# WORKER EXPERIENCE

LABOR PERSPECTIVES FROM THE SUPPLY SIDE

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# TRACKING THE ECONOMY OF THE NINTH DISTRICT



**WORKERS** 

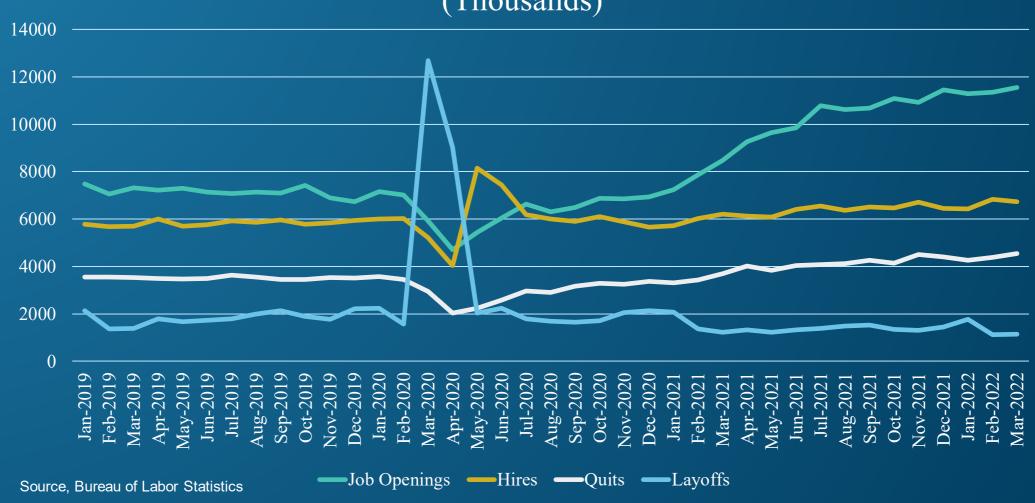
#### WHY IS IT IMPORTANT TO HEAR FROM WORKERS?

# **Dual Mandate**



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#### ENGAGING THE SUPPLY SIDE OF LABOR

LABOR ORGANIZATIONS

WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT PROFESSIONALS

**COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS** 

WORKERS

#### ENGAGING THE SUPPLY SIDE OF LABOR



- 217 respondents
- Rural areas in western Minnesota and across North Dakota
- 90% White
  - 7% American Indian
  - 5% Hispanic/Latino/a/x
  - 2% African American
- Helping People. Changing Lives.

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  NORTH DAKOTA'S POVERTY FIGHTING NETWORK
- 80% Prime working age
- 85% Personal earnings of less than \$50,000
- Mainly from Social Services, Education, and Healthcare occupations

#### SURVEY TAKEAWAYS

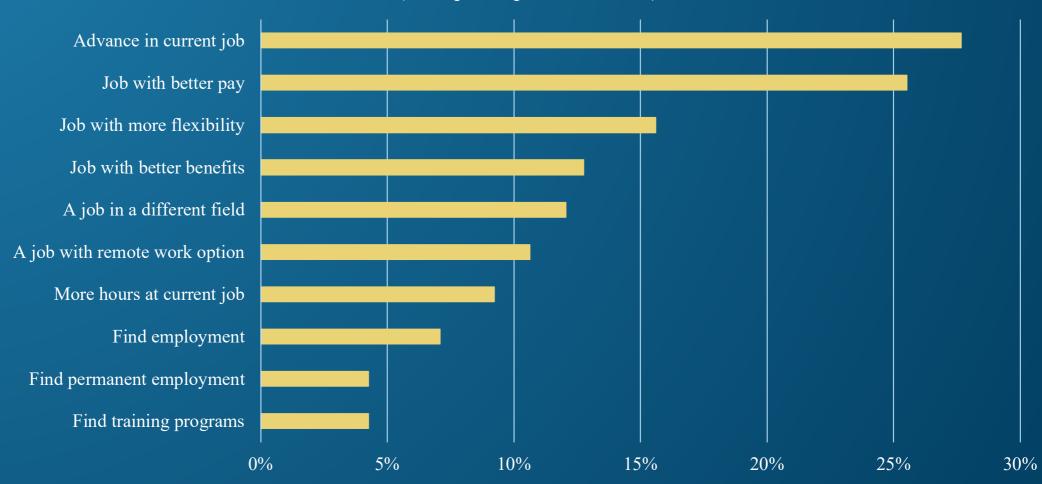
- Employed individuals are also moving through the labor market
- Workers are looking to make a broad range of occupational changes
- Workers faced a variety of challenges making the changes they want
- Household finances are feeling the pressure from heightened prices



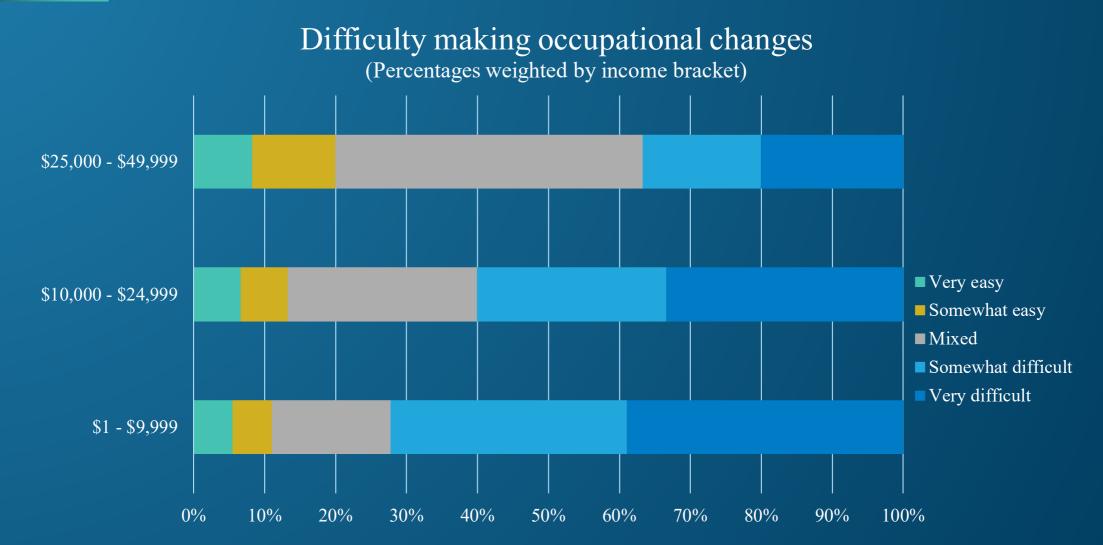
## WHAT WE'VE LEARNED: MARKET MOBILITY

#### Desired Occupational Changes

(Multiple responses allowed)

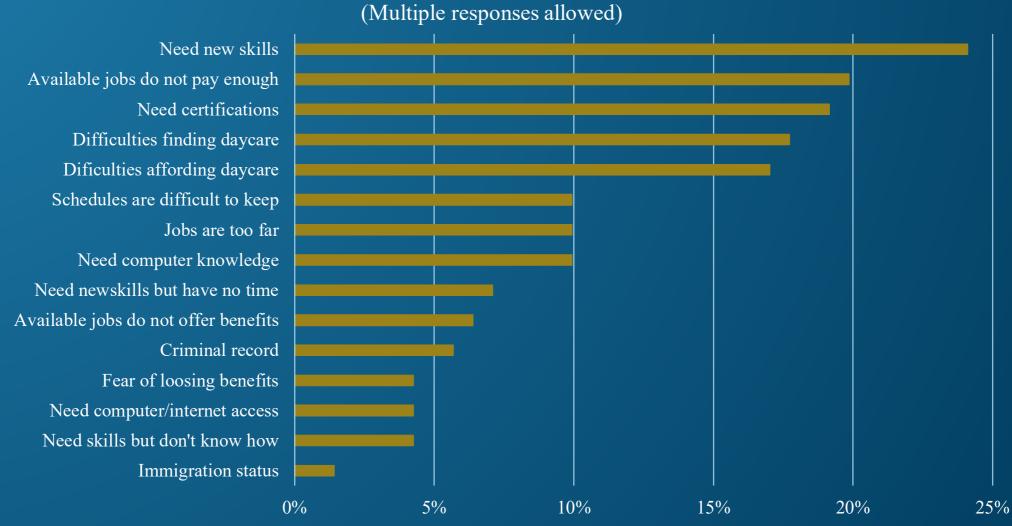


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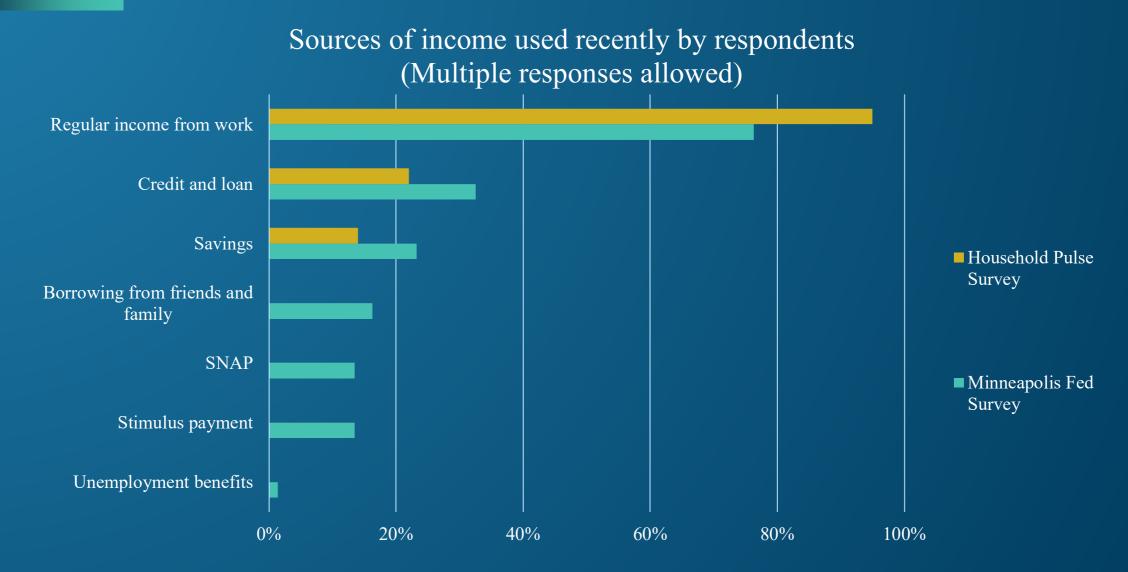
#### WHAT WE'VE LEARNED: CHALLENGES

#### Challenges faced when making occupational changes





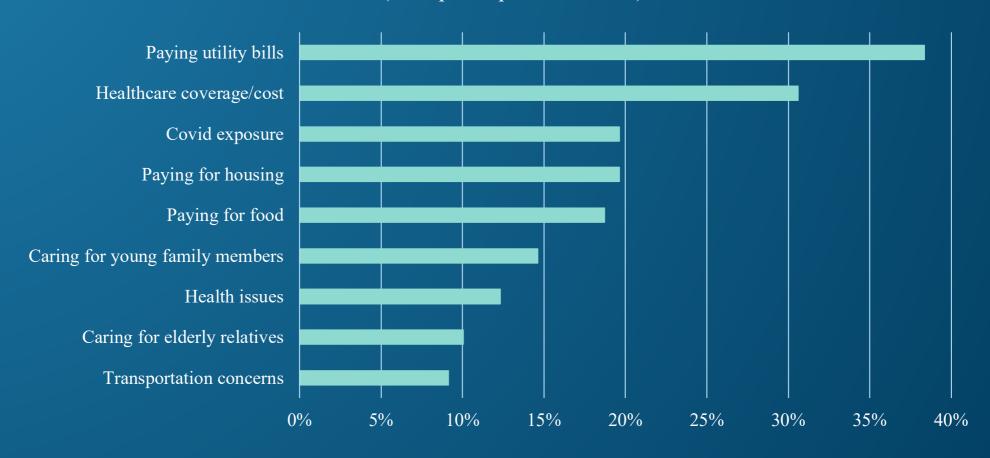
#### HOUSEHOLD INCOME



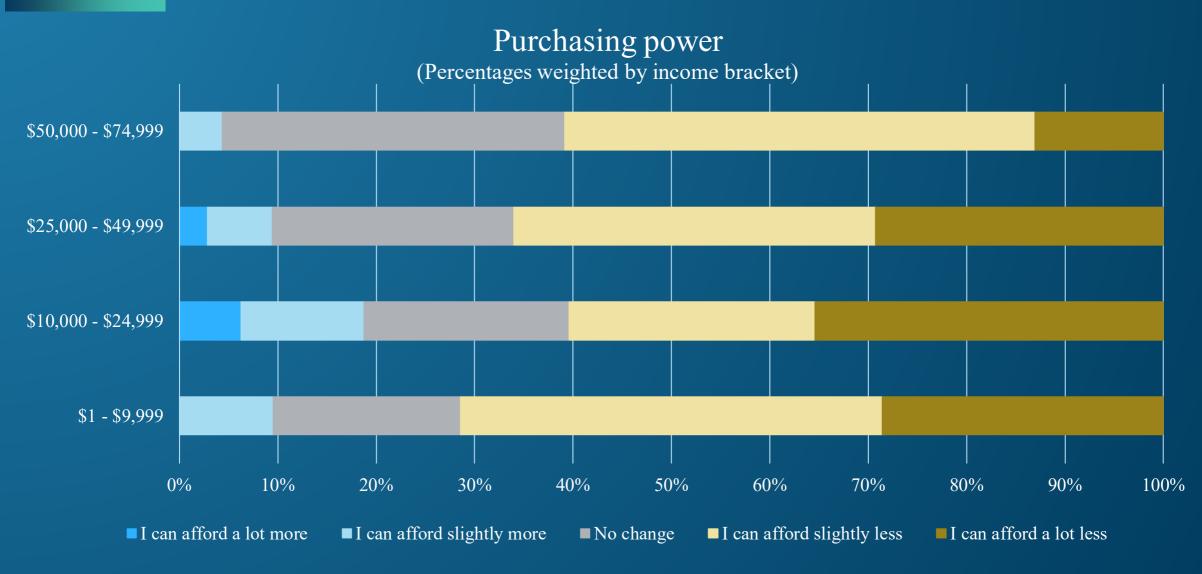
#### WHAT ARE WORKERS CONCERNED WITH?



(Multiple responses allowed)



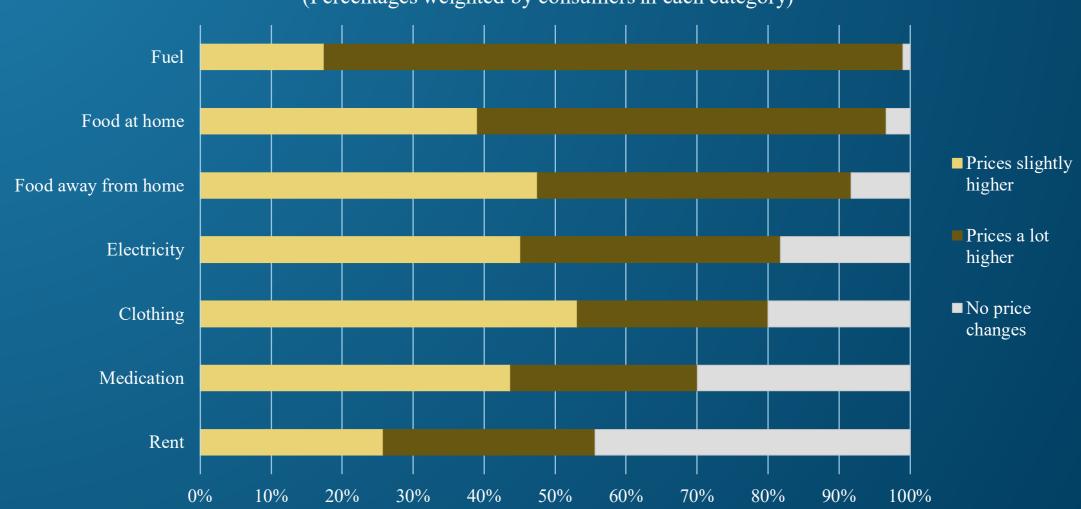
#### PURCHASING POWER COMPARED TO A YEAR AGO



#### INFLATION



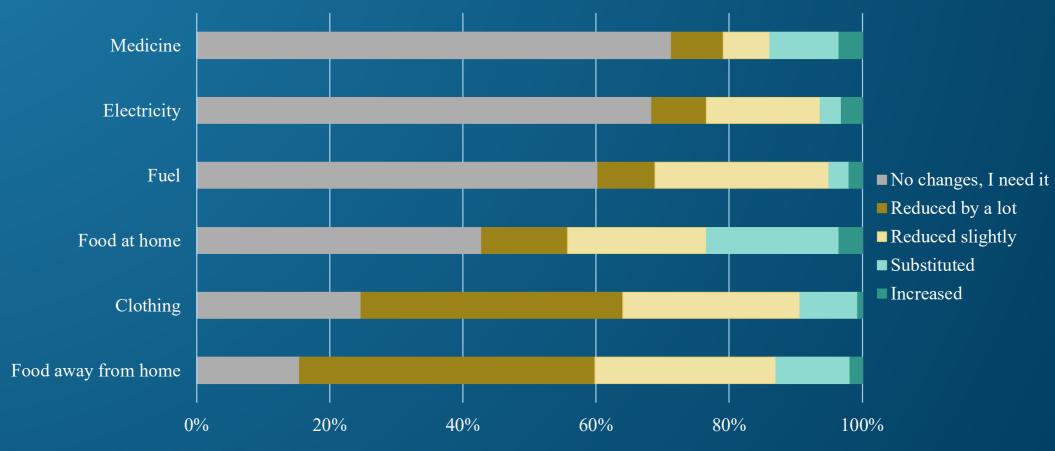
(Percentages weighted by consumers in each category)



### WHAT WE'VE LEARNED

### Responses to higher prices

(Percentages weighted by consumers in each category)



- Most respondents are moving through the labor market despite having solid employment.
- A good portion is concerned with being able to pay for basic needs like utilities, healthcare and housing.
- COVID-19 exposure remains a concern for many.
- Household finances are complex.
- Individuals' purchasing power is being challenged by inflation.

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