## UNITED STATES/MAINE

## Key facts of the water sector

### **Territory**

- Surface (km²): 91 646 (US Census Bureau, 2010)
- Population size (million): 1.328 (US Census Bureau, 2013 est.)
- Population density (inhabitants/km²): 17 (US Census Bureau, 2010)
- Share of urban population: 14.6% of total population, 2010 (OECD, 2012)
- Number of households (million): 0.553 (US Census Bureau, 2008-2012)
- Average household size: 2.34 persons (US Census Bureau, 2008-2012)

## Data on the sector activity

- Number of water operators: 150 drinking water systems (OECD Survey, 2014)
- Water main networks (km pipelines): NA
- Number of active connections (million): NA
- Abstracted water volume (million m³): NA
- Average consumption (litre/resident/day): 660 for the United States (Marques, 2010)
- Non-Revenue Water (in %): NA
- Turnover of the water industry: USD 131 million, revenues of all water utilities (EUR 96 million – OECD Survey, 2014)

# Key facts of the water regulator

- Year of establishment: 1915
- Multi-sector regulator: Electricity, telephone, gas, drinking water (not sewerage) and ferry service
- Share of water operators covered: 100% of drinking water systems
- Budget:
  - USD 500 000 (revenues collected from water utilities) (EUR 364 545)
  - USD 6.4 million (total) (EUR 4.7 million)
- Number of employees: 4 (water regulation)

For more information:

Maine Public Utilities Commission 18 State House Station

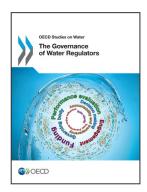
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Source: OECD Survey, 2014.

#### Institutional arrangements for water regulation Public agencies **Associations** Association of Metropolitan Water Water Environment **Environment** Federal level Agencies (AMWA) Federation (WEF) **Department of Agriculture Protection Agency National Association of Regulatory** (EPA) American Water Works **Utility Commissions (NARUC)** Association (AWWA) National Association of Water Companies (NAWC) American Water Works Association Research **National Rural Water Association** Foundation (AWWARF) (NRWA) Government Public agencies Associations Maine Department of Maine Public State level Various associations at **Environmental Protection** Utilities state level Commission **Maine Department of Health** and Human Resources **Drinking Water** Programme Local authorities / Counties Provision of water and wastewater services

Sources: OECD Survey on the Governance of Water Regulators, 2014, Maine Public Utilities Commission: <a href="http://quickfacts.census.gov/qfd/states/23000.html">www.maine.gov/mpuc</a>; US Census Bureau: <a href="http://quickfacts.census.gov/qfd/states/23000.html">http://quickfacts.census.gov/qfd/states/23000.html</a>; "Elaborations on the metropolitan database"; OECD (2012), Redefining "Urban": A New Way to Measure Metropolitan Areas, OECD Publishing, Paris, <a href="http://dx.doi.org/10.1787/9789264174108-en">http://dx.doi.org/10.1787/9789264174108-en</a>; and Marques, R. (2010), Regulation of Water and Wastewater Services – An International Comparison, IWA Publishing, London.



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