



Joint Select Committee on Maine's Workforce & Economic Future

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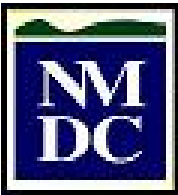
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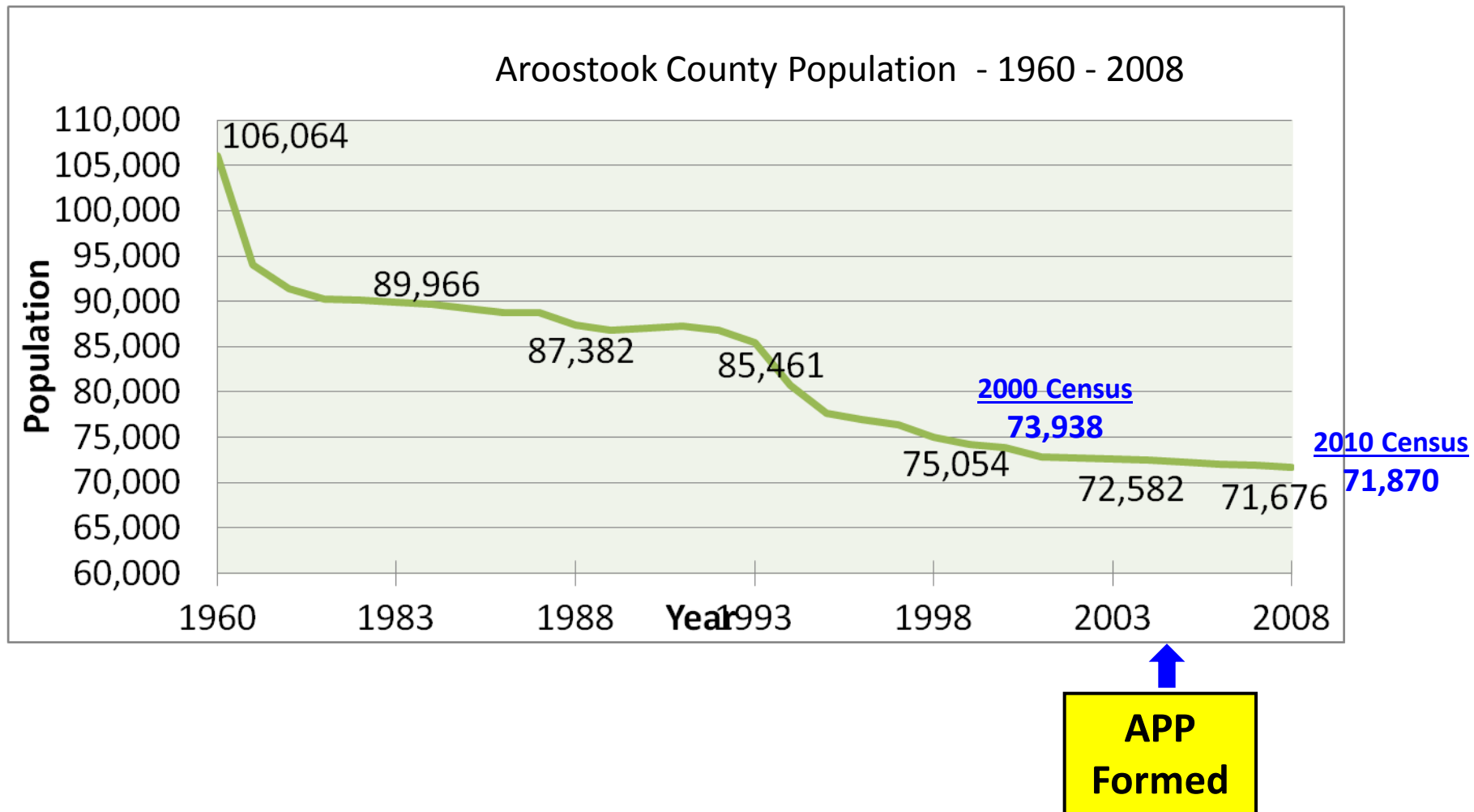
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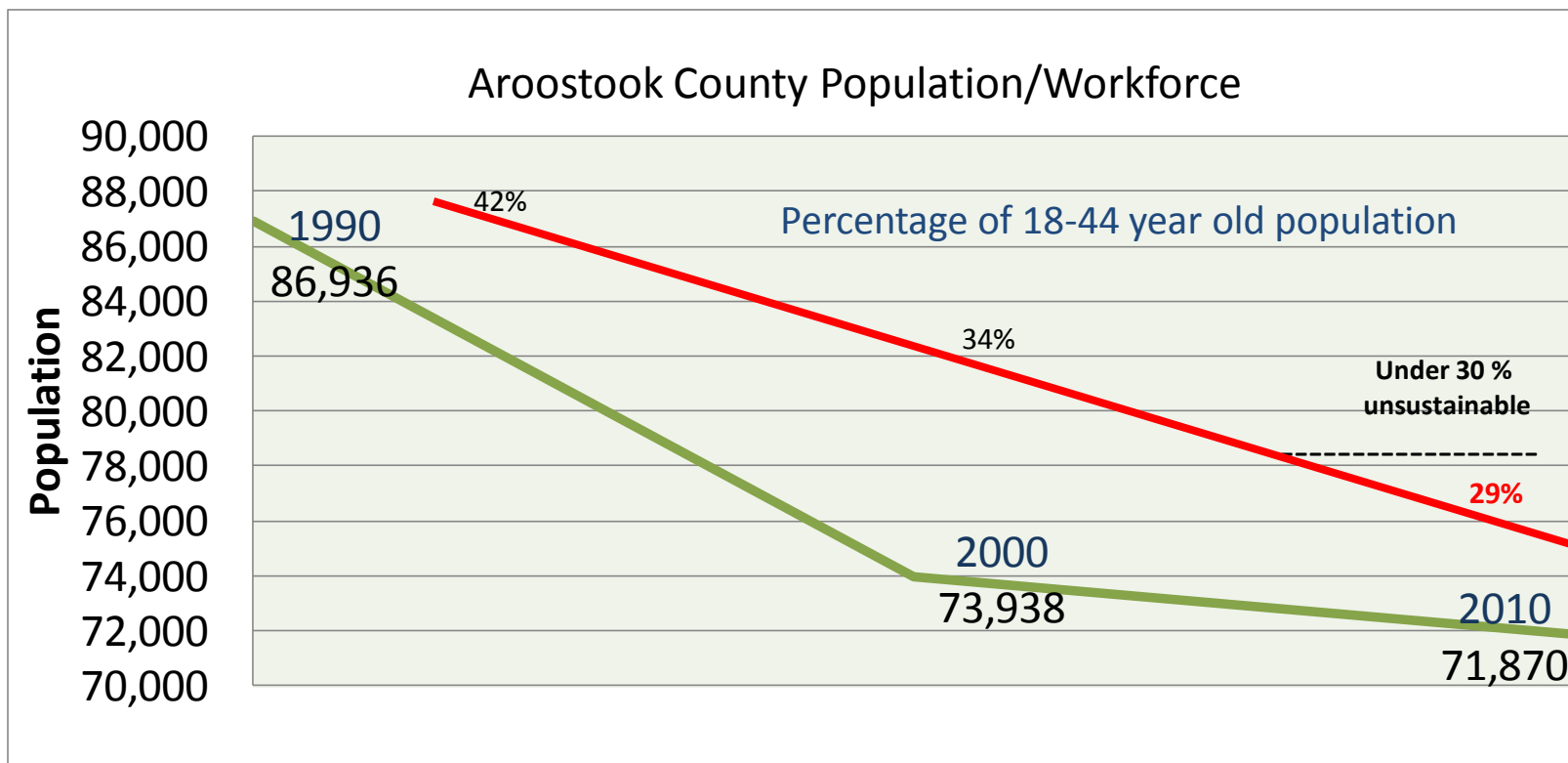


The Sense Of Urgency!





The Real Sense of Urgency



Will NOT Sustain Current Business Levels!

Aroostook Jobs Projection

- Website established: www.appme.org/jobs/main.html
- > **1800 Jobs projected over the next 5 years!**
 - > 625 in Healthcare
 - > 350 in Manufacturing
 - > 200 in Social Services
 - > 165 in Media/Communications
 - > 165 in Retail
 - > 90 in Insurance & Finance
 - > 75 in Transportation
 - > 55 in Energy
 - > 55 in Forestry
 - > 35 in Education

THERE ARE Jobs In Aroostook County!

Northern Maine 2017 Regional **TARGETS**

Northern Maine Region	Baseline 2007	2015 Target	2010	2017
Population	72,047	75,000	71,870	75000
Employable Population (16 and older)	60,716	62,500	59,360	62500
Labor Participation Rate	54.5%	57.5%	58%	60%
Total Employable (workforce line 3 x line 2)	33,142	35,938	34,429	37500
Total Jobs (Wage & Salary Jobs BEA CA30 line 240)	41,484	44,800	39,256	42,250
Average Wage	\$29,167	\$38,000	\$32,772	\$37,169
Total Region Wages	\$1.0B	\$1.365B	\$1.28B	\$1.44B
Per Capita Income	\$28,693	\$35,289	\$31,153	\$35,000
Regional GDP	\$2.55B	\$2.8B	\$3.28B	\$3.64B
Internet Subscribers	21,614	37,500	?	?
Bachelors Degrees or higher 25 & Over	8,287	11,500	8,903*	**TBD
Regional Specific Goals	Baseline 2007	2015 Target		
18-44 population			29%	32%
New Business Startups (Not Available)	TBD	?	MDOL	Tracking?
Healthcare % Private Payer	27.7%	27.7%	26%	27.7%
Associate Degrees 25 & Over	3,449		4,607*	**TBD

* ACS, 1 year Estimate

** In Progress

Manufacturing

- **>350 Jobs Projected In Aroostook Over Next 5 Yrs**
- Several metal manufacturers growing & expanding
 - Louisiana Pacific growing - **100 new jobs!**
 - Evergreen Manufacturing growing – **74 new jobs!**
 - Chand-Eisenmann growing – **10 - 20 new jobs!**
 - Smith & Wesson expanding production space
 - Bison Pumps now global & growing
- Housing Market new-start trends showing progress – will help Huber, LP, Maine Woods & Moosewood
- Potential for Biomass Manufacturing (Torrefied Wood)

Summary: Manufacturing appears to have great potential, excellent job growth and momentum over next 5 years in Aroostook County

JIAC Example

- Jobs and Innovation Accelerator Challenge
 - One of 20 Awards Nationwide (\$2 million)
 - Funded by EDA, USDOL ETA and SBA
 - EDA – Renewable Energy Cluster & Economy
 - ETA – Training 40 Engineering Students (Techs, Mgrs)
 - SBA – Counseling to R/E Related Businesses
 - Expanding the R/E Cluster to Washington County
 - Developing a Venture Development Organization
 - Linking Workforce and Economic Development



Suggestions

- WorkReady – Resides in DOE , Never Funded
- Maine Workforce & Economic Development Alliance
- CEDS for Workforce & Economic Development
- Mobilize Maine Initiative
- Maine Rural Development Authority