

People with disabilities and older adults say...

The future looks grim if care worker shortage continues.



62% worried what will happen if their family caregivers get hurt, sick, or die



62% worried they will not be able to stay in their home or live independently



43% worried if they enter a nursing home, they won't be able to get back out



45% worried they will be forced into a nursing home because there aren't enough caregivers in the community

The consequences of care worker shortages are already happening.



15% have developed pressure sores or other health complications



21% have not been able to eat, toilet, dress, brush teeth etc.



18% have been stuck in their bed or wheelchair



22% have not been able to get to my job or accept a job because my caregiver coverage is too unreliable



7% are in a nursing home or group home they do not want to be because there are no available caregivers in the community

Families say ...



61% say their health has been impacted



71% feel worried or anxious almost all the time



63% say their finances have been impacted



78% are spending most of their time caregiving, coordinating caregiving, or filling in for missing caregivers.



50% decreased their hours at work or had to quit jobs

Care workers say ...



66% can't earn enough to pay rent, transportation, and other routine bills



63% don't have benefits (health care, paid time off, retirement, etc.)



41% don't earn enough to pay for basic expenses (like food)



28% say transportation costs to go to clients' homes eats into their paycheck



26% of working caregivers rely on help from public programs to have health care coverage and to get enough food



17% say lack of affordable childcare means caregiving jobs are not feasible