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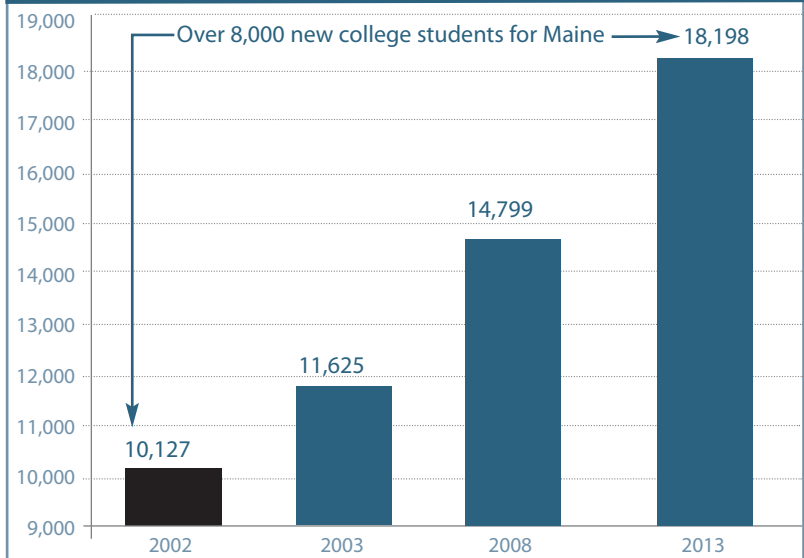
Maine's comprehensive two-year college system, offering technical, career, and transfer programs; customized training; and lifelong learning.

### Who we serve

- 18,198 students enrolled in the fall of 2013.
- 93% of incoming MCCS students are Maine residents.
- 41% come directly from high school.
- 33% entered with some prior college.
- 57% of all students attend part time.
- The average age is 27.
- 61% of incoming students are 21 or under; 20% are between 22 and 29; 18% are 30 or older.
- 82% of full-time, degree-seeking students receive financial aid.

### Enrollment growth

Since the colleges made the transition from technical to community colleges in 2003, enrollment has grown 80%. In the past five years, enrollment has grown 23%.



### About our alumni

- The number of academic credentials awarded by the colleges has increased 78% in the last 10 years.
- 91% of graduates land jobs or continue their education.
- 92% of employed graduates are working in Maine.
- Over 700 MCCS students transferred to the University of Maine system in 2013/14.
- Maine's community colleges graduated over 670 nurses and allied health professionals in 2012, nearly one-third of all the undergraduate healthcare completers in Maine.





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

**\$88 a credit hour.**

*The average cost to attend full time is about \$3,350 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.

### **Responsive to the needs of business and industry**

- In 2013/14, over 760 MCCA students are preparing to become the state's newest police officers, emergency medical technicians, and fire fighters.
- Over 520 students enroll annually in MCCA tourism and hospitality programs, providing a skilled workforce for Maine's largest industry.
- New MCCA offerings in wind power technology, renewable energy, and building science and sustainability are supporting Maine's growing green economy.
- The MCCA has recently added or expanded degree programs in composite technology, health information technology, precision machining, veterinary technology and other high demand fields to meet the workforce needs of Maine employers.

### **Serving students of all ages**

- Through Early College for ME and On Course for College, the MCCA has awarded over \$3.6 million in scholarship assistance to high school students taking courses at a Maine community college.
- The number of students entering a Maine community college directly from high school has increased 43% in the past decade, from 1,571 in 2003 to 2,239 in 2013.

### **Affordable**

- Maine's community colleges offer the lowest tuition and fees in New England and average \$3,350 for a full-time student.

### **Offering customized training and education**

- Since 1994, the MCCA Maine Quality Centers program has helped 228 companies expand their operations in Maine. The result: 12,820 new jobs for Maine people.
- Over 30,000 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](http://www.cmcc.edu)

**Eastern Maine Community College** (Bangor)  
[www.emcc.edu](http://www.emcc.edu)

**Kennebec Valley Community College**  
(Fairfield/Hinckley)  
[www.kvcc.me.edu](http://www.kvcc.me.edu)

**Northern Maine Community College** (Presque Isle)  
[www.nmcc.edu](http://www.nmcc.edu)

**Southern Maine Community College**  
(South Portland and Brunswick)  
[www.smccme.edu](http://www.smccme.edu)

**Washington County Community College** (Calais)  
[www.wccc.me.edu](http://www.wccc.me.edu)

**York County Community College** (Wells)  
[www.yccc.edu](http://www.yccc.edu)