Trends in Real Estate and the Wider Economy



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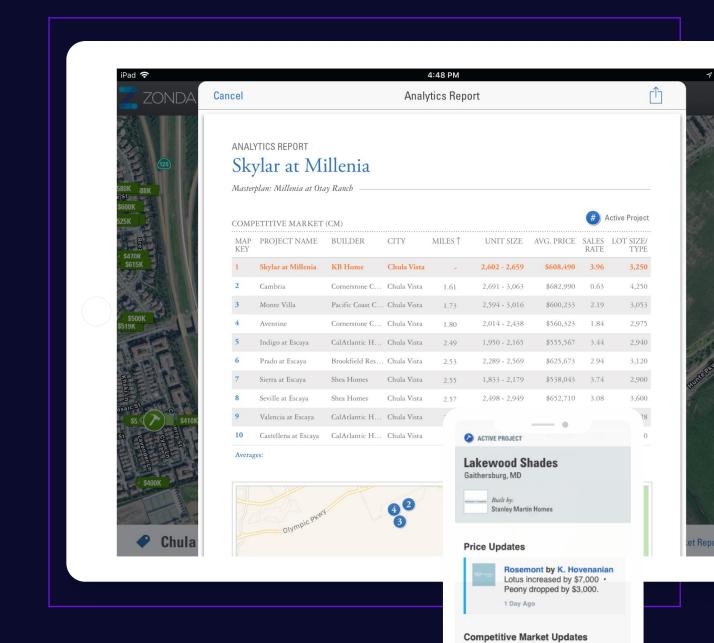
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Today's Agenda

- Economic backdrop, demographics, and migration
- 2. Housing shortage, affordability, and the rental market
- 3. New construction and limitations
- 4. Final thoughts

Economic backdrop, demographics, and migration

The economy's mixed messages

- Steady GDP growth
- Consumers fueling growth
- Wealth accumulation (stock market, home equity, etc.)
- Cooling inflation (though choppy)
- 3.9% unemployment rate
- Slowing but growing labor market
- High prime-age labor force participation rate
- Remarkable resilience



- Low personal saving rate, higher debt levels
- Select consumers falling behind on payments
- Consumer uncertainty
- High prices
- Income/wealth inequality
- Slower white-collar job growth
- Geopolitical tensions
- Low mobility

The Fed is in wait and see mode

Have they achieved the dual mandate? Maximum employment and price stability

Three months higher-than-expect economic date, one supports cutting

Our base case is still cuts to begin by the end of the year

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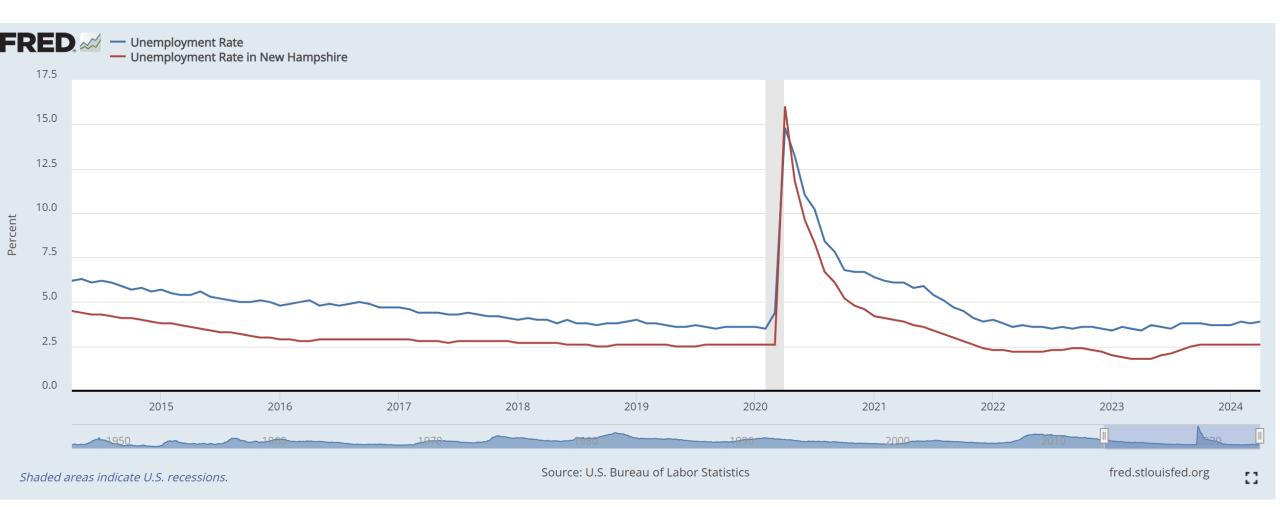
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NH is tied for the 5th lowest u/e rate in the country: 2.6%

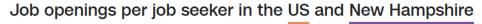


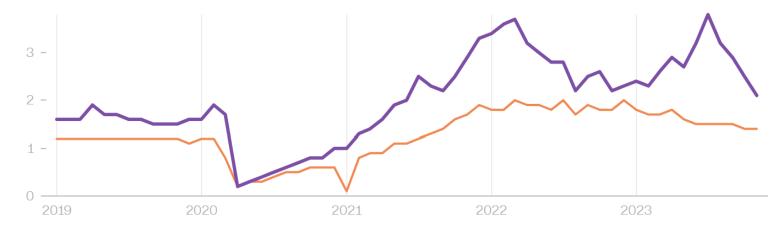
NH limited by labor supply more so than elsewhere

States with the worst labor short

- 1. South Dakota
- 2. Maryland
- 3. North Dakota
- 4. Vermont
- 5. New Hampshire

Source: Insider





Note: November estimates are preliminary

Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics



There were 2.1 jobs for every person looking for one in New Hampshire vs 1.4

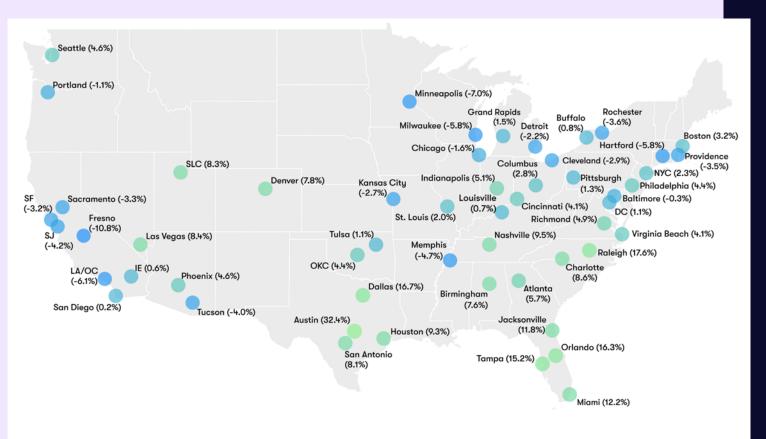
Job Growth - 2020 to 2024 % Change

-10.8%

12.2%

32.4%

Reasonable job growth, not blockbuster



New Hampshire: +2.2% from 2020

Manchester: +1.6% from 2020

Portsmouth: +1.6% from 2020

Context: Boston +3.2% from 2019

Manchester: 23% high-income share

Nashua: 19%

Portsmouth: 23%

ZondaFor context:

of housing.

- Toledo 15%
- San Jose and Austin 33%

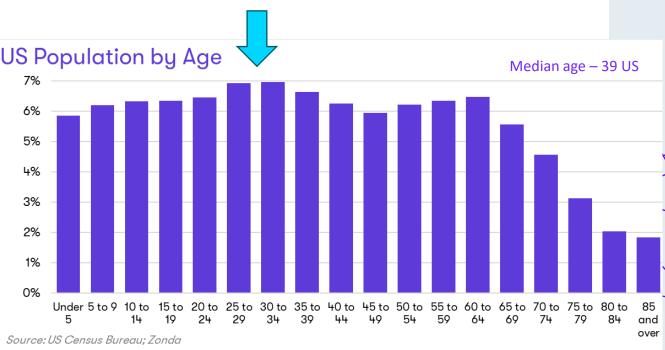
Where have the workers gone?

- 1. Aging workforce (worse in NH)
- 2. Slow domestic population growth (growing but slowing locally)
- 3. Lower levels of immigration (not a big driver)
- 4. Childcare availability and cost
- 5. Drug use
- 6. Alternatives to traditional work (.e.g social media, the gig economy)

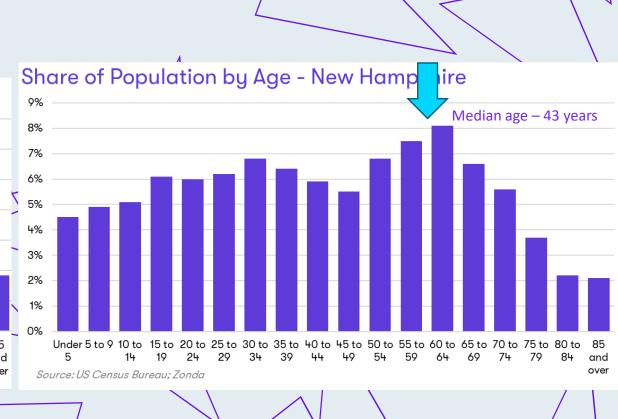
Solutions?

- Automation/finding efficiencies
- Using Al
- Reduce barriers to entry, if desired (criminal records, those out of the workforce for a while, lacking a college degree)
- Training and education programs besides college degrees
- Get on the radar of the younger generation

NH is the second oldest state (following Maine)



How do we get on the radar? Interesting employment options, reasonable housing options, marketing (New Mexico example)



Migration is important here

New Hampshire

Total Inbound: 54.1% Total Outbound: 45.9%

41.90%

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Primary Reason for Moving		
Age Ranges		
INBOUND		OUTBOUND
1.90%	<18 to 34	14.00%
22.60%	35 to 44	4.70%
9.40%	45 to 54	14.00%
22.60%	55 to 64	25.60%

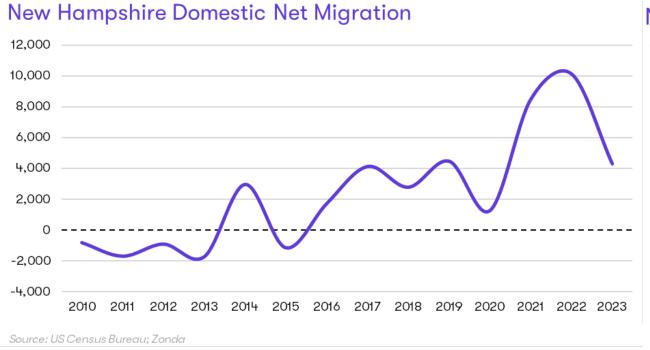
65 or older

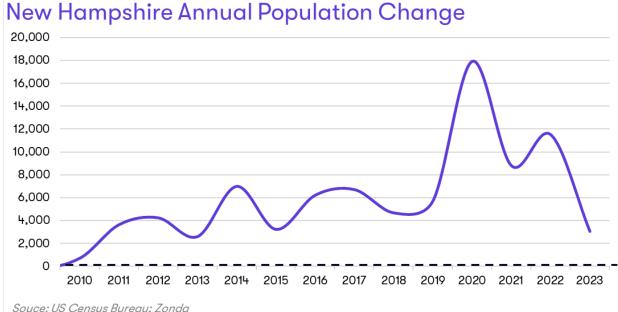
Primary Reason for Moving		
INBOUND		OUTBOUND
17.50%	retirement	23.50%
3.20%	health	0.00%
36.50%	family	19.60%
4.80%	lifestyle	15.70%
20.60%	job	19.60%
3.20%	cost	3.90%

Source: United Van Lines; Zonda

43.40%

Positive domestic net migration has contributed to population growth





Housing shortage, affordability, and the rental market

ESTIMATED NUMBER OF HOUSING UNITS NEEDED

Based on Population Growth

2020-2030

BY HOUSEHOLD TYPE

TOTAL **HOUSEHOLDS ADDED**

52,501

TOTAL INITS NEEDED

59,934

OWNER HOUSEHOLDS ADDED

37,380

UNITS **NEEDED**

40,319

RENTER **HOUSEHOLDS ADDED**

15,121

UNITS **NEEDED**

19,615

The NH housing shortage is severe

2020-2040

TOTAL

HOUSEHOLDS

OWNER

ADDED 74,437

88,395

HOUSEHOLDS

52,998

TOTAL UNITS NEEDED

BY HOUSEHOLD TYPE

ADDED

UNITS **NEEDED**

58,432

RENTER **HOUSEHOLDS ADDED**

21,440

UNITS **NEEDED**

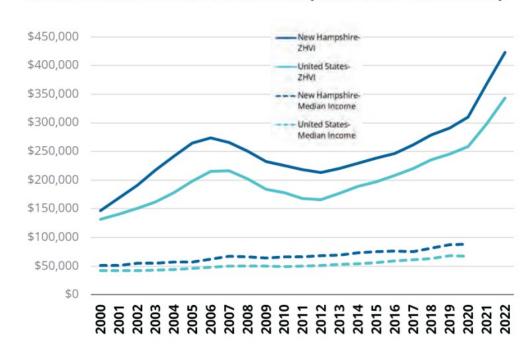
29,963

Note: Assumes the statewide ownership rate of 71%, a rental vacancy rate of 5%, and an owner vacancy rate of 2%.

Source: RLS Demographics, 2020 5-year ACS estimates, NH Housing Residential Rental Cost Survey, and Root Policy Research.

NH median prices rose 50% from 2019-2022

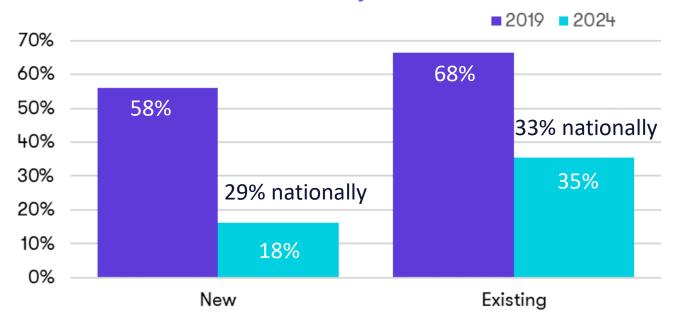
ZILLOW HOME VALUE INDEX & MEDIAN INCOME, NEW HAMPSHIRE AND U.S. (JAN. 2000 – JULY 2022)



Note: Data for 2022 represent January - July. Nominal dollars (not adjusted for inflation). Income data are only available through 2020. Source: Zillow, U.S. Census median household income, retrieved from FRED, &

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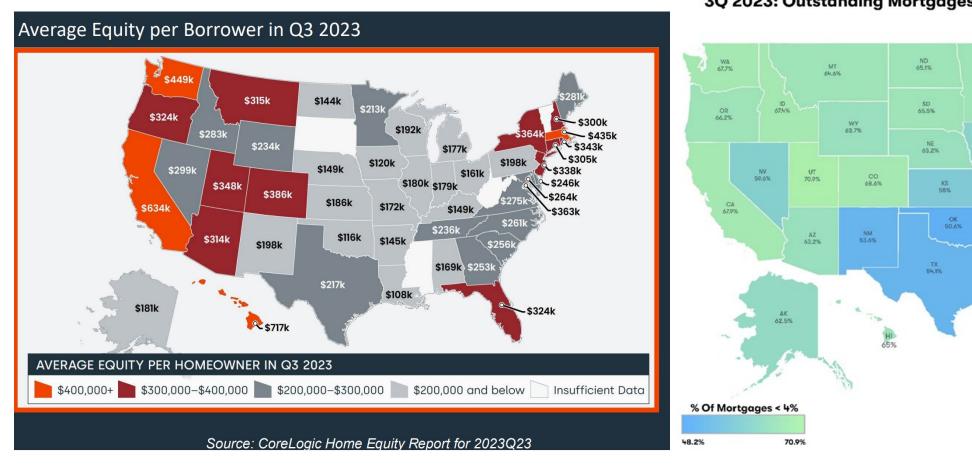
Manchester-Nashua, NH



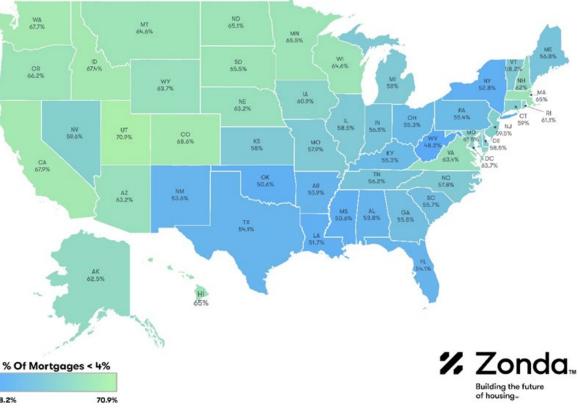
Source: Zonda

Source: New Hampshire Housing; Zonda

A wealth boon to existing homeowners



3Q 2023: Outstanding Mortgages with Less Than 4% Interest Rate

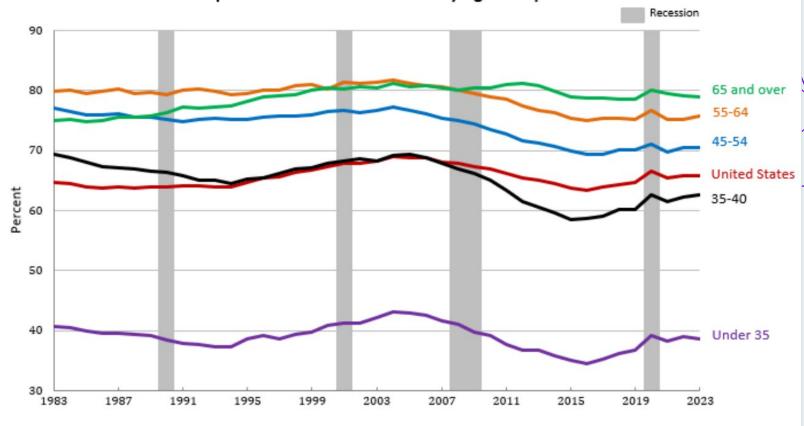


Propensity to own goes up with age

New Hampshire breakdown:

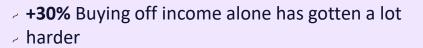
55% Millennials75% Gen X81% Boomers





Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Current Population Survey/Housing Vacancy Survey, March 12, 2024 Recession data: National Bureau of Economic Research, <www.nber.org>

What about those trying to get into the market?



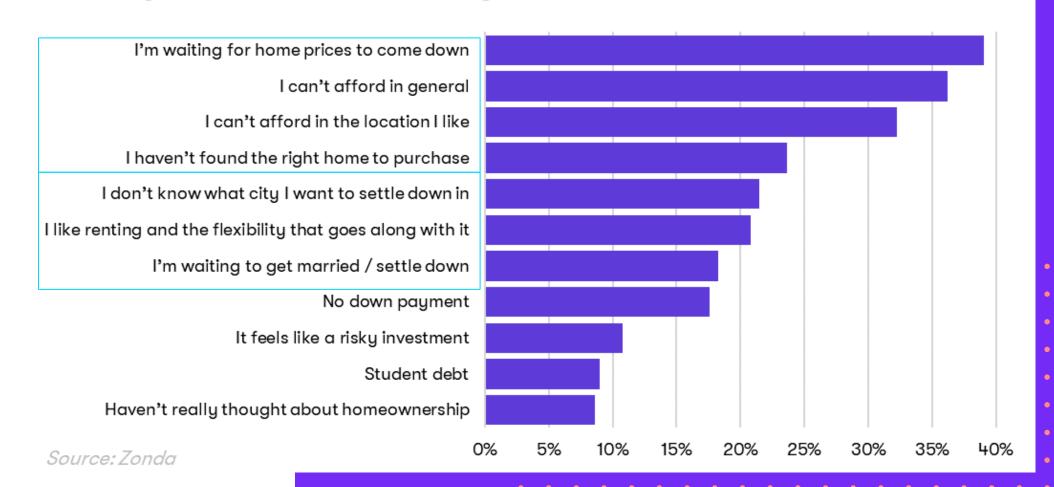
+47% Labor market + lifestage catalysts for Gen Xers, millennials, and boomers (movedown) + equity!

+41% Relative affordability, especially for
 those that have lived elsewhere,
 demographics, and wealth accumulation



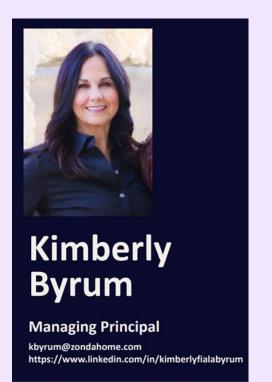
Prices, prices, prices

What is your main reason for renting?



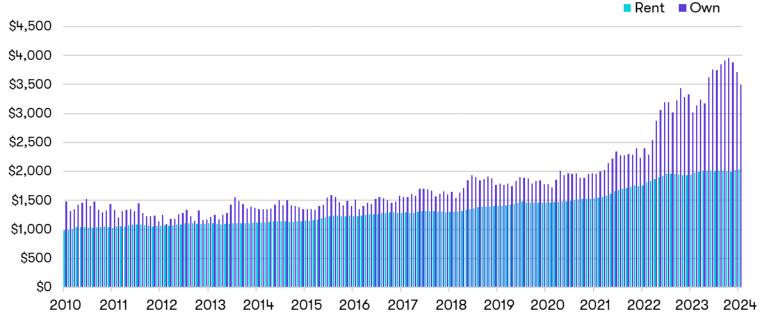
Single-family home purchases continue to be an expensive housing alternative, In fact, only 7.5% of our residents who moved out, bought home as the reason in the third quarter which is one of the lowest numbers we have seen since we started tracking the data back in 2006.

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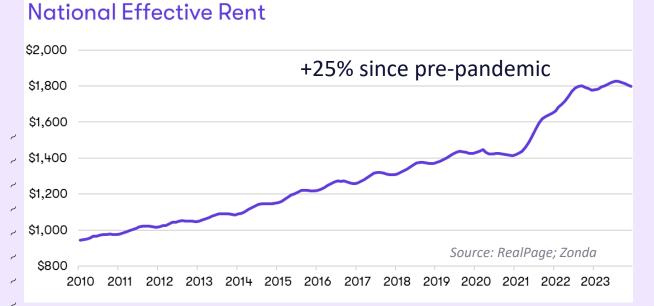


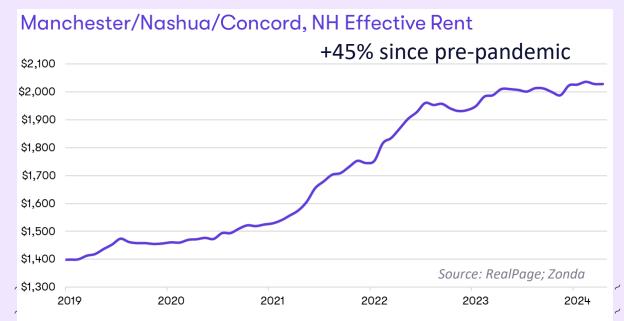
The math favors renting today



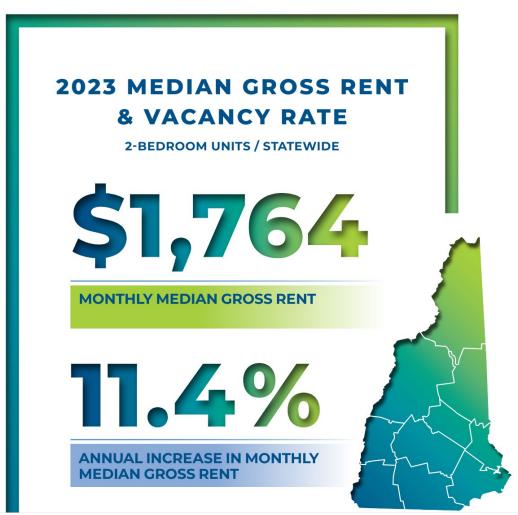


Sources: Public Record Data; RealPage; Zonda *assumes 5% down, PMI, taxes, and insurance



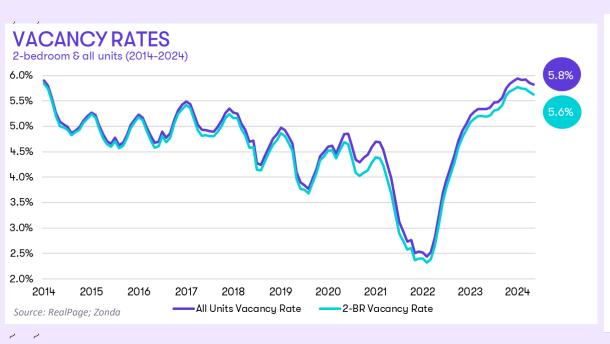


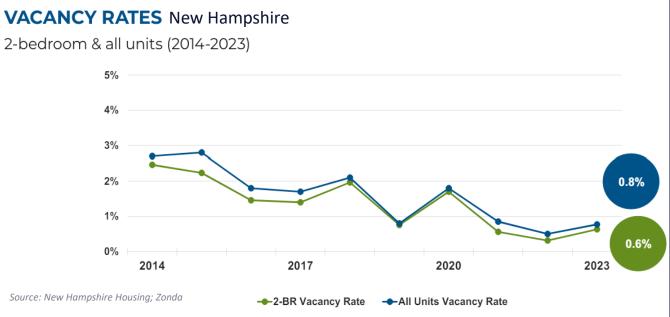
Growth in rents locally far exceeds national trends



Source: New Hampshire Housing; Zonda

That's fueled by an astonishingly low vacancy rate





Me: New Hampshire's vacancy rate is 0.8% for all units. Crazy low! Are there other markets like that?

Kimberly: No. Used to be that way in Westchester NY, but they have been building.

New construction and limitations

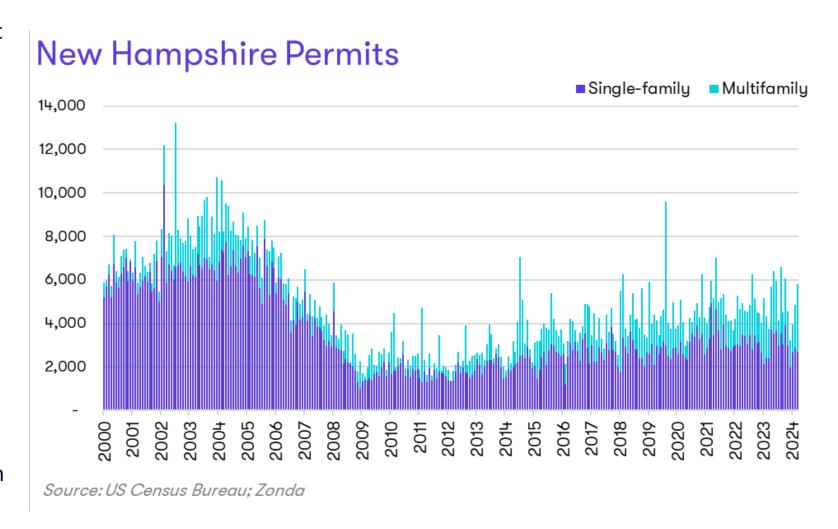
More building can help!

"To meet production needs, building permit activity must increase by 36% statewide through 2030. The only plausible way that this could be achieved is through a combination of local and state action."

New Hampshire Housing: 2023 Statewide Housing Needs Assessment NHHousing.org

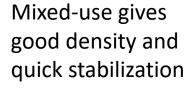
E.g. additional funding and financing tools and planning and zoning changes

Also, want to understand what products can move the needle quickly



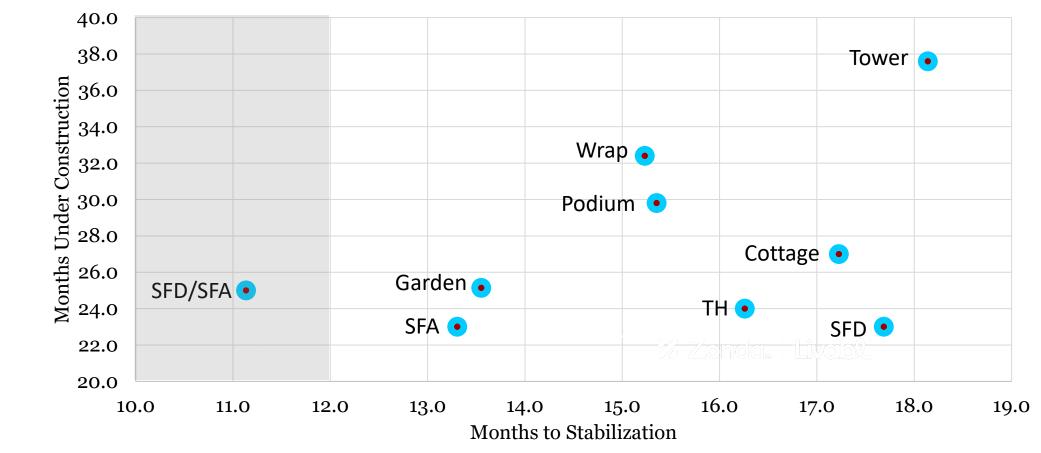
Higher density is quicker to market & stabilization



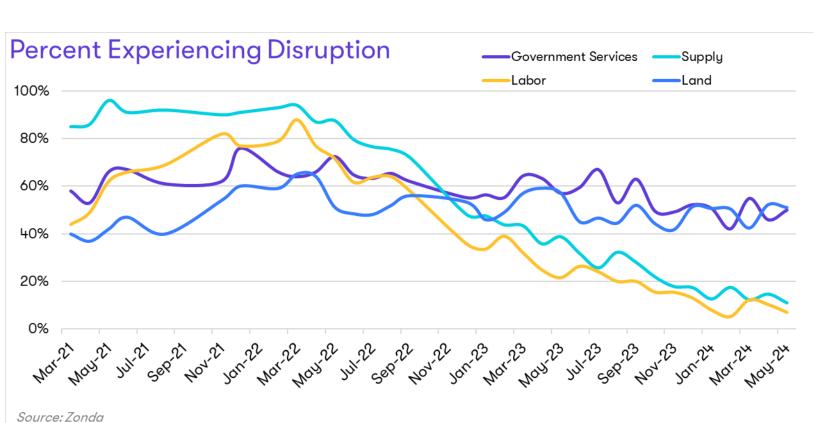


Garden is always the popular – easy to build, easy to lease

Cottage is taking longer and they are half the size of garden



Land and govt services are the biggest roadblocks to more supply



Entitlements/plats and utility installation timing

Land Development is SLOW

Cities are understaffed and there is no sense of urgency

Homes are taking longer to build because of lack of skilled tradespeople

Transformers

frames

Measuring the impact of the supply chain and other delays on construction time

Cumulative Number of Months of Slippage Measuring Start to Completion (2018 Baseline) Private MF Construction Projects (All)



This kind of slippage can kill deals (depending on rents and other factors)!

Suppliers are working to do their part!





- Most of the major manufacturers invested in capital improvements in their facilities over the past couple of years.
 - New plants / acquisitions
 - Automation
 - Increased capacity
- This has helped them ramp up capacity to meet demand
- Labor continues to be an issue in certain parts of the country, capacity is there, but bringing on the labor to run the additional shifts can take some time.















Where should we build?

- Employment / population / demand. Is there an underserved environment in a given location?
- Competition. What else are you competing with? Are people flush with options or only game in town?
- Eyes. Kimberly's rule of thumb is to be in places where 15,000 vehicles drive by the site per day.
- Downtown vs suburban?
 More acceptance of different products and locations since the pandemic given affordability and WFH.

The big thing is convenience. Is there anything residents have in terms of nearby retail or amenities?

Final thoughts

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New Hampshire has the 5th worst labor shortage in the nation.

 What can be done for the workforce? More automation, training, and working to attract new businesses and employees.

The aging population needs addressed.

 The young generation has proven they'll move here for family or employment reasons.

There is a shortage of affordable housing units available, both rental and for sale.

- The limited inventory of for-sale homes is contributing to the affordability challenges in the rental market (renting for longer!).
- Rents have been steadily climbing for 10+ years, with a double-digit increase in the past year.

High demand and scary low vacancy rates = a market for new rental units.

Slippage is real when it comes to construction timelines + high IRs + a tight labor supply.

Need to work towards filling the gap: 60K units by 2030 and 90K through 2040. New Hampshire Housing

Thank you

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