



## Workforce

- There are 1,353 people per doctor and 1,755 people per dentist in Strafford County NH
- There are 8.89 nurses for every 1,000 people in the state of NH
- There are 6.5 pediatricians, 3.3 psychiatrists, and 16.8 family medicine physicians for every 10,000 children in the state of NH
- If current wage patterns persist, workers in healthcare and service industries will be unlikely to afford market rate housing
- Although budgeted positions have increased at NH's Community Mental Health Centers, total vacancies have increased by 197 over the past three years
- Between Mar. 2020 and Dec. 2021, 4425 nursing assistants allowed their licenses to lapse while only 4,003 new licenses were issued, ultimately creating a loss of 422 LNAs, according to data from the NH Commission on Aging
- Labor force participation of mothers with children under the age of 5 decreased from 75.8% in 2019 to 70.7% in 2021
- A study by the Carsey School of Public Policy at UNH found that for households reporting insufficient access to childcare, the “lack of access triggered a household employment loss” for one-fifth of these households in December 2021
- Average annual salary for a childcare worker in N.H. is \$24,490 (less than \$12 per hour)



## Housing and Cost of Living

- More than 4,400 people in NH experienced homelessness in FY2021, according to state data
- NH's one-year estimate for 2019 housing expenses showed that 47% of renters were “cost-burdened,” meaning that more than 30 % of their gross income went to rental costs (rent + utilities)
- Vacancy rates for 2-bed units in Strafford County went from 2.10% in 2020 to 0.9% in 2021
- Only 14% of 2-bed units in Strafford County are below affordable market rent (calculated at \$1,184; based on estimated 2021 renter household income)
- In January 2020, there were 3,275 single-family homes for sale in the state. By January 2021, inventory reached 1,442; and by January 2022, only 931 single-family units were available for sale depicting a year-over-year decrease of 35.4 percent
- Between 2000 and 2020 NH home values rose 111% and rents rose 94% while the median income of a NH household increased by only 73%
- U.S. Dept of Health considers childcare affordable when it consumes no more than 7% of a household income. In NH, childcare averages \$14,425 per year, which is 37% of a single parent's income and 11% of a two-parent household earning \$120K annually.