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### Abstract

The potential clientele for U.S. higher education is changing dramatically. The consequences for U.S. colleges and universities could be significant. Many areas, from admissions and academic programs to faculty appointments and fund raising, are being affected. This article describes the major demographic shifts and some of the novel actions that institutions have begun to take in response to them.

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"The dominant factor for business in the next two decades . . . is not going to be economics or technology. It will be demographics." So said the seldom reticent Peter Drucker recently (1997, p. 30). He was echoing the observation of economist John Maynard Keynes, who contended that the great events in history are often the result of slow changes in demography. The United States is certainly going through several major changes demographically, as are many other nations of the world. They have begun to affect U.S. colleges and universities, and will influence higher education even more forcefully in the decades ahead.

Many colleges and universities watch the U.S. Bureau of Census projections of the expected number of 18-to-24-year-olds in their state and surrounding states. They know that states like Arizona, California, Nevada, and Texas are projected to have 40% or so increases in college-age youth between 1995 and 2015, and that Iowa, Kentucky, Maine, and West Virginia face probable decreases in the number of their 18-to-24-year-olds by 2015. But several other demographic changes that will affect colleges are not as widely recognized.

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