

# Family Caregiving in New Hampshire

## Who are caregivers?

Family caregivers provide support for loved ones such as managing finances, providing transportation, or supporting other daily activities.

**25%** are under the age of 35



**62%** work either full or part-time



**40%** are men



**24%** are caring for 2+ people



## Meaningful Role of Family Caregivers

Caregiving can be both rewarding and challenging. Caregivers often make financial sacrifices to provide care.

For working caregivers, **53%** have gone in late, left early, or taken time off and **19%** have left a job to provide care.



## Importance of Caregiving

Informal, family caregiving enables many older adults in need of assistance to remain at home. In fact, **1 out of 6 Americans are unpaid caregivers of someone aged 50+**. The need for caregivers is increasing for several reasons including:

- By 2034, older people will outnumber younger people meaning that the number of caregivers will shrink relative to the number of older adults needing care.
- Older people are living longer lives, including those with chronic illnesses who may need more support as they age.
- Changes in the health care system, such as increased costs of long-term care, have led to an increased reliance on informal, unpaid caregivers.

## Caregiving in New Hampshire

**168,000 CAREGIVERS** in the state

**157 MILLION HOURS** of care worth **2.8 BILLION DOLLARS**

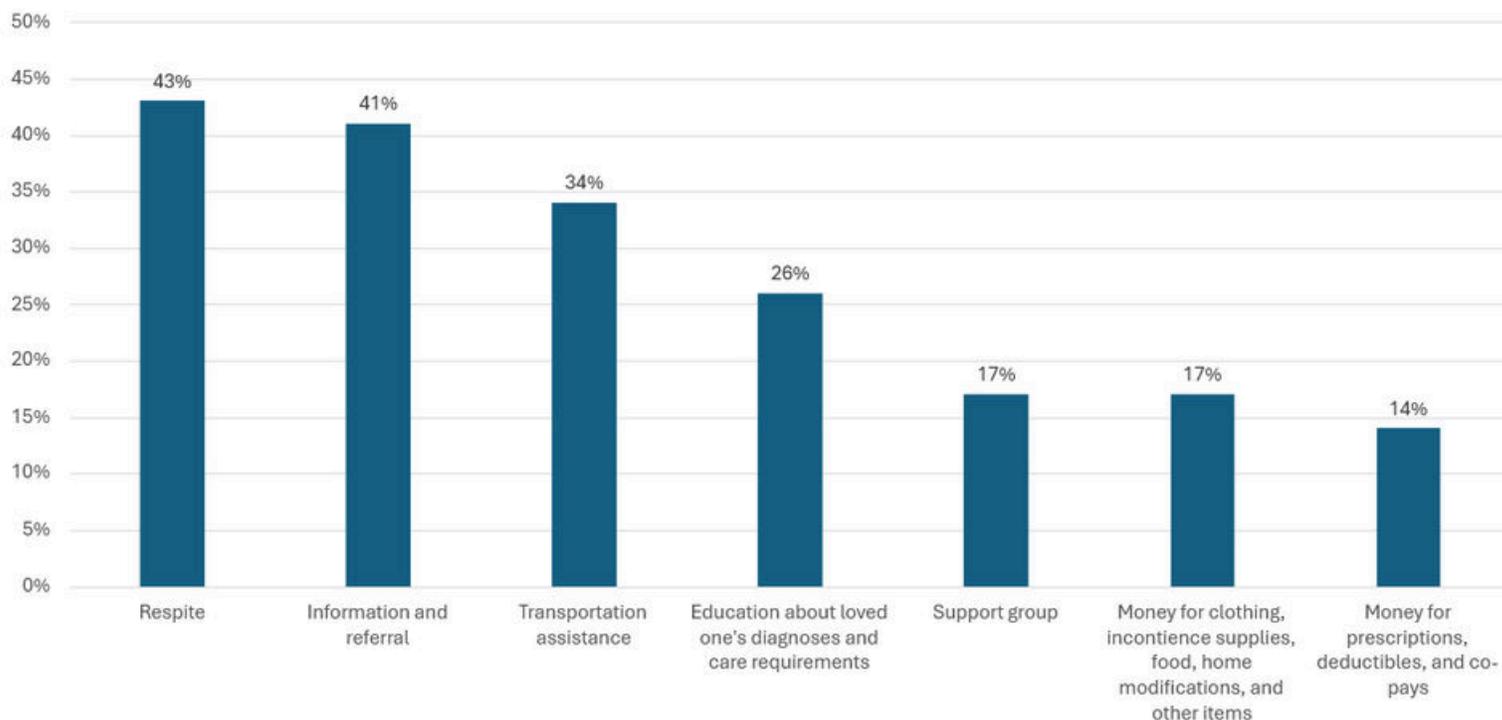
**CARE RECIPIENTS** age 65+

- 27.4%** aging with a disability
- 12.6%** have hearing difficulty
- 6%** have cognitive difficulty

Costs to providing care are high, and on average family caregivers spend **\$7,242 annually on caregiving activities**. Family caregivers also experience emotional and physical concerns of their own, such as stress, depression, and their own health conditions.

**4 IN 10 CAREGIVERS CONSIDER THEIR SITUATION TO BE HIGHLY EMOTIONALLY STRESSFUL.**

## Self-Reported Needs of Caregivers in New Hampshire



## Gaps and Barriers to Caregiving in New Hampshire



- ▶ Services are not coordinated causing confusion
- ▶ Caregivers often do not self-identify until later in the caregiving journey
- ▶ Direct care workforce shortages
- ▶ Lack of available training for caregivers
- ▶ Lack of data
- ▶ Information on caregiving resources is not always easy to find

## Supporting the Caregivers Among Us: Recommendations for New Hampshire

Advance caregiver friendly business practices.

Ensure state plans and initiatives include a caregiver focus

Enhance coordinated outreach to caregivers

Increase caregiver self-identification and awareness of services

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