IMPLICATIONS OF KNOCKING AT THE COLLEGE DOOR IN NEW ENGLAND

HOW THE DECLINING NUMBER OF HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES WILL IMPACT OUR HIGHER EDUCATION COMMUNITY AND REGIONAL ECONOMY
New England Projections Over the Next Sixteen Years
General Overview

Knocking at the College Door

New Hampshire
Rhode Island
Maine
Massachusetts
Vermont
Connecticut

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New England Board of Higher Education
## General Overview

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A high school comparison:

- CT: Danbury High School 3,086
- ME: Lewiston High School 1,526
- MA: Brockton High School 4,032
- NH: Pinkerton Academy 3,230
- RI: Cranston High School East 1,658
- VT: Champlain Valley Union 1,291
By 2037, the region’s public high schools are projected to see an 11% decline in the number of graduates, and the data anticipates a larger decline of 23% among private high schools.

### Changes by Sector

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Demographic Shifts

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CT
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% changes in demographic shifts:

- CT: Hispanic: 74%, White: 39%, Black: -9.5%, Multi-racial: -34%
- MA: Hispanic: 59%, White: 18%, Black: -29%, Multi-racial: 29%
- ME: Hispanic: 29%, White: 44%, Black: 107%, Multi-racial: -13%
- NH: Hispanic: 92%, White: 95%, Black: 128%, Multi-racial: 92%
- RI: Hispanic: 32%, White: 13%, Black: -24%, Multi-racial: 33%
- VT: Hispanic: 55%, White: 59%, Black: -29%, Multi-racial: -28%

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Summary

On Monday or Tuesday of next week, each of our registered guests here will be getting this recorded webinar, as well as a link to WICHE's Knocking at the College Door Report, and our New England specific report.

And now I will pass it off to **Paul Reville** - former MA Secretary of Education and Current Professor at Harvard Graduate School of Education, who has a lifetime of experience in education in Massachusetts and beyond.