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1 The New Hampshire Office of Strategic Initiatives recently published the "2018 New Hampshire Housing Supply Report." This annually updated document provides data and analysis related to buildings permits issued in the given year, over 4,200 in 2018.

The report also provides data analysis at a county level, tracks trends between 2010 and the current report year, and provides municipal level data.

The full report can be viewed [online](#).

2 As shared in the [SRPC November Newsletter](#), Governor Chris Sununu released the "Recommendations and Plan to Address New Hampshire's Housing Shortage" in late October. This document was a combined effort of a housing task force, the Governor's office, and a bipartisan group of young legislators in response to the less than 1% vacancy rate in the state. Associated bills have recently been released including [HB 1629-FN](#) and [HB-1632-FN-A-LOCAL](#), both which resulted from the work of the housing task force.

Also related to new and upcoming legislation, the New Hampshire Municipal Association will be hosting and upcoming webinar which will:

- Include a preview of legislation that has been filed for 2020;
- Outline the messages legislators need to hear from you;
- Recommend grassroots action to get the municipal voice heard.

The webinar will take place on Jan. 6 from noon to 1 p.m. Register or learn more on the [NHMA website](#).

3 The latest edition of "The Planning Board in New Hampshire: A Handbook for Local Officials" was released in Nov. 2019. As explained in the handbook, the guide "...is intended to serve as an introduction to the organization, powers, duties, and procedures of planning boards in New Hampshire."

This handbook is a useful tool for new members on planning boards across the state, as well as a refresher for current members. It can be found on the [New Hampshire Office of Strategic Initiatives website](#).