

**DOCUMENTARY ABOUT DECREASE  
IN HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION NUMBERS, WAYS TO STAY COMPETITIVE  
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Shrinking high school graduation classes in Minnesota threaten the state's economic future, leaving it with fewer well-educated workers at a time when engineering and science-related jobs are increasing three times faster than other professions and retiring baby boomers are making many more skilled jobs available.

How can Minnesota position itself to compete in the future economy? Some potential solutions are provided in *Vanishing Graduates and Minnesota's Future*, a documentary coproduced by the Minnesota Private College Council and Twin Cities Public Television's Minnesota Channel. The production features education experts, business leaders and students sharing their experiences and discussing the state's education challenges. They highlight the need to do a better job of helping more students succeed in school and how everyone can play a part.

Bush Foundation President Peter Hutchinson, one participant in the documentary, said, "We need to be the state that uses its brainpower when we don't have the brawn-power anymore. But you can't do that if you don't have kids graduating from high school, enrolling in college and completing college successfully."

*Vanishing Graduates and Minnesota's Future* will air on Twin Cities Public Television Channel 17 on Sunday, May 11 at 7:30 pm. More information is available at <http://www.learnmoremn.org/challenge/vanishing.php>.