

FocusMaine programs and partners are **delivering measurable impact** across key groups:

Interns

3,680 interns have participated in Maine Career Catalyst, including 60 through Aquaculture Pioneers

Each year, roughly **4 out of 5** participants report that there are viable career opportunities in Maine

70–80% of participants finish the summer with an interest in starting or continuing their careers in Maine

These interns were hosted at approximately **140 different employers**

Entrepreneurs and Businesses

More than **330** entrepreneurs and businesses have participated in FocusMaine business development

80 participants have engaged 3–12 times, either across multiple programs or through multi-year involvement

The Tastemakers Grant has awarded over **\$750,000 in grants** of up to \$25,000 to nearly 70 companies

Business growth supported by FocusMaine has generated **\$332.0 million** in total sales

In 2025, **65% of reporting participants** applied for and received growth funding

Among 2025 respondents:

- **58%** launched a new product
- **55%** entered a new market or sales channel
- **47%** adopted a new process or technology

Workers

From 2018–2025, participating businesses reported adding 725 direct jobs, or a total of **1,541 jobs** (including direct, indirect and induced jobs) statewide

These jobs generated **\$92.8 million in total earnings**, averaging **\$60,192 per job**

Every \$4,512 of FocusMaine program investment resulted in one job created

Industry Impact

FocusMaine was instrumental in establishing the Maine Life Sciences Center at Maine Technology Institute. FocusMaine sectors outpaced Maine's overall economy in employment growth from 2019 to 2025, reinforcing the strength of sector selection and program strategy.

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