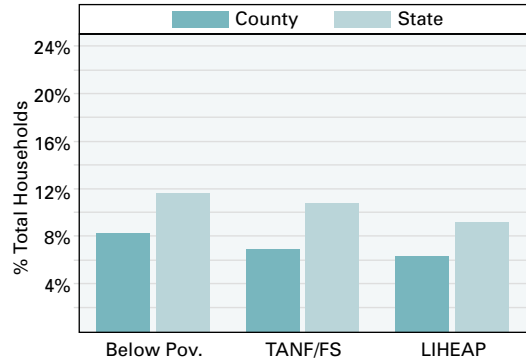
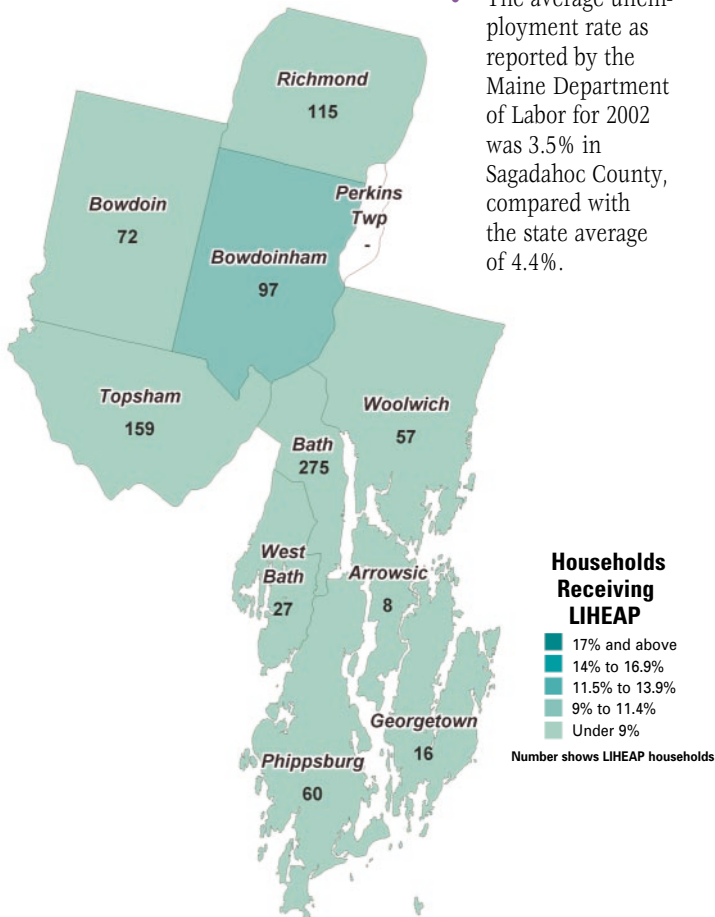


Sagadahoc County's people have higher levels of educational attainment and higher incomes than the state averages. There is a lower overall poverty rate, and the types of households and age distribution of those below poverty differ somewhat from the state pattern. As reported in Census 2000:

- Per-capita income is 4.3% above the state average and median household income is 12.5% above.
- The household poverty rate is lower than in the state as a whole, and is the second lowest of any county. Compared with the statewide totals, a higher proportion of below-poverty households in Sagadahoc County consists of households headed by women with no spouse.
- Younger persons (age 18 and below) represent a considerably higher proportion of those under poverty compared with the state as a whole.
- A greater proportion of Sagadahoc's population has college degrees (Associate or Bachelor's) than in the state as a whole, and a smaller proportion has less than a high school education.

Employment figures for the county are better than state averages, but there is a higher proportion of "working poor."

- The average unemployment rate as reported by the Maine Department of Labor for 2002 was 3.5% in Sagadahoc County, compared with the state average of 4.4%.



- Almost three quarters of households below poverty (Census 2000) reported having one or more members working part- or full-time, compared with just under 60% of below-poverty households statewide.

Until fairly recently, housing was more affordable in Sagadahoc County than in neighboring Cumberland and Lincoln counties, although it was less-affordable than in the state as a whole. Rapidly rising housing costs, especially in Cumberland County, are leading to increased growth in Sagadahoc, with a subsequent decrease in availability of affordable housing for those with low- to moderate-incomes.

Sagadahoc County residents were considerably below the state average in participation in DHS benefits programs (TANF and food stamps) and in participation in the LIHEAP program in the last fiscal year (October 1, 2001-September 30, 2002).

- Sagadahoc was the second lowest county in the state in the proportion of households and individuals receiving TANF and food stamps, and was also second lowest in the proportion of households receiving LIHEAP benefits.
- Compared with LIHEAP households statewide, a larger proportion of households in Sagadahoc had income from wages, and a smaller proportion had social security or supplemental security income (SSI).
- The LIHEAP program served a smaller proportion of total county households with older persons (9%), compared with 13.2% of such households statewide.

Population Poverty Status, by Age				
	Below Poverty		Above Poverty	
	County (3,014)	State (135,501)	County (31,895)	State (1,105,392)
(Number)				
Age				
Under 18	37.5%	29.6%	24.4%	23.0%
18-64	53.6%	57.2%	63.3%	62.8%
65 and over	8.9%	13.2%	12.3%	14.2%

Education Levels		
	County	State
(Population age 25 and over)	(23,862)	(869,893)
Less than high school	12.0%	14.6%
High school	35.8%	36.2%
Some college, no degree	19.3%	19.0%
Associate degree	7.9%	7.4%
Bachelor's or higher	25.0%	22.9%

Income		
	County	State
Median Household Income	\$41,908	\$37,240
Per-capita Income	\$20,378	\$19,533
(Number households)	(14,159)	(518,372)
Household Income, by ranges		
Under \$20,000	19.7%	25.0%
\$20,000 - \$29,999	12.8%	14.9%
\$30,000 and above	67.5%	60.2%

Household Poverty Status, by Household Type (as percent of all households)				
	County		State	
	Below	Above	Below	Above
(Number households)	(14,159)		(518,372)	
Poverty Status				
Family Households				
Married-couple	1.4%	53.8%	2.1%	51.3%
Female householder, no spouse	3.0%	6.6%	2.6%	6.6%
Male householder, no spouse	0.4%	3.3%	0.5%	3.0%
Other Households				
Single person, under age 65	1.8%	14.1%	3.0%	13.1%
Single person, age 65 or over	1.1%	8.3%	2.1%	8.7%
Other non-family	1.2%	5.7%	1.2%	5.8%
Total households	8.2%	91.8%	11.5%	88.5%

Household Poverty Status and Employment						
	Percent of Households Below Poverty			Percent of Households Above Poverty		
	Full-time work	Less than full-time	Did not work	Full-time work	Less than full-time	Did not work
Family Households	19.9%	55.4%	24.7%	72.8%	15.4%	11.8%
Other Households	3.6%	37.8%	58.7%	52.0%	23.9%	24.2%

Unemployment Rate (2002 monthly average)		
	County	State
Labor force	16,000	686,200
Percent unemployed	3.5%	4.4%

Percent of Households with Income Below \$35,000 Paying More Than 35% of Monthly Income for Housing						
Income	County			State		
	Renters	Owners	All Households	Renters	Owners	All Households
Under \$10,000	67.3%	66.8%	67.2%	68.6%	75.5%	70.7%
\$10,000 - \$19,999	55.4%	46.4%	51.5%	52.1%	39.6%	46.4%
\$20,000 - \$34,999	14.7%	29.7%	22.9%	12.8%	23.6%	19.1%

Households Lacking Access to Vehicle						
(Number)	County			State		
	Renters (3,948)	Owners (10,169)	All Households (14,117)	Renters (147,280)	Owners (370,920)	All Households (518,200)
%	11.0%	2.7%	5.1%	18.5%	3.3%	7.6%

TANF/Food Stamps and LIHEAP Benefits*				
	County		State	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
TANF &/or Food Stamps (monthly avg unduplicated count)				
Cases	967	6.9%	55,445	10.7%
Recipients	2,003	5.7%	108,767	8.5%
LIHEAP				
Households	889	6.3%	46,994	9.1%
Recipients	1,948	5.5%	98,825	7.8%
Hslds age 65 and over	275	9.0%	16,937	13.2%

*Percentage cases or households is % of total county or state households; percentage recipients is % of county or state population.

LIHEAP Client Household Characteristics*		
	County	State
(Number households)	(889)	(46,994)
Average household income	\$11,613	\$11,209
% Single person households	44.1%	45.5%
% Receiving food stamps	48.1%	49.7%
% Medicaid	57.3%	57.5%
% SSI	18.8%	22.9%
% SS/SSD	48.0%	52.8%
% With wages or self-employment	11.1%	8.6%
% LIHEAP applicants age 65 and over	30.9%	36.0%

*Percentage is % of LIHEAP households

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