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## **Change Is Coming to Higher Education, but Students Still Need Support**

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The higher education landscape is changing.

The population of “typical” college students — 18- to 22-year-olds who live on or very near their campus — is dwindling in Maine. Additionally, post-pandemic, there are expectations that students are able to attend at least some of their classes online, with a growing preference for online courses.

What’s more, while our traditionally aged college student population is shrinking, we have no shortage of adults who would benefit from some kind of post-secondary education. Online courses provide the much-needed flexibility that working adults need in order to achieve the next steps in their personal and career goals.