25,429  | 24,039     | 1,390      | 16,055          | 6,948                | 1,523           | 6,040              | 796                | 662                 | 86                 | 1,847                                       | 5,410   | 211   | 189     |
| MAINE        | 183,402 | 171,984    | 11,418     | 111,014         | 48,584               | 10,740          | 41,825             | 4,906              | 4,176               | 783                | 13,581                                      | 41,902  | 1,509 | 1,426   |

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