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-1,260 Direct Care Workforce Growth, 2022 - 2032 **11,800** Direct Care Workforce Total Job Openings, 2022 - 2032

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**82%** 

**49%** People of Color, 2022 **33%** Immigrants, 2022



## Worker Supportive Policies Index

#### **Direct Care Workforce Policies**

State policies that improve direct care worker compensation, training, and access to employment (via matching service registries).

|   | Score | Year |
|---|-------|------|
| Personal Care Aide Training Standards Key Provisions        | 5/10  | 2024 |
| Home Health Aide Training Standards Exceed Federal Minimum  | Yes   | 2016 |
| Nursing Assistant Training Standards Exceed Federal Minimum | Yes   | 2016 |
| Dollar-Amount Wage-Pass Through Policy (Current)            | Νο    | 2024 |
| Percentage Wage-Pass Through Policy (Current)               | Νο    | 2024 |
| State-Funded Matching Service Registry                      | Νο    | 2024 |

#### **Universal Labor Policies**

State policies that support all workers ability to access health insurance, take paid time off, collectively bargain, achieve greater economic stability, and access/maintain employment without discrimination.

|   | Score | Year |
|---|-------|------|
| Minimum Wage Exceed Federal Minimum Wage      | Yes   | 2024 |
| Medicaid Expansion                            | Yes   | 2023 |
| Paid Sick Leave                               | Νο    | 2024 |
| Paid Family and Medical Leave                 | Νο    | 2024 |
| Union-Supportive Legal Environments           | Yes   | 2023 |
| Refundable State Earned Income Tax Credit     | Νο    | 2023 |
| Non-Refundable State Earned Income Tax Credit | Νο    | 2023 |
| Protections for LGBTQ+ Workers                | Yes   | 2023 |
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### Direct Care Workforce Economic Index

|                          | Score    | Year |
|--------------------------|----------|------|
| Median Wage              | \$17.92  | 2022 |
| Wage Competitiveness     | -\$2.60  | 2022 |
| Median Personal Earnings | \$33,397 | 2022 |
| Low-Income Household     | 20%      | 2022 |
| Housing Cost-Burdened    | 28%      | 2022 |
| Uninsured                | 14%      | 2022 |

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