

2011–2012 Fact Sheet



Maine Community College System

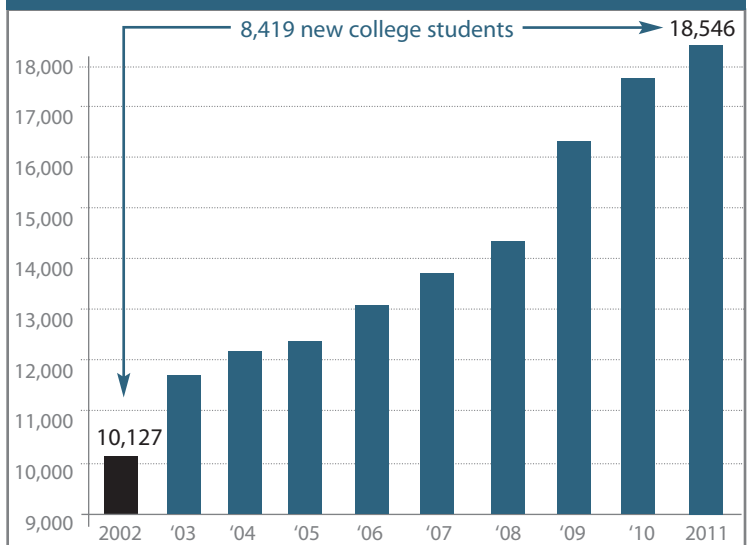
Maine's comprehensive two-year college system, offering technical, career, and transfer programs; customized training; and lifelong learning.

Who we serve

- 18,546 students enrolled in the fall of 2011.
- 94% of first-year MCCS students are Maine residents..
- 37% come directly from high school.
- 32% entered with some prior college.
- 55% of all students attend part-time.
- The average age of first-year students is 27.
- 59% of first-year students are 21 or under; 22% are between 22 and 29; 19% are 30 or older.
- 82% of full-time students receive financial aid.

Enrollment growth

The MCCS is one of the fastest growing community college systems in the nation. Enrollment has increased 83% in 9 years.



About our alumni

- 93% of graduates land jobs or continue their education.
- 92% of employed graduates are working in Maine.
- The number of MCCS students transferring to 4-year institutions has grown dramatically in recent years. The greatest increase has been in transfers to the University of Maine System (UMS). During the 2010/11 academic year, 916 MCCS students transferred on to the UMS. They joined hundreds of other recent MCCS alumni who are working towards degrees at over 163 colleges in 40 states.
- Maine's community colleges graduated over 700 nurses and allied health professionals in 2010, more undergraduate healthcare completers than any other college, university, or higher education system in the state.



Maine's community colleges offer the lowest tuition in New England:

\$86 a credit hour.

The average cost to attend full time is about \$3,300 a year in tuition and fees.

A wide range of academic programs

- The Maine Community College System offers nearly 300 associate degree, certificate, and diploma options.
- About 85% of programs offered at Maine's community colleges are the only ones of their kind in the state.

Affordable

- Over the past five years, Maine community colleges have held the line on the cost of attendance and have had the lowest increases in tuition and fees in all of New England.

Responsive to the needs of business and industry

- In 2011/12, over 770 MCCA students are preparing to become the state's newest police officers, emergency medical technicians, and fire fighters.
- Nearly 500 students who enroll annually in MCCA tourism and hospitality programs provide a skilled workforce for Maine's largest industry.
- New MCCA programs in wind power technology and solar energy are supporting Maine's growing green economy.
- The MCCA Rural Initiative's Bring College to ME program has delivered eight health care degree programs to rural areas of the state since 2008.

Serving students of all ages

- Through Early College for ME and On Course for College, the MCCA has awarded over \$2.6 million in scholarship assistance to high school students studying at a Maine community college.
- The number of students entering a Maine community college directly from high school has increased 62% in 10 years, from 1,251 in 2002 to 2,023 in 2011.
- The *Accelerate ME* initiative is designed to help Maine residents who have earned some college credits complete their associate degree in 12 months.

Offering customized training and education

- Since 1994, the MCCA Maine Quality Centers program has helped 223 companies expand their operations in Maine. The result: 11,733 new jobs for Maine people.
- Over 28,000 individuals are served by the state's community colleges each year—through degree programs, customized training, and credit and non-credit offerings.

Our locations

The seven community colleges and their off-campus centers are within 25 miles of 92% of Maine's population. Off-campus centers are located in Bath, Damariscotta, Dover-Foxcroft, East Millinocket, Ellsworth, Houlton, Madawaska, and South Paris.

Central Maine Community College (Auburn)
www.cmcc.edu

Eastern Maine Community College (Bangor)
www.emcc.edu

Kennebec Valley Community College
(Fairfield/Hinckley)
www.kvcc.me.edu

Northern Maine Community College (Presque Isle)
www.nmcc.edu

Southern Maine Community College
(South Portland and Brunswick)
www.smccme.edu

Washington County Community College (Calais)
www.wccc.me.edu

York County Community College (Wells)
www.yccc.edu