Mapping New England

Community Colleges Serve Local Needs

The map illustrates that, in general, New England community colleges are located in areas of potential demand. Demand is approximated by the geographical concentration of likely community college applicants people 25 to 44 who have obtained a high school diploma or equivalent, but not a college degree.

Compared with other parts of the region, southern New England, the coastal regions of New Hampshire and southern Maine, and the Burlington, Vermont, area have a denser pool of likely applicants. The spatial distribution of community colleges generally corresponds to the concentration of potential applicants.



- Top Quartile (>67.4 persons/sq mi) Upper Quartile (21.7 - 67.4 persons/sq mi) Lower Quartile (7.2 - 21.7 persons/sq mi) Bottom Quartile (<7.2 persons/sq mi)
 - Community College

Source: 2000 Census, U.S. Census Bureau New England Association of Schools and Colleges

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