

55 The rate of deaths is $\frac{8.8}{1000} = 0.88\%$. This means that 0.88% of the population died in 1994. Let P be the population of the United States. Then, $0.0088P = 2.28 \Rightarrow P = \frac{2.28}{0.0088} \approx 259$. There were approximately 259 million people in the United States in 1994.