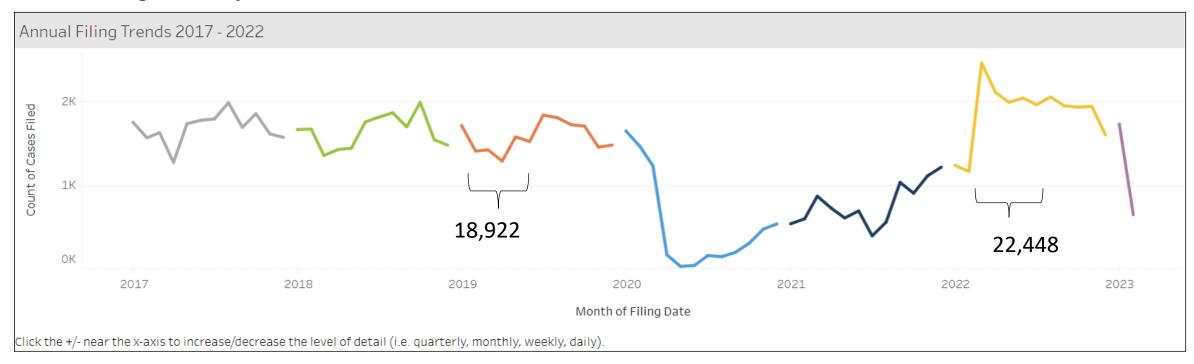
# CT Right to Counsel Update

February 17, 2023



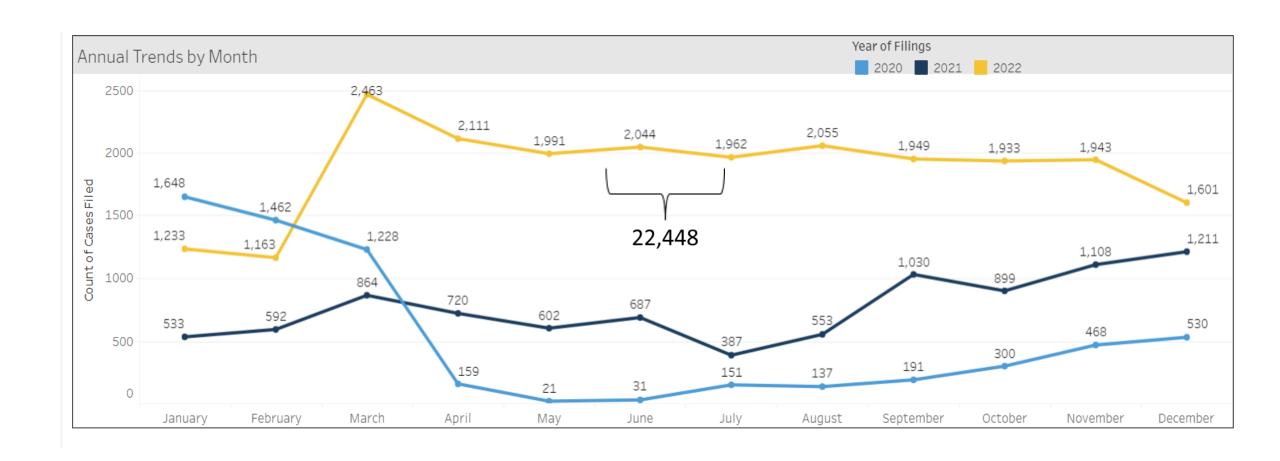
# Filing Trends

## Connecticut Eviction Filings Data Eviction Filings Trend By Year



2019 Eviction Filings: 18,922 2022 Eviction Filings: 22,448

# Annual Filings Trends by Month

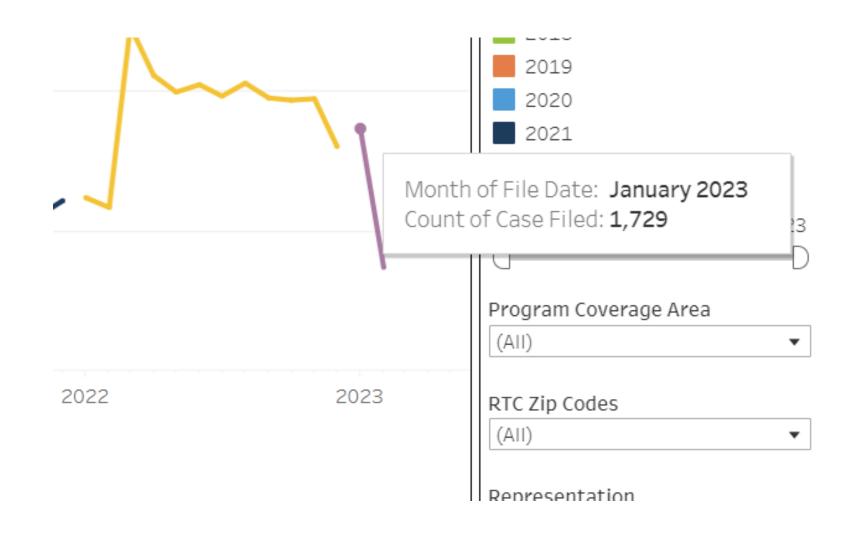


## Annual Independent Evaluation Report: Key Findings

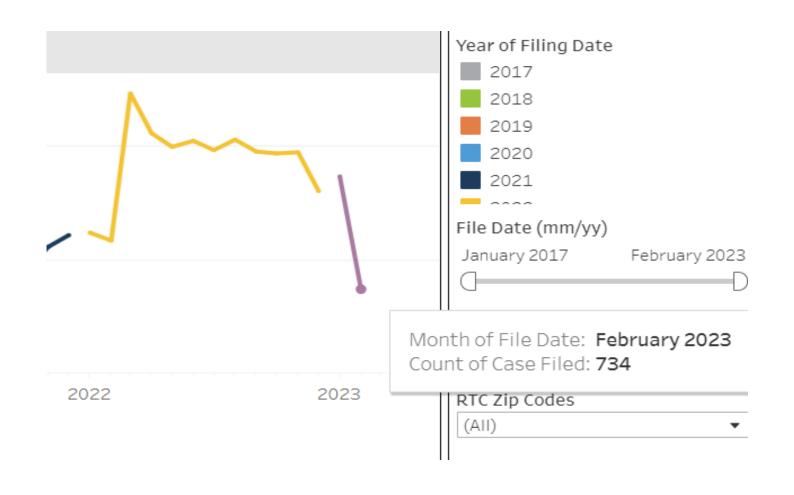
- In 2022, eviction-filings spiked, and exceeded the number of filings in 2019 by nearly 20%.
- In 2022 (through November 30), for zip codes where CT-RTC was being implemented, the percentage of eviction cases in which the tenant was represented by a lawyer more than doubled to 14% compared to 6% in RTC zip codes from 2017-2019.
- 29% percent of eviction filings in 2022 were filed in zip codes with CT-RTC services.



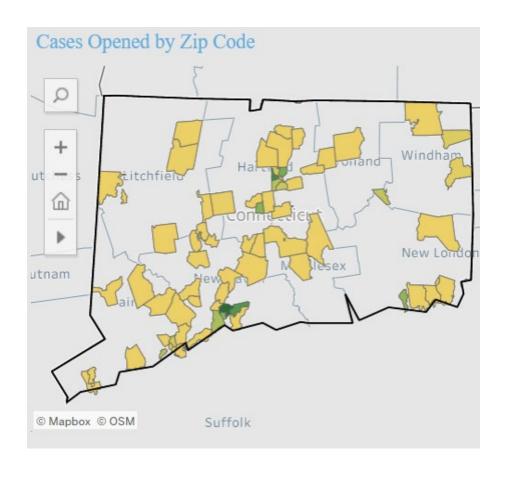
# January Filing Data



# February Filing Data (to-date)



## Case Distribution





## Top Client Goals



The **top two** self-reported **client goals** are: **Prevent Involuntary Move** at 82.4% and **Prevent Eviction Judgment** at 78.1%.

So far, 'Prevent Involuntary Move' was achieved in 71% of closed, extensive services cases.

'Prevent Eviction Judgment' was achieved in 74.5% of closed, extensive services cases.

# Client Demographics

Race/Ethnicity		
African American or Black	44.7%	871.0
Hispanic - Hispanic	31.5%	613.0
White - Not Hispanic	15.2%	297.0
Other - Not Hispanic	4.8%	94.0
Other - Not Specified	2.6%	50.0
Native American or Alaskan Native - Not Hispanic	0.5%	9.0
Asian or Pacific Islander - Not Hispanic	0.4%	7.0
White - Hispanic	0.3%	6.0
African American or Black - Hispanic	0.1%	2.0

Age	18-24	25-34	35-49	50-64	65+
	6.3%	25.1%	35.2%	24.9%	8.4%
	123.0	487.0	682.0	483.0	163.0

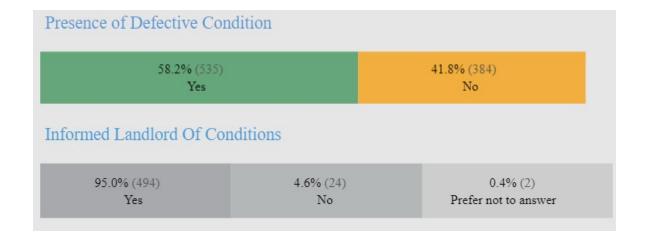
Gender		
Female	69%	1,341
Male	31%	599
Transgender	0%	1
Not Specified	0%	4

# Client Demographics cntd.

Disability	
No	49.0%
Physical Disability	22.6%
Mental Disability	21.3%
Not Specified or Other	7.1%

<b>Household Size</b>	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
	36%	23%	19%	12%	6%	3%	1%

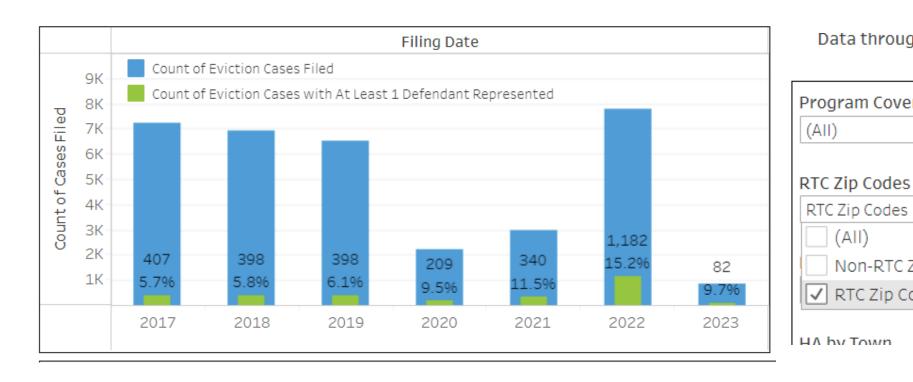
## **Defective Conditions**



% of Clients with Defective Condition Type	e
Pest Infestation	Other
51.1%	29.6%
Mold	Electrical
20.40/	21.6%
29.4%	Plumbing
Wall-Ceiling-Floor Damage	27.8%
40.9%	Heat
Water	17.2%
26.4%	Exterior
	11.5%
Unstable Or Damaged Floor Or Carpet	Lead
16.2%	2.3%

## Defendant Representation in RTC Zip Codes

## **RTC Zip Codes**



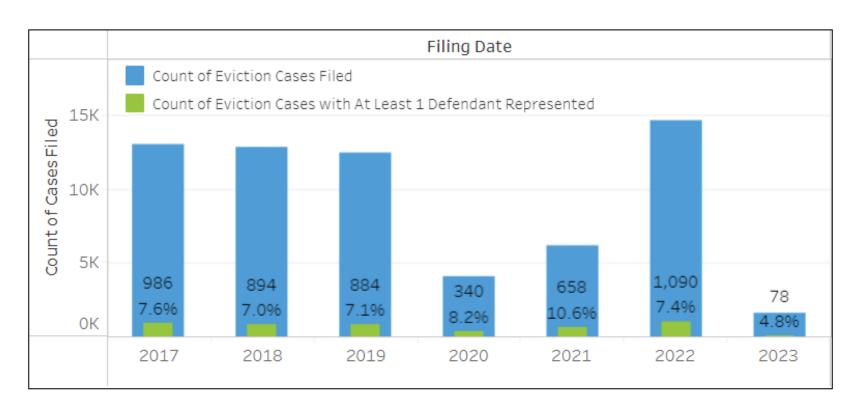
Data through 02/14/2023 Program Coverage Area (AII)

Non-RTC Zip Codes

RTC Zip Codes

(AII)

## Defendant Representation – Non-RTC Zip Codes



02/14/2023 Program Coverage Area (AII) ₹ ▼ RTC Zip Codes Non-RTC Zip Codes Housing Authority (AII)

Data through

# Staffing

Organization	CVLC	GHLA	NHLAA	SLS	CLS	Total
Attorneys	3.49	6.3	10.3	3.85	15.1	39.04



You are facing the loss of your home or housing subsidy.

We are here to help.

The State of Connecticut created a Right to Counsel program (CT-RTC) to provide *free legal representation* to income eligible tenants facing eviction or loss of housing subsidy.

The program began in a few communities on January 31, 2022 and will grow over time.

To find out if **free legal representation** is available where you live and if you qualify call **1-800-559-1565** or visit **evictionhelpct.org** 

#### **ONLINE LEGAL HELP** Go

to ctlawhelp.org/eviction to learn about the eviction process and how to respond to eviction notices.

#### 2-1-1 HELPLINE

Call 211 for information and referrals for housing, utility, and food assistance or go too 211ct.org.

#### GUIDE AND FORM FILLER

Go to **cteviction.guide** to learn about the eviction process and prepare court forms for your case.

#### **EVICTION PREVENTION FUND**

Check your eligibility for UniteCT's Eviction Prevention Fund by visiting unitectprescreen.formstack.com/forms/eviction\_prevention.



Usted está en riesgo de perder su hogar o su subsidio de vivienda. Estamos aquí para ayudarle. El estado de Connecticut ha creado el programa "Derecho a un Abogado" (CT-RTC, por sus siglas en inlgés) con el fin de brindar representación juridica gratuita a inquilinos de bajos ingresos que corran riesgo de desalojo o pérdida del subsidio de vivienda.

El programa comenzó el 31 de enero de 2022 en un numero limitado de communidades y continuuara expandiéndose.

Para averiguar si usted reúne los requisites para el programa de representación jurídica gratuita o si está disponsible en su zona, llame al **1-800-559-1565** o visite **evictionhelpct.org** 

## ASISTENCIA LEGAL POR INTERNET

Visite ctlawhelp.org/eviction para obtener información sobre el proceso de desalojo y cómo responder a una notificación de desalojo.

#### LÍNEA DE ASISTENCIA 2-1-1

Para información y derivaciones a programas de asistencia con el alquiler, servicios públicos y alimentos, llame al 211 or visite 211ct.org.

### GUÍA PARA COMPLETAR FORMULARIOS

Visite cteviction.guide para obtener información sobre el proceso de desalojo y como completer los formularios iudiciales.

#### FONDO PREVENTIVO DE DESALOJOS

Para verificar si réune los requisitos para recibir asistencia del Fondo Preventivo de Desalojos de UniteCT, visite https://unitectprescreen.formstack.com/forms/eviction\_prevention.

CT-RTC is administered by the Connecticut Bar Foundation, 31 Pratt Street, Hartford, CT 06103 www.ctbarfdn.org

## RTC Notice Updates

# RTC Expenditures

- From October 2021 December 2022 program expenses totaled
   ~\$3.7 million dollars
- RTC was funded with \$20 million in ARPA funding
- Federal Treasury guidance allows ARPA funded expenditures through December 2024 and obligations until December 2026.

"Eligible Costs Timeframe. Your organization, as a recipient of an SLFRF award, may use SLFRF funds to cover eligible costs that your organization incurred during the period that begins on March 3, 2021 and ends on December 31, 2024, as long as the award funds for the obligations incurred by December 31, 2024 are expended by December 31, 2026."

There is currently no funding request for RTC.

# Questions?

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