

### Five Factors Shaping the Workforce

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# Several well-established features of location choice offer clues to MN's future experience.



- Inflows are more responsive than outflows when a local job or housing market changes relative to others.
- Location decisions of more educated young workers very sensitive to employment growth.
- Migration responses to changing conditions have been waning.
- Location choices among immigrant entrepreneurs weighted toward warmer climates.

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Sources: See slide notes.

### Older workers were large shares of 2019 employment in all industries, so exposure to retirement trends is broad-based.

Percent of Workers Over 55 (ASEC 2019)

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Source: Data are 2019 ASEC Current Population Survey, OIGI calculations.

## The rise (and dip?) in retirements has been broad-based.



Note: Graphs show share retired among 18+ population. Source is Census Household Pulse Survey. OIGI calculations.

## Mental health deteriorated across the board, and has only recovered modestly.

#### **2020 Research Findings:**

- Marked increase in poor mental health incidence
- Modest spatial and time variation
- Most demographic group gaps in MH preserved but levels worsened
- Exceptions: Worsening relative MH for Hispanics, higher earners and more educated
- Update: By late 2021, MH had improved but appears less than 1/3 recovered to prepandemic levels.



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## Income loss, food insecurity, and close Covid infections were major contributors to worsened mental health.

	HHPS	CIS	CIS	CIS
Income loss since 3/2020	0.123***	0.045*	0.029	0.030
	(0.005)	(0.020)	(0.020)	(0.020)
Food insecurity	0.182***	0.112***	0.096***	0.085***
	(0.006)	(0.024)	(0.025)	(0.025)
COVID diagnosis in home			0.154***	0.121**
			(0.039)	(0.039)
Friend, family COVID death			0.077*	0.073*
			(0.036)	(0.036)
2+ risk factors for severe COVID			0.041*	0.019
			(0.020)	(0.020)
Total protective steps			0.023***	0.022***
			(0.003)	(0.003)
Total restrictions experienced			0.004	0.004*
			(0.002)	(0.002)
2+ COVID symptoms in last 7days				0.145***
				(0.019)
Demographic, SES controls	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
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#### Table 4. Poor Mental Health Incidence and Economic, Health Vulnerability

#### Findings:

- Pandemic-era income loss, food insecurity worsen MH by large magnitudes
- Also large negative impacts: in home COVID, COVID death, and symptoms/risk
- Little impact: protective steps, restrictions faced



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### Over 2021, prior Covid infection and employment were unrelated.



**Employment Rate by Covid Diagnosis** 

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# Impact of the pandemic on women's employment has shifted over the pandemic.

- Early pandemic: Mothers reduced labor force participation, but not markedly more than non-mothers.
  - Those without college ed + onsite jobs took leave, likely unpaid; with college ed + WFH took leave or left labor force.
- End of 2020-2021 school year: Participation among mothers continued to be depressed as other workers recovered, but included a large seasonal component.
- **Current:** Participation of mothers with college + telework access still somewhat depressed. Others recovered.

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• **Conclusion:** Issues persist in re-connecting mothers to work, but this group alone is not driving labor supply gaps.

Source: Heggeness and Palak (2021). https://www.minneapolisfed.org/research/institute-working-papers/telework-childcare-and-mothers-labor-supply

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