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Maine Adult Education

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Last year one in every 10 Maine adults enrolled in a career, vocational, academic or enrichment program through the Maine Adult Education System.¹

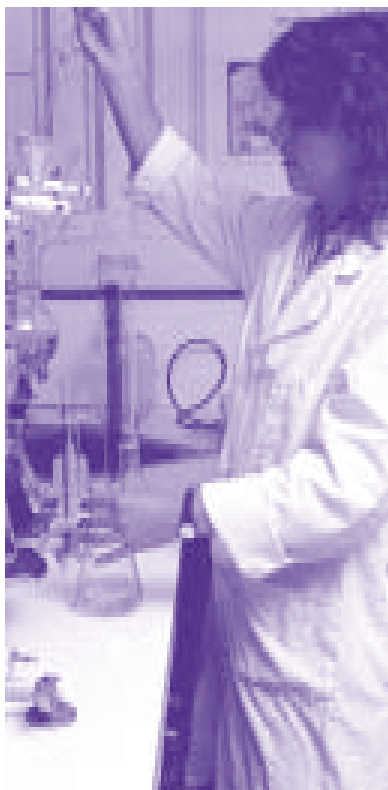


Education can transform lives. That is something we witness every day in the Maine Adult Education System. With more than 126 program in 200 communities throughout the state, Maine Adult Education is a powerful force for opportunity and change in Maine.

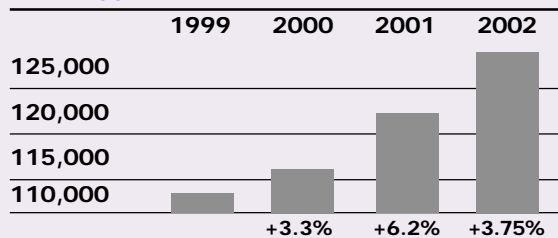
Last year 125,518 Maine residents enrolled in adult education programs throughout the state. That represents a 3.75% increase in adult student enrollment since 2001, and a 14% rise in enrollment since 1999. That means one in every 10 Maine adults made the decision to open

the door to the opportunities and experiences that only education can offer. Maine Adult Education students were dislocated workers learning new career skills . . . immigrants learning how to thrive in a new culture . . . Maine workers striving to succeed in an increasingly competitive global economy . . . and families seeking a better life.

Wherever there was a need, Maine Adult Education was there with essential educational resources for Maine people and businesses.



**Maine Adult Education Annual Enrollment
1999-2002**

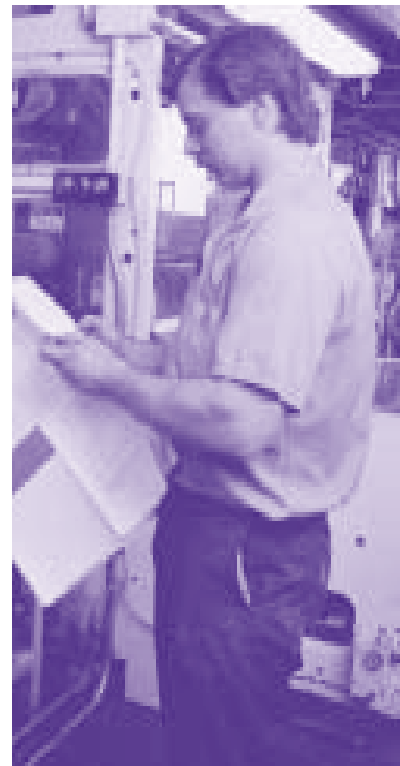


¹ Maine Department of Education, Adult, Career Technology Education Team.

Only 30% of Maine residents 25 years and older achieve a higher education degree compared with 38% in the New England region.²

Education equals quality of life. That simple, self-perpetuating equation has been proven time and again. The higher the level of education, the higher salaries our workers make. The better educated our workforce is, the better able our businesses are to compete in the global marketplace. The better educated Maine parents are, the healthier and more successful their children will be.

In 2002, the Maine Adult Education System enrolled nearly 30,000 adult students in our Literacy, High School Completion and College Transition programs. These programs, offered in schools, community centers, corrections facilities and hundreds of other locations throughout the state are at the core of our mission to provide lifelong, quality educational services.



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Maine Adult Education Academic Programs 2002 Enrollment

Literacy	11,267	(subsidized)
High School Completion	16,804	(subsidized)
College Transition	1,754	(subsidized)



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In 2002, Maine Adult Education partnered with the Maine CareerCenters to counsel and train 2,457 dislocated workers from 63 companies.³

Education strengthens people and communities. It gives people the resources and skills they need to cope with change and grow.

In 2002, Maine Adult Education continued to be on the forefront of change in our state, helping Maine residents gain the career skills they need to succeed. We provided low-cost, accessible vocational and career training to more than 25,000 Maine workers. Our career

training includes comprehensive certificate programs in health-care (including Certified Nursing Assistant), accounting, retail and business fields. Technology training accounted for 30% of all vocational education programs in 2002.

The year 2002 presented many challenges for Maine's economy with business and plant closings throughout the state. Maine Adult Education was there to help. We provided counseling, basic education and job training to more than one-third of all the laid off workers in Maine.

Lifelong learning and education are critical components of a high quality of life and growing a healthy economy.⁴

Education is a road that should not end with a high school or college degree. Learning should be a lifelong quest that improves and enriches our quality of life. In 2002, nearly 70,000 Mainers joined neighbors and friends on the path of discovery by enrolling in Maine Adult Education enrichment, community and recreational programs. These programs are, in many ways, the backbone of the Maine Adult Education System. The buildings where they are taught become true community centers where neighbors can learn together in a friendly and accepting environment.

Maine Adult Education Career & Workplace Programs 2002 Enrollment

Vocational 25,855 (subsidized)

Maine Adult Education Community Programs 2002 Enrollment

Enrichment	57,568	(self-sustaining)
Recreation/Community	12,270	(self-sustaining)

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³ *Maine's Dislocated Workers. Maine Adult Education Association Member Survey 2003, and the Maine Department of Labor.*

⁴ *Measures of Growth 2003, Maine Economic Growth Council.*

Funding

Since 1991, Maine Adult Education subsidies increased by only 9.8% while the local share of those subsidies increased by 141.7%.⁵

31% of all adult education programs receive less than \$10,000 in state subsidy every year. 53% receive less than \$25,000 annually.⁶

Maine Adult Education funding comes from a variety of sources. During the past decade, local and municipal taxes have remained the largest single source of adult education funding (36%). Just under 22% comes from state subsidies. Another 12% comes from federal grants for adult and vocational education: the Carl D. Perkins Act of 1998 grants for vocational education and the Adult Basic Education (Literacy) grant program.

During the past decade, Maine Adult Education has developed several consistent revenue-generating activities that have enabled it to expand the system's services and resources. In 2002, nearly 31% of Maine Adult Education revenues came from enrollment fees, contracts to provide career and workplace training, federal and private grant monies and other sources of funding.



Adult Education Funding FY 2002

State funding	\$4,388,191
Local share	7,168,701
AEFLA Grant	1,675,722
Carl Perkins Grant	733,224
Local contracts ¹	772,536
Other contracts ²	1,088,582
Enrollment fees ^{1†}	2,824,761
Other ³	1,469,261
Total	\$20,120,978



1 Contracts with local businesses and/or municipal agencies.

2 Contracts for educational services with DHS, DOL and other state agencies.

3 Other federal grants (e.g., Even Start Family Literacy), grants from private organizations (the Barbara Bush Foundation and NELLIE MAE), other school department funds made available to adult education (e.g., 16-20 year old money from GPA) and support from individuals and organizations not detailed elsewhere.

^{5, 6} Maine Department of Education, Adult, Career Technology Education Team.

Ashland	Ellsworth	Lincoln	Rumford
Auburn	Fairfield	Lisbon Falls	Sabattus
Augusta	Falmouth	Livermore Falls	Saco
Baileyville	Falmouth	Lubec	St. Albans
Bangor	Farmington	Machias	Sanford
Bath	Fort Fairfield	Machiasport	Scarborough
Belfast	Fort Kent	Madawaska	Searsport
Bethel	Freeport	Madison	Sherman Station
Biddeford	Fryeburg	Mars Hill	Skowhegan
Bingham	Gardiner	Mechanic Falls	South Berwick
Boothbay Harbor	Gorham	Mexico	South Paris
Bridgton	Gray	Millinocket	South Portland
Brunswick	Greenville	Milo	South Windham
Buckfield	Greenville Junction	Monmouth	Standish
Bucks Harbor	Guilford	Mt. Desert	Swan's Island
Bucksport	Hallowell	Newport	Thomaston
Calais	Hampden	North Anson	Thorndike
Camden	Harrington	North Berwick	Topsham
Cape Elizabeth	Hermon	North Haven	Turner
Caribou	Hodgdon	North Turner	Van Buren
Casco	Houlton	Oakland	Vinalhaven
Charleston	Howland	Old Orchard Beach	Waldoboro
Corinth	Indian Island	Old Town	Warren
Cumberland	Island Falls	Orland	Waterboro
Damariscotta	Islesboro	Orono	Waterville
Danforth	Jackman	Pittsfield	Wells
Deer Isle	Jay	Porter	Westbrook
Dexter	Jonesport	Portland	Whitefield
Dover-Foxcroft	Kennebunk	Presque Isle	Windham
East Machias	Kingfield	Princeton	Winslow
East Millinocket	Kittery	Rangeley	Winthrop
East Sullivan	Lee	Readfield	Wiscasset
Eastport	Lewiston	Richmond	Yarmouth
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