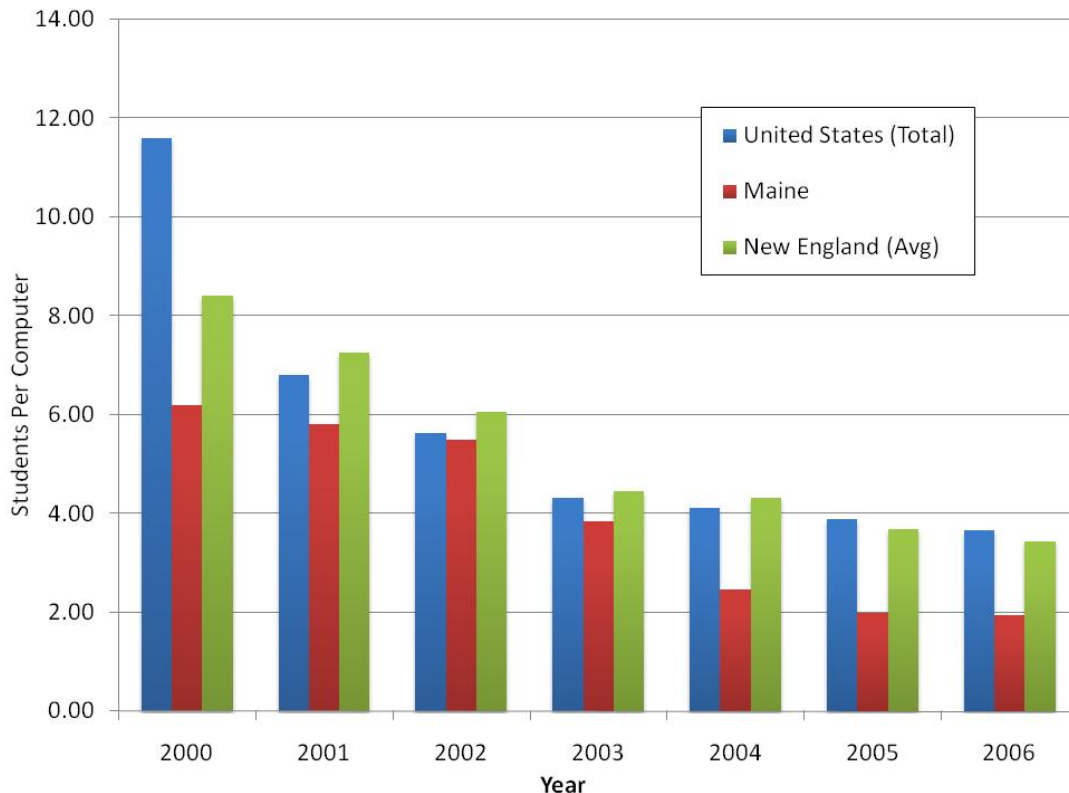


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Students per Internet Connected Computer



Maine is a leader with regard to access to computers and the Internet in the classroom. In 2006, there were 1.94 students per Internet connected computer in Maine compared to 3.65 in the U.S. as a whole and 3.44 in New England. Maine's program to provide a laptop to every 7th grade student made it one of a few states in the nation with classroom laptop programs.

Why This Is Significant

The Internet provides access to research and information that can enhance classroom curriculum at every grade level. Easy access to Internet-connected computers is needed for teachers to effectively incorporate information technologies into the learning environment. Computer literacy is increasingly becoming a minimum requirement of employers.

Sources

Student to computer ratios are from Technology Counts 2000-2006, Education Week; <http://edweek.org>

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