

# New Hampshire

## Fact Sheet: Federal Rental Assistance

Federal rental assistance helps struggling New Hampshire seniors, people with disabilities, veterans, and working families keep a roof over their heads and make ends meet.

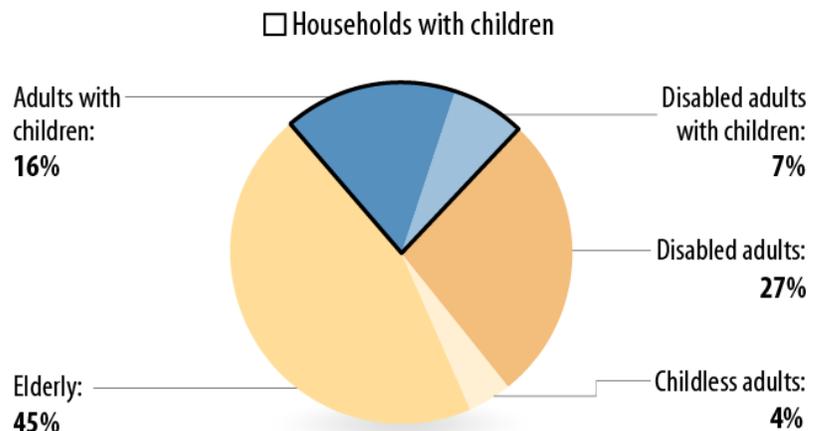
Over 22,000 low-income households in New Hampshire use federal rental assistance to rent modest housing at an affordable cost; at least 65 percent have extremely low incomes (30 percent of area median income or less).

### Who Does Federal Rental Assistance Help in New Hampshire?

Rental assistance supports low-wage working families: in 2014, **77 percent** of non-elderly, non-disabled households receiving HUD rental assistance in New Hampshire worked, had worked recently, or likely were subject to work requirements through another program.

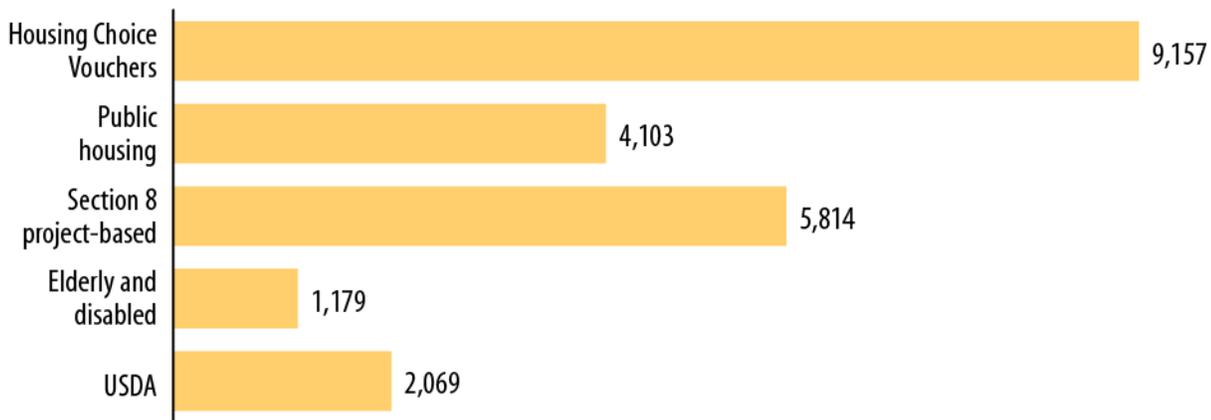
Rental assistance helps families in urban and rural areas. More than **37 percent of New Hampshire households** receiving federal rental assistance live in non-metropolitan areas.

### Nearly All Households Using Federal Rental Assistance Include Children or People Who Are Elderly or Disabled



### What Major Types of Federal Rental Assistance Do New Hampshire Families Use?

Number of households assisted



These programs brought **\$174,000,000** in federal rental assistance funding into New Hampshire in 2014.

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## Most New Hampshire Renters in Need Receive No Assistance

33,300 low-income households pay more than half their income for rent, 38 percent more than before the recession. Who are these households?

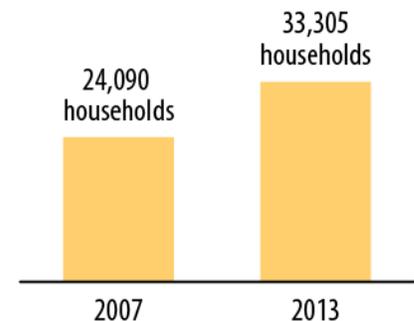
**28%** Households with children      **48%** Elderly or disabled households      **44%** Working households

### Federal rental assistance programs have not kept pace with growing need

Funds for public housing in New Hampshire in 2014 were **\$5,097,000** less than in 2010, and eight New Hampshire housing agencies assisted **132** fewer households with housing vouchers as of December 2014 than two years earlier due to sequestration funding cuts.

When housing costs consume more than half of household income, low-income families are at greater risk of becoming homeless. The single-night census in 2014 found that 1,376 people in New Hampshire were homeless or living in shelters, including 171 veterans and 581 people in families with children. Another 2,832 school-age children lived in unstable housing, such as doubled up with other families, during the 2012-2013 school year.

### More Low Income New Hampshire Renters Are Paying Over Half Their Incomes for Housing Than Before the Recession



(CHART 1) Note: “Childless adults” are households headed by a person under age 62 without disabilities and without children under 18 in the home. “Disabled adults” are households headed by a person under age 62 with a disability. “Elderly” households are headed by a person age 62 or older. This chart includes data on the following programs: Housing Choice Vouchers, Public Housing, Section 8 Project-Based Rental Assistance (including Moderate Rehabilitation), Supportive Housing for the Elderly and People with Disabilities (Section 202 and 811), Rent Supplement, Rental Assistance Program, McKinney-Vento Permanent Supportive Housing, Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS, and USDA Section 521 Rural Rental Assistance. Percentages may not add to 100 due to rounding. Sources: CBPP tabulations of 2014 HUD administrative data, and the USDA’s FY 2014 Multi-Family Fair Housing Occupancy Report.

(CHART 2) Note: Elderly and disabled households receive rental assistance through all of the programs listed. The bar labeled “Elderly and disabled” specifically refers to HUD’s Supportive Housing for the Elderly (Section 202) and Supportive Housing for Disabled Persons (Section 811) programs. The bar labeled “USDA” refers to the USDA’s Rural Rental Assistance Program (Section 521). Sources: CBPP tabulations of 2014 HUD administrative data and the USDA’s Multi-Family Fair Housing Occupancy Report for FY 2014.

(INFOGRAPHIC) Note: All households are low-income and pay 50 percent or more of their monthly income on rent and utilities. “Elderly or disabled households” have a head of household or spouse age 62 or older or contain an adult with a disability. “Households with children” have a child under the age of 18 in the home; this group includes households headed by elderly or disabled persons. Working households are headed by a non-elderly, non-disabled adult and had at least one member who worked in 2013. Source: CBPP tabulations of the 2013 American Community Survey.

(CHART 3) Note: “Low-income” households are families whose incomes do not exceed 80 percent of the median family income for the area. Area median incomes are based on HUD’s 2013 Section 8 Income Limits. Housing costs include rent and utilities. Source: CBPP tabulations of the 2007 and 2013 American Community Survey.

For more information, please see the accompanying Sources and Methodology document on the CBPP website.