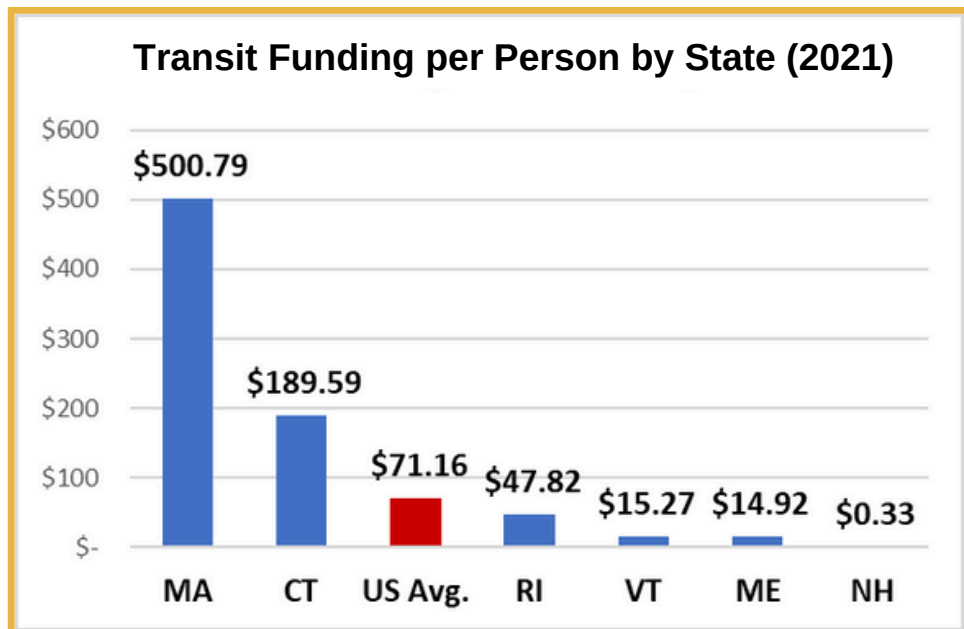


Improving Transportation: Connecting All of Us at Any Age

The NH Alliance for Healthy Aging (NHAHA) is committed to making New Hampshire (NH) a great place to live as we age by creating communities that support older adults and their families, and where NH's culture, policies, and services advance health, independence, and dignity for all of us as we get older. Ensuring that transportation options are available and accessible is essential to this vision.

Transportation Challenges

- Even in light of funding increases, NH remains the state with one of the lowest financial support structures to transit programs. New Hampshire gets less Federal transportation money per capita than any other state.
- NH is expected to experience a doubling of older people over the next 20 years. New transportation solutions are critical to meet the needs of our changing population.
- Lack of guidance and availability of alternative transportation services leaves those transitioning out of driving with little support.



Source: American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials (AASHTO) State Funding for Public Transportation Report

Transportation Opportunities

- A statewide mobility management network was established in 2022 to address transportation coordination and outreach. This new team of regional mobility managers, with a statewide manager, seek to improve coordination, capacity, quality, accessibility, and sustainability of mobility services statewide.
- Policy decisions in support of transportation investment have a positive impact on the infrastructure, accessibility, and the people that use it.

DID YOU KNOW?

1 IN 5

People age 65+ don't drive



#1

Transportation is mentioned as the #1 issue in several age-friendly surveys in NH



86%

of NH communities do not have fixed-route public transit



Source: Who Needs Transportation? A Snapshot of Transit Need in New Hampshire

New Resources:

- **Keep NH Moving: NH transportation resource directory**
<https://keepnhmoving.com/>
- **Volunteer Driver Recruitment Initiative:**
<https://nhaha.info/volunteer-driver-initiative/>

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NHAHA Transportation Activities

STRATEGIES

Identify and understand transportation needs through collaboration with regional and state agencies (e.g., Mobility Management Network)

Provide continued education and outreach to stakeholders, policy makers, and providers regarding transportation gaps, needs, and systems of transportation.

Facilitate communication between transportation service providers and healthcare and community service providers to enhance collaborative efforts.

Examine, coordinate, and promote cooperative delivery systems by understanding and supporting community transportation options (VDPs) across New Hampshire.

ACTIVITIES

- Develop a statewide transportation priorities matrix.
- Support data collection from volunteer driver programs (VDPs) and identify other transportation data needs.
- Advocate for and promote a Statewide Transportation Needs Assessment.

- Promote and share transportation advocacy materials with statewide partners.
- Act as liaison between transportation system stakeholders and NHAHA Advocacy, providing transportation policy recommendations.

- Participate in and collaborate on Healthcare Transportation Taskforce.
- Build partnerships with state and regional healthcare service providers to ensure understanding of existing services and needs.
- Build collaboration through all NHAHA priority areas (e.g., Advocacy, Caregiving, etc.) to enhance understanding of transportation needs.

NHAHA Volunteer Driver Program Initiative:

- Facilitate and support VDP peer to peer network.
- Continue to pursue funding for statewide volunteer driver recruitment and program support.
- Support the VDP network in addressing gaps in coverage for nearly 20% of NH communities.

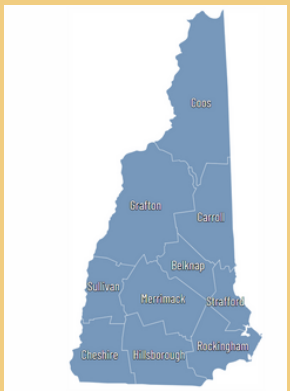
Publicly Accessible Volunteer Driver Programs

Approximately 80% of New Hampshire communities have some form of public volunteer driver program.

Explore AHA's VDP interactive map and discover what's in your area.



Visit nhaha.info/volunteer-driver-initiative/
To see programs in your area!



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