

# Definitions and Sources of Data

**Demographics** are the estimated number of total individuals in Maine as of July 1, 2003, and the estimated number of individuals in various sub-age groupings within this estimated total population. The estimated number of individuals is determined by extrapolating from the 2000 Census and taking into account births, deaths, and net migration.

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

## PHYSICAL AND MENTAL HEALTH

**Children Participating in MaineCare, SFY 2005** is the estimated number and percent of individual children age 0 through 18 eligible for Medicaid during the state fiscal year. Data are reported by the child's county of residence at the time eligibility is determined.

SOURCE: Maine Department of Health and Human Services, Office of MaineCare Services

**Live Births For Which Prenatal Care Began in the First Trimester, 2003** is the number and percent of live births during the calendar year for which the mother began receiving prenatal care during the first three months of pregnancy.

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

**Low Birth-weight Infants, 2003** is the number and percent of live births occurring during the calendar year in which the newborn weighed less than 2500 grams (5.5 pounds).

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

**Infant Mortality, 1999-2003 annual average** is the number of deaths occurring to infants under 1 year of age averaged over the five-year period from 1999-2003, and the number of these infant deaths per 1,000 live births occurring during the same time period. The data are reported by place of residence, not place of death.

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

**Child Deaths, 1999-2003 annual average** is the number of deaths from all causes to children age 1 through 14 averaged over the five-year period from 1999-2003, and the number of these deaths per 10,000 children in this age range averaged over the same time period. The data are reported by place of residence, not place of death.

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

**Teen Deaths, 1999-2003 annual average** is the number of deaths from all causes to teens age 15 through 19 averaged over the five-year period from 1999-2003, and the number of these deaths per 10,000 teens in this age range averaged over the same time period. The data are reported by place of residence, not the place of death.

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

**High School Students Reporting Alcohol Use in the Past 30 Days, 2006** is the percent of high school students reporting that they had beer, wine, or hard liquor on from 1 to 40 or more occasions during the 30 days before taking the 2006 Maine Youth Drug and Alcohol Survey.

SOURCE: Maine Department of Health and Human Services, Office of Substance Abuse. Data available online at <http://www.maine.gov/dhhs/osa/>

**High School Students Reporting Cigarette Use in the Past 30 Days, 2006** is the percent of high school students reporting that they had smoked from less than 1 cigarette a day to more than 20 cigarettes a day during the 30 days before taking the 2006 Maine Youth Drug and Alcohol Survey.

SOURCE: Maine Department of Health and Human Services, Office of Substance Abuse. Data available online at <http://www.maine.gov/dhhs/osa/>

**High School Students Reporting Marijuana Use in the Past 30 Days, 2006** is the percent of high school students reporting that they had used marijuana on from 1 to 40 or more occasions during the 30 days before taking the 2006 Maine Youth Drug and Alcohol Survey.

SOURCE: Maine Department of Health and Human Services, Office of Substance Abuse. Data available online at <http://www.maine.gov/dhhs/osa/>

**Children in the Care or Custody of DHHS, December 2005** is a count in December of the number of children age 0 through 17 in the custody of the Department of Health and Human Services, and the number of these children per 1,000 children in the same age range. Children are in the custody of DHHS as a result of a child protection hearing where the child has been 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 interests of the child.

SOURCE: Maine Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Child Welfare Services

## SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC STATUS

**Children in Poverty, 2003** is the estimated number and percent of children age 0 through 17 who were living in poverty during the calendar year.

SOURCE: U.S. Census Bureau, Small Area Income and Poverty Estimates (SAIPE) program. Data are available online at <http://www.census.gov/hhes/www/saipe.html>

**Children Receiving TANF, December 2005** is the number and percent of children age 0 through 17 who were receiving Temporary Aid to Needy Families during the month.

SOURCE: Maine Department of Health and Human Services, Office of Integrated Access and Support

**Children Receiving Food Stamps, December 2005** is the number and percent of children age 0 through 17 who were receiving food stamp benefits during the month.

SOURCE: Maine Department of Health and Human Services, Office of Integrated Access and Support

**School Children Receiving Subsidized School Lunch, 2005-06** is the number of school children receiving subsidized school lunches through the National School Lunch Program during the school year, and the percent of these children in comparison to the total public school enrollment during the same time period. 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. School 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.

SOURCE: Maine Department of Education, School Nutrition Program. Data are available online at [http://portalx.bisoex.state.me.us/pls/doi\\_sfsr/eddev.ed534.ed534\\_parameters](http://portalx.bisoex.state.me.us/pls/doi_sfsr/eddev.ed534.ed534_parameters)

**Median Household Income, 2003** is the estimated median household income modeled from combined census estimates, current population surveys, 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 (SAIPE) program. Data are available online at <http://www.census.gov/hhes/www/saipe.html>

**Unemployment, 2004** is the number of unemployed persons age 16 and over averaged over the calendar year by summing the number of unemployed people for each month and dividing by 12. The percent is the average number of unemployed people divided by the average number of people in the civilian labor force.

SOURCE: Maine Department of Labor, Bureau of Employment Security, Division of Labor Market Information Services, Local Area Unemployment Statistics Program (LAUS). Data are available online at <http://www.state.me.us/labor/lmis/laus.html>

**Teen Pregnancies, 2003** is the number of teen pregnancies reported as live births, induced abortions, and fetal deaths occurring to females age 10 through 17 during the calendar year, and the number of these pregnancies per 1,000 females in this age range during the same time period.

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

**Births to Single Teens Who Have Not Completed 12 Years of School, 1999-2003 annual average** is the number of births to females age 10 through 19 who have not completed 12 years of school averaged over the five-year period from 1999-2003, and the number of these births per 1,000 females in this age range averaged over the same time period.

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

**Arrests of Children, 2004** is the number of arrests of children age 10 through 17 during the calendar year, including repeat offenses for the same individual, and the number of these arrests per 1,000 children in the same age range during the same time period.

SOURCE: Maine Department of Public Safety, Uniform Crime Reports, 2004. The data are available online at [http://www.maine.gov/dps/cim/crime\\_in\\_maine/cim.htm](http://www.maine.gov/dps/cim/crime_in_maine/cim.htm)

**Arrests of Children for Crimes Against Persons, 2004** is the number of arrests of children age 10 through 17 for crimes against individuals (murder and non-negligent manslaughter, forcible rape, and robbery) during the calendar year, including repeat offenses for the same individual, and the number of these arrests per 1,000 children in the same age range during the same time period.

SOURCE: Maine Department of Public Safety, Uniform Crime Reports, 2004. The data are available online at [http://www.maine.gov/dps/cim/crime\\_in\\_maine/cim.htm](http://www.maine.gov/dps/cim/crime_in_maine/cim.htm)

## EDUCATION AND LEARNING

**Public High School Graduates, Class of 2004** is the number of students who graduated from their high school rather than dropping out of school sometime during their high school years, and the percent of these students in comparison to the total class (graduates plus the number of all dropouts during the 9th, 10th, 11th and 12th grade years of this graduating class). A separate completion rate is calculated for each graduating class, such as the "Class of 2004."

SOURCE: Maine Department of Education, Division of Management Information. Data available online at <http://www.maine.gov/education/enroll/enrifacts.htm>

**Public High School Dropouts, 2003-04** is the number of public high school students who have withdrawn or been expelled from high school before graduating or completing of a program of studies and who have not enrolled in another educational institution or program, and the percent of these students in comparison to the total number of students enrolled in public high school. Each local educational unit submits a dropout report to the Department of Education as of the last day of school with a count of all students who dropped out during the previous calendar year.

SOURCE: Maine Department of Education, Division of Management Information. Data available online at <http://www.maine.gov/education/enroll/enrifacts.htm>  
Note: This calculation is referred to as an "event" dropout rate.

**Public High School Graduates Planning to Attend Post-secondary School, 2003-04** is the number of public high school graduates (regular diploma, other diploma or certificate of completion during the previous school year or subsequent summer school) who intend to or who 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, and the percent of these students in comparison to the total number of students who graduated.

SOURCE: Maine Department of Education, Division of Management Information. Data available online at <http://www.maine.gov/education/enroll/enrifacts.htm>

**Special education students, 2004-05** is the number of students age 3 through 21 with disabilities requiring the provision of special education services who are counted on December 1 of the school year as enrolled in special education in schools and individual education programs in Maine, and the percent of these students in comparison to the total number of students counted as enrolled in regular education on October 1 of the school year. The special education child count is completed by school administrative units, approved state operated or state supported schools, and Child Development Services sites.

SOURCE: Maine Department of Education, Office of Special Services. Data are available online at [http://www.state.me.us/education/speced/EFS05/public\\_reports.htm](http://www.state.me.us/education/speced/EFS05/public_reports.htm)