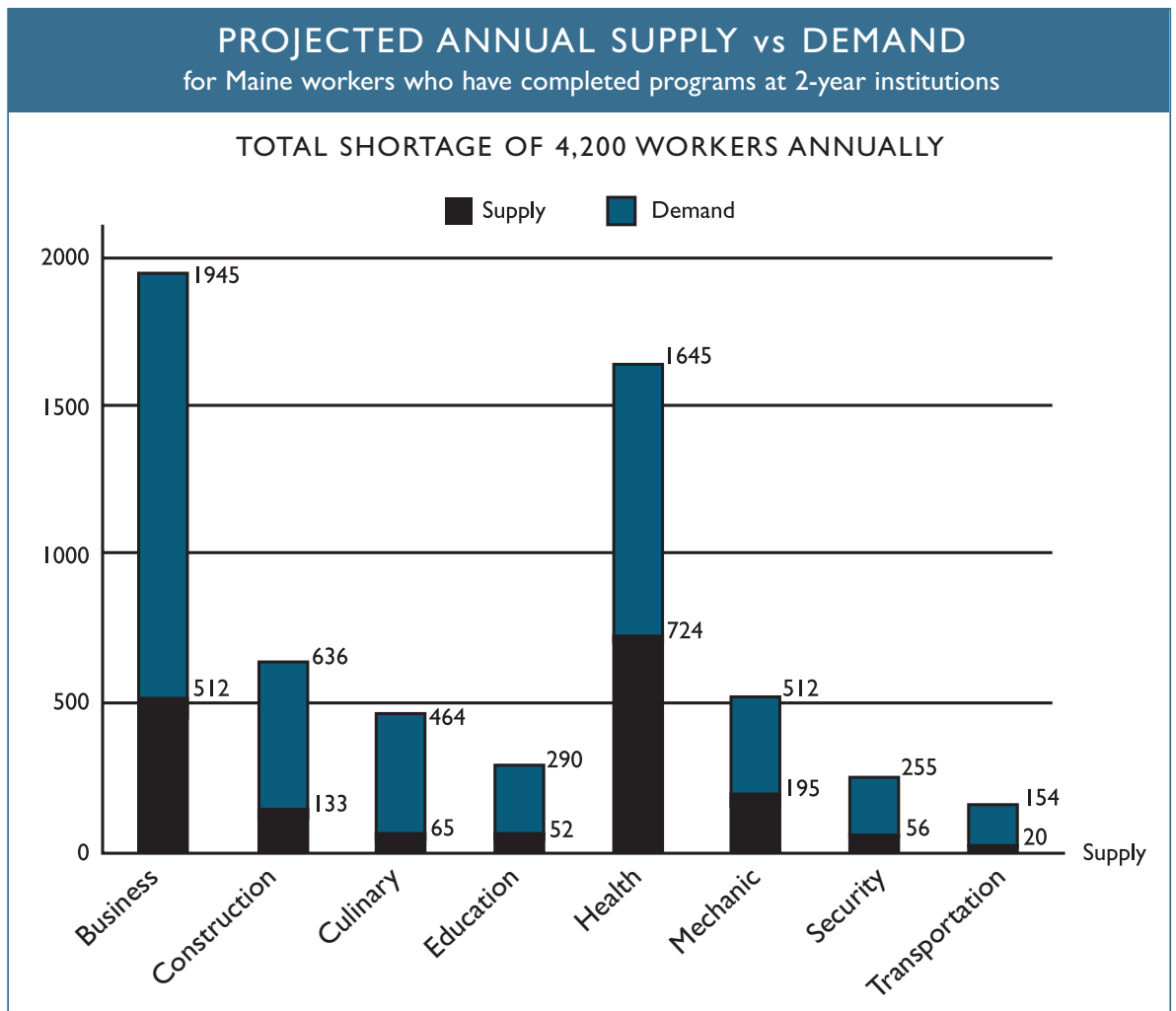


MAINE HAS A SHORTAGE OF SKILLED WORKERS

Maine's two-year programs are only graduating about 2,000 of the 6,000 skilled workers needed to meet the annual needs of many of the state's largest industries.



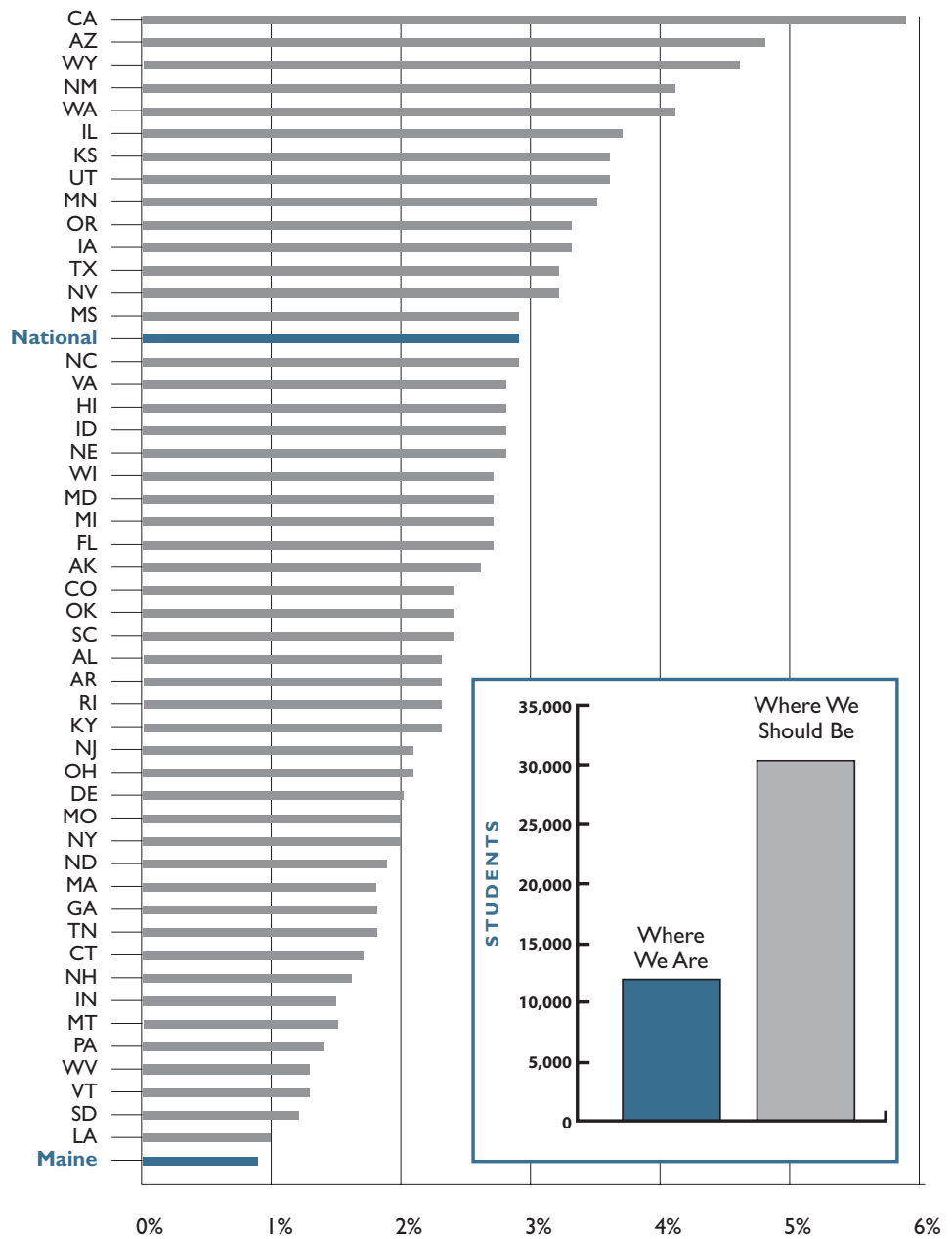
Source: MCCA Gap Analysis, 2006.



MAINE'S COMMUNITY COLLEGE SYSTEM IS TOO SMALL TO MEET THE NEEDS OF STUDENTS AND BUSINESS

MAINE'S COMMUNITY COLLEGE SYSTEM IS THE SMALLEST IN THE NATION

Percentage of state population age 18 or older served by community colleges



Source: NCES (2004e, 2004h), M CCS Fall Enrollment, US Census Bureau.

MCCS has reached its capacity: 42% growth in enrollment in first three years

But only 1% of population is enrolled. **Our goal:** achieve national average of 3% (30,000 students)

Maine's system is the smallest in the nation



STUDENT DEMAND FOR ACCESS TO MAINE'S COMMUNITY COLLEGES WILL CONTINUE TO GROW

MAINE MUST BUILD A BIGGER BRIDGE

- 455,000 adults in Maine do not have a college degree
- 55,000 are “very interested” in pursuing a degree
- 7,000 high school students (50%) graduate each year with no immediate plans to enroll in higher education
- Maine aims to increase its college going rate from 50% to 70% by 2010
- Adult Ed programs aim to help 10,000 Maine adults enroll in college over the next 10 years
- UMS is phasing out many of its 2-year programs
- The Maine Compact for Higher Education is working to achieve an additional 40,000 degree holders by 2020



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MAINE'S COMMUNITY COLLEGES DELIVER A HIGH RETURN ON INVESTMENT

THE BENEFITS TO MAINE ARE NUMEROUS
AND FAR REACHING



- 95% of graduates work or continue education
- 96% of those who enter the workforce are working in Maine
- 7–10 year ROI: graduates generate increased income and sales tax revenues
- More skilled workers to fill current shortages
- A more highly skilled workforce to fuel economic growth
- More transfer students to earn baccalaureate degrees
- More entrepreneurs to start new businesses
- Higher incomes, lower unemployment, increased tax base, improved quality of life



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GOAL: 30,000 CREDIT STUDENTS WITHIN 10 YEARS

RECOMMENDATIONS

\$20.3 million initial investment for 4,000 additional college students

- Support occupational and transfer mission
(an additional 4,000 community college students)
- Ensure affordable access
(more resources for financial aid)
- Provide convenient geographic access
(expansion of off-campus centers)
- Help more high school students go to college
(an additional 1,000 high school students served)
- Expand customized training and entrepreneurship programs (Maine Quality Centers services provided to an additional 800 trainees)

Major capital improvements bond issue to update and expand facilities

