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Franklin County is classified as “very rural” with a population density of 17.4 people per square mile. The population increased 1.6% between 1990 and 2000, half the Maine growth rate of 4%. The County’s birth rate of 10.2 births for every 1,000 residents is significantly lower than the national birth rate of 13.9 births for every 1,000 residents. The largest town is Farmington, with a population of 7,410 people. Forty-eight percent of Franklin County’s population is male and 52% is female. The high school graduation rate is comparable to the state average; however, there are fewer residents who attain a Bachelor’s degree or higher (18.4%). Economic indicators lag behind, with Greater Franklin County having one of the highest unemployment rates in the state and a median household income lower than the averages for the state and nation. However, Franklin County, like Maine, has one of the lowest violent crime rates in the nation, 1.21 per 1,000 persons. Maine has the second lowest violent crime rate in the nation, 1.11 per 1,000 persons; the highest is for Washington D.C., 15.18 per 1,000 persons, which also has the highest population density of 9,317 people per square mile.

❖ Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Census 2000

State/County	Land Area
Maine	30,861.55
Androscoggin	470.27
Aroostook	6,671.54
Cumberland	835.51
Franklin	1,697.81
Hancock	1,587.70
Kennebec	867.58
Knox	365.67
Lincoln	455.99
Oxford	2,078.00
Penobscot	3,395.73
Piscataquis	3,966.22
Sagadahoc	253.90
Somerset	3,926.50
Waldo	729.73
Washington	2,568.48
York	990.92

❖ Source: US Census Bureau, Census 2000

State/County	Population
State of Maine	1,274,923
Androscoggin	103,793
Aroostook	73,938
Cumberland	265,612
Franklin	29,467
Hancock	51,791
Kennebec	117,114
Knox	39,618
Lincoln	33,616
Oxford	54,755
Penobscot	144,919
Piscataquis	17,235
Sagadahoc	35,214
Somerset	50,888
Waldo	36,280
Washington	33,941
York	186,742

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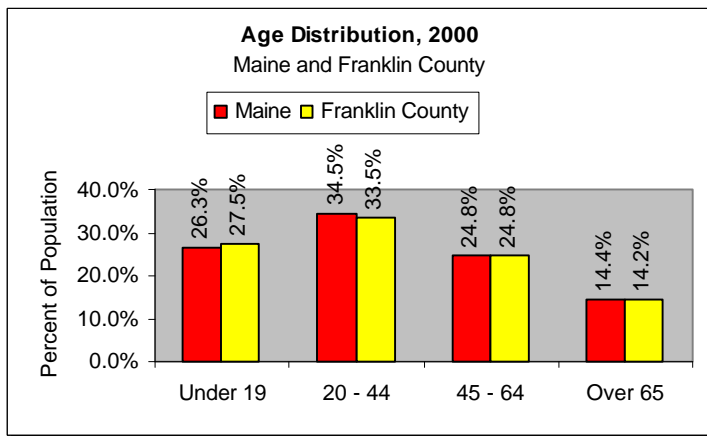
(Table 3)
Municipality Populations for the Healthy Community Coalition Service Area, 2000

Municipality	Population	Municipality	Population	Municipality	Population
<i>Avon</i>	504	<i>Industry</i>	790	<i>Rangeley Plan.</i>	123
<i>Carrabasset</i>	399	<i>Jay</i>	4,985	<i>Rangeley</i>	1,052
<i>Carthage</i>	520	<i>Kingfield</i>	1,103	<i>Sandy River</i>	93
<i>Chesterville</i>	1,170	<i>Livermore*</i>	2,106	<i>Plantation</i>	
<i>Coplin Plan.</i>	135	<i>Livermore Falls*</i>	3,227	<i>Starks*</i>	578
<i>Dallas Plan.</i>	250	<i>Madrid</i>	173	<i>Strong</i>	1,259
<i>Dixfield*</i>	2,514	<i>New Portland*</i>	785	<i>Temple</i>	572
<i>Eustis</i>	685	<i>New Sharon</i>	1,297	<i>Weld</i>	402
<i>Farmington</i>	7,410	<i>New Vineyard</i>	725	<i>Wilton</i>	4,123
<i>Fayette*</i>	1,040	<i>Phillips</i>	990	<i>Vienna*</i>	527
<i>Townships</i>	707				
				Grand Total	40,244

* Indicates towns outside of Franklin County
❖ Source: US Census Bureau 2000

Graph 1

Age Distribution



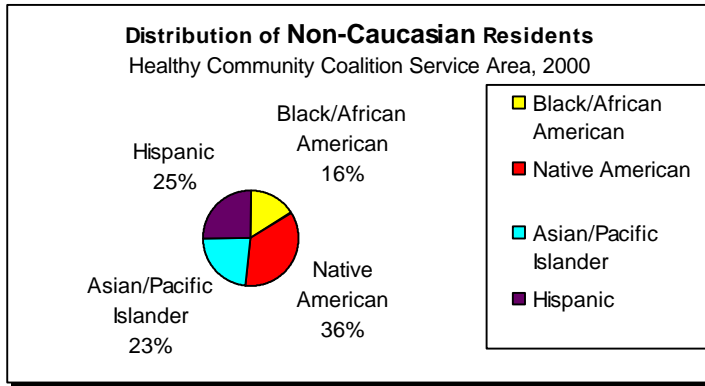
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- The age distribution for Maine and Franklin County is very similar indicating the population is aging. 14% of the population is over 65 years of age.
- Health care demands are shifting toward the needs of the elderly. SeniorsPlus in Wilton has a waiting list for its Meals on Wheels, which prepares 300 meals a day for the elderly in Greater Franklin County and half of Oxford County.

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Graph 2

Non-Caucasian Residents

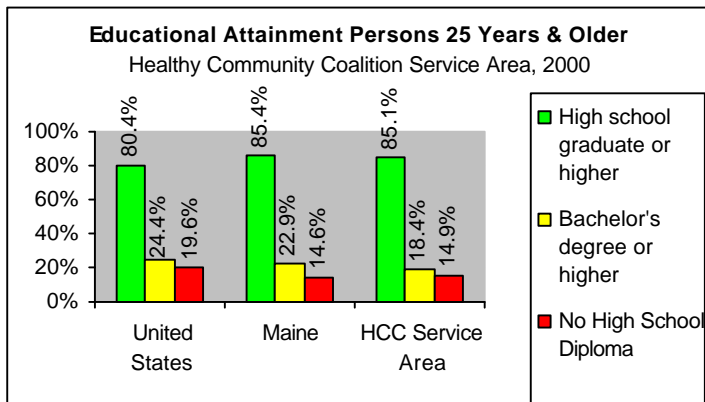


- In Greater Franklin County, only 2.31% of the residents are classified as Non-Caucasian.
- In the U.S, 29.4% of the residents are classified as Non-Caucasian.

❖ Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Census 2000

Graph 3

Educational Attainment



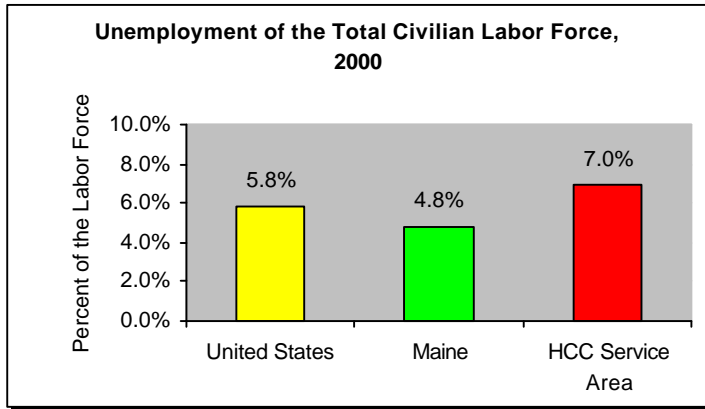
- The high school graduation rate is comparable to the state average; both are higher than the national average.
- The percent for Bachelor's degree attainment (18.4%) is lower than the state and national averages.

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Graph 4

Unemployment

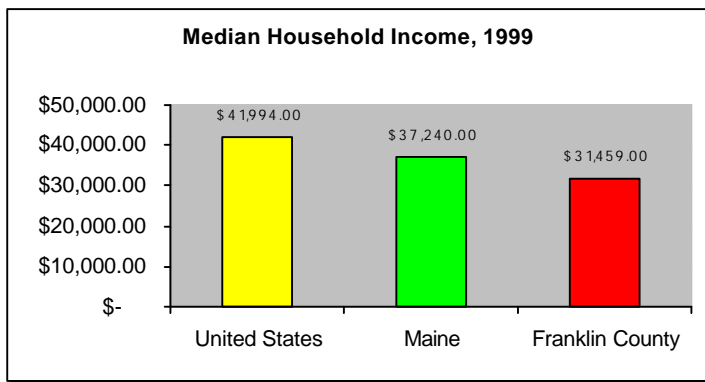


❖ Sources: U.S. Census Bureau, Census 2000; Poverty in Maine 2003, Maine Community Action Association

- According to the 2000 U.S. Census, Greater Franklin County had one of the highest unemployment rates in the state and in the nation, 7.0%.
- The 2002 monthly average unemployment rate for Franklin County was 5.4%, the state's was 4.4%.

Graph 5

Median Household Income



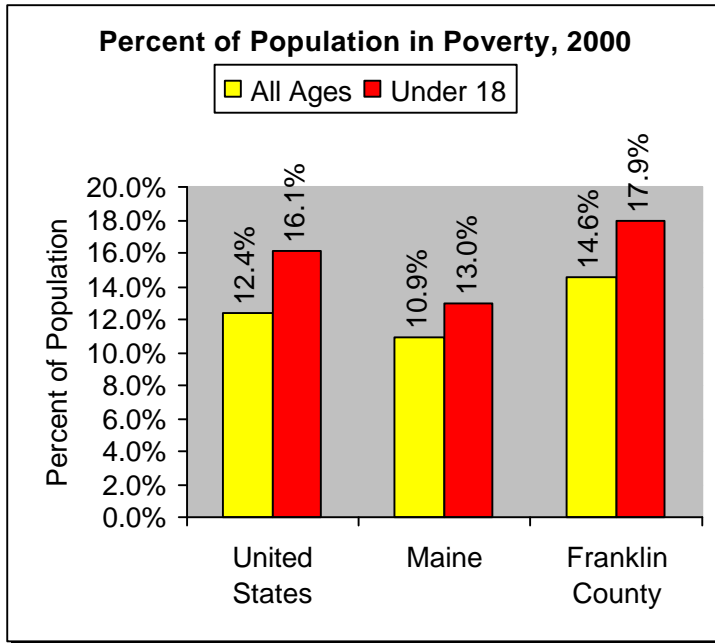
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- Franklin County's income level is almost \$6,000 below the state level, and is over \$10,000 below the national level.

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Graph 6

Poverty



❖ U.S. Census Bureau, Census 2000

- The percent of individuals living in poverty is high compared to the state and national averages.
- Approximately 15% of all individuals in Franklin County live in poverty.
- In the largest town, Farmington, 23% of all individuals live in poverty.
- 35% of all families that have a female head of household (no husband present) are living in poverty.