

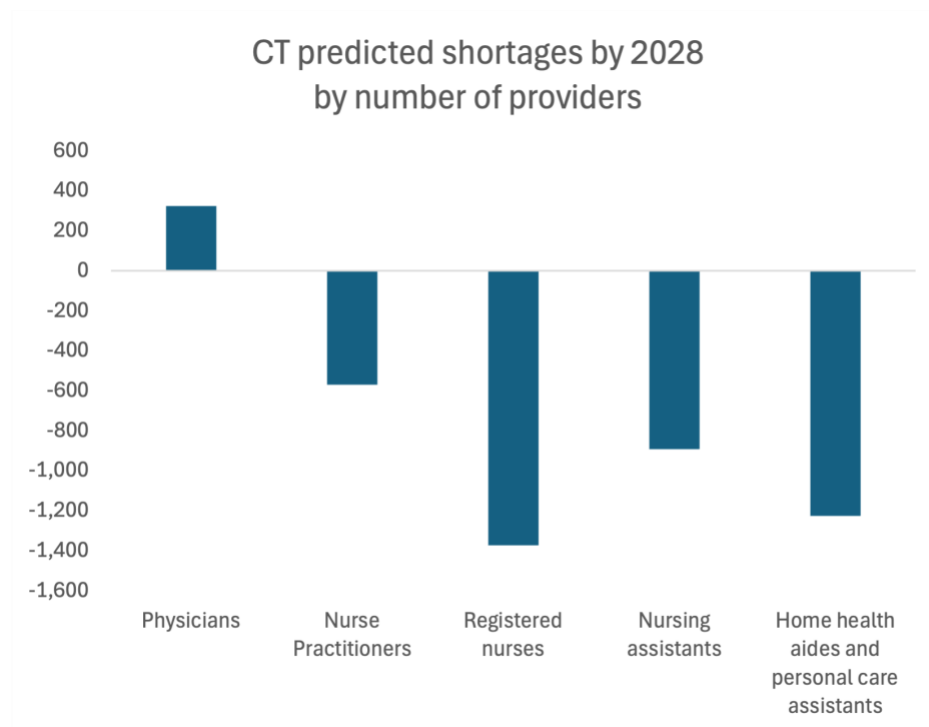
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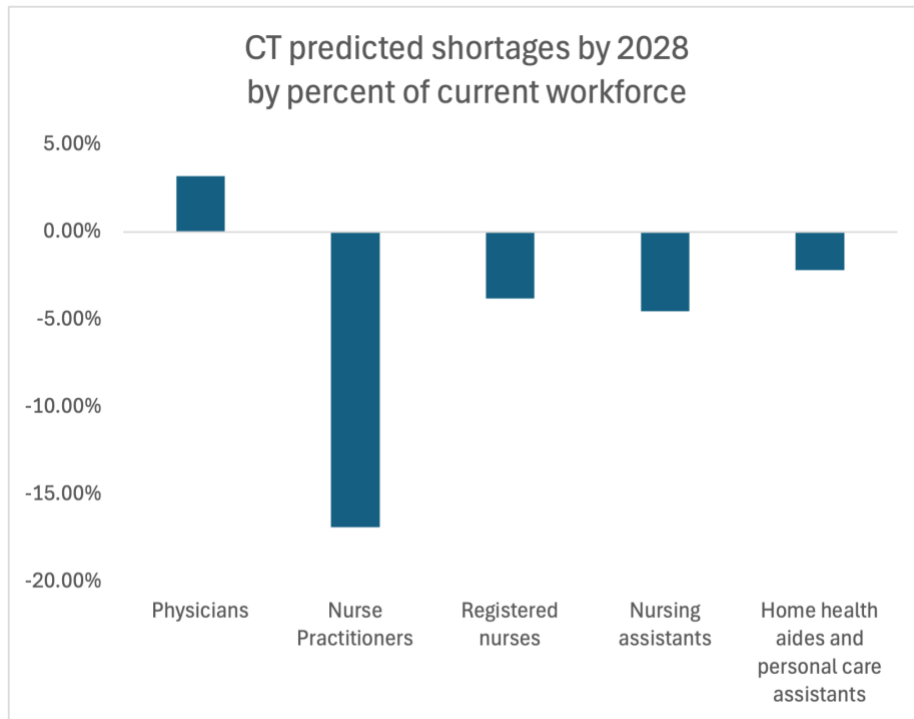
Report estimates CT will be short 5,700 healthcare providers by 2028, but far better than other states

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A [new report from Mercer](#) estimates shortages, and surpluses, in critical health care provider categories in 2028 by state. There is wide variation between states in demand. In good news – Connecticut’s projected shortages are limited and fairly modest. New York, however, is in serious trouble.

Across five critical categories, the researchers estimate that Connecticut will need 5,700 (2.64%) more providers by 2028. The US shortage is expected to be 100,000 healthcare providers. In very good news, the report expects that Connecticut will have a surplus of 326 physicians by 2028. However, they predict a shortage of nurse practitioners, registered nurses, and home health aides/personal care assistants.





While there is expected to be growth in numbers of healthcare providers across the US by 2028, the authors don't expect it to keep up with demand. The causes of the shortage include the stresses of COVID, burnout, and an aging population.

There is variation between states in pay for these professions. Physician pay varies the most between states but is the highest and averages double the next highest profession.

The authors note that these are wide categories and may obscure shortages in specialties. However, Connecticut is not among states expecting big shortages of primary care physicians.

The authors offer broad recommendations for health systems, policymakers, and educational institutions.