



Maine Community College System

RURAL INITIATIVE

Rural Definition

A Committee of representatives from the Maine Department of Education, the Maine Department of Labor, and the Maine Community College System has worked to define the term rural as it relates to participation in activities of the MCCS Rural Initiative.

The Committee determined that two factors would prevent a community from being considered rural:

- *Population of over 10,000;*
- *Communities contiguous to towns and cities with populations over 10,000.*

Based on these two factors, residents of the communities listed below **are not** eligible for participation in MCCS Rural Initiative activities.

Maine communities not on this list are considered rural, and their residents are eligible to participate in the activities of the MCCS Rural Initiative.

Communities Not Considered Rural

Alfred	Gorham	Portland
Arundel	Greene	Sabattus
Auburn	Hallowell	Saco
Augusta	Hampden	Sanford
Bangor	Harpswell	Scarborough
Bath	Hermon	Shapleigh
Benton	Kennebunk	Sidney
Biddeford	Kennebunkport	South Portland
Brewer	Lebanon	Topsham
Brunswick	Lewiston	Vassalboro
Buxton	Lisbon	Veazie
Cape Elizabeth	Manchester	Waterville
Chelsea	Minot	Wells
Dayton	New Gloucester	West Bath
Durham	North Berwick	Westbrook
Fairfield	Oakland	Whitefield
Falmouth	Old Orchard Beach	Windham
Freeport	Orono	Windsor
Glenburn	Poland	Winslow