

# CT Right to Counsel Update

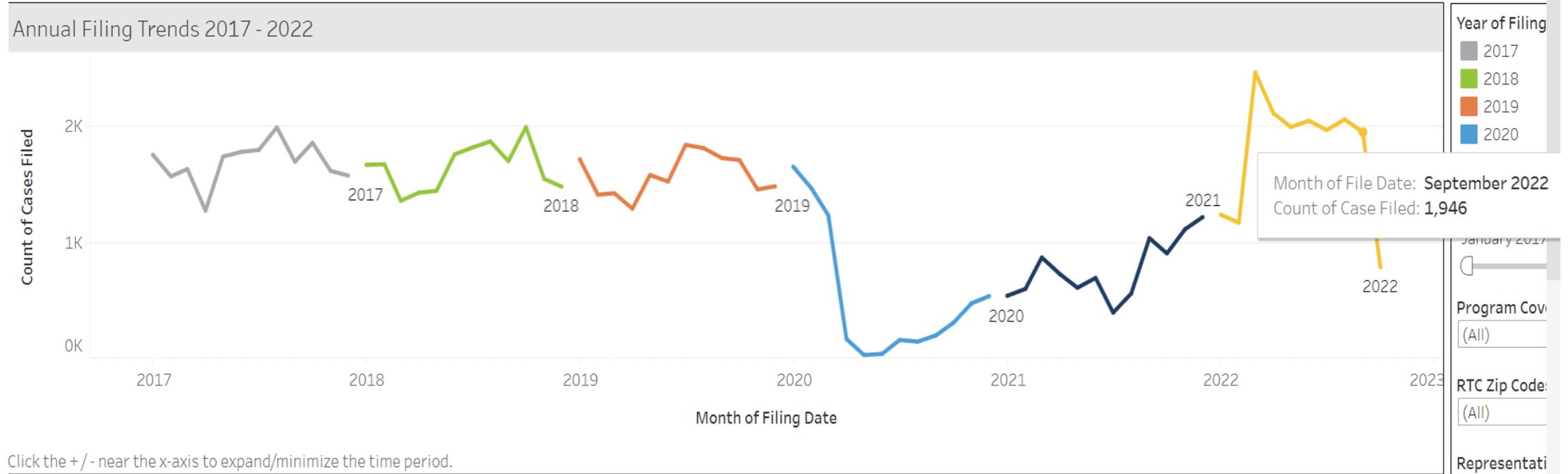
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# Filing Trends

## Connecticut Eviction Filings Data

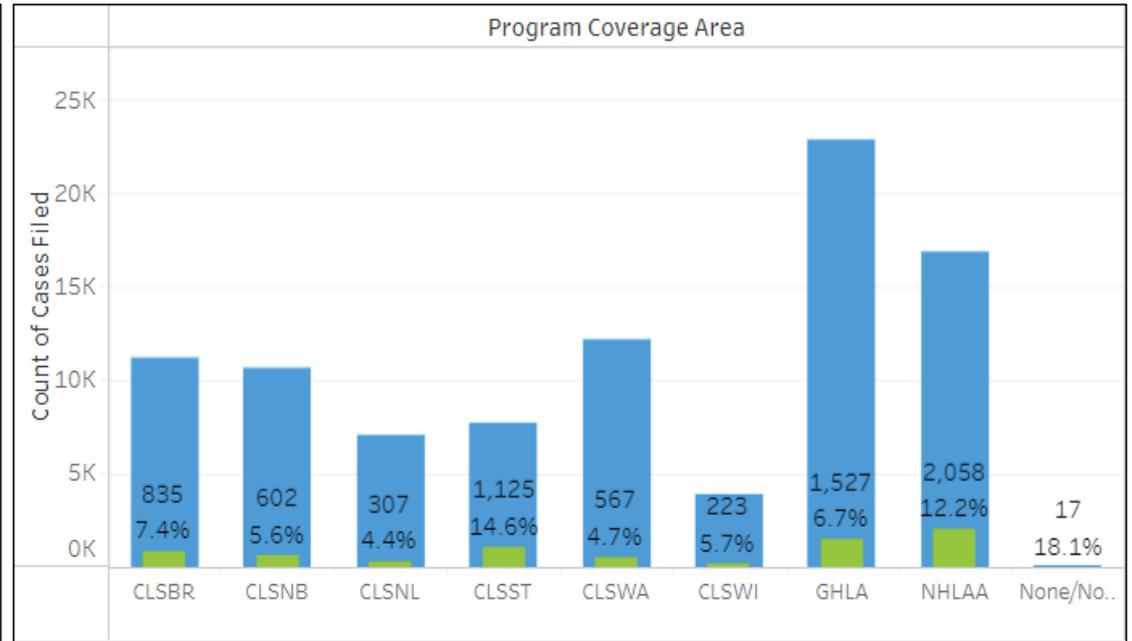
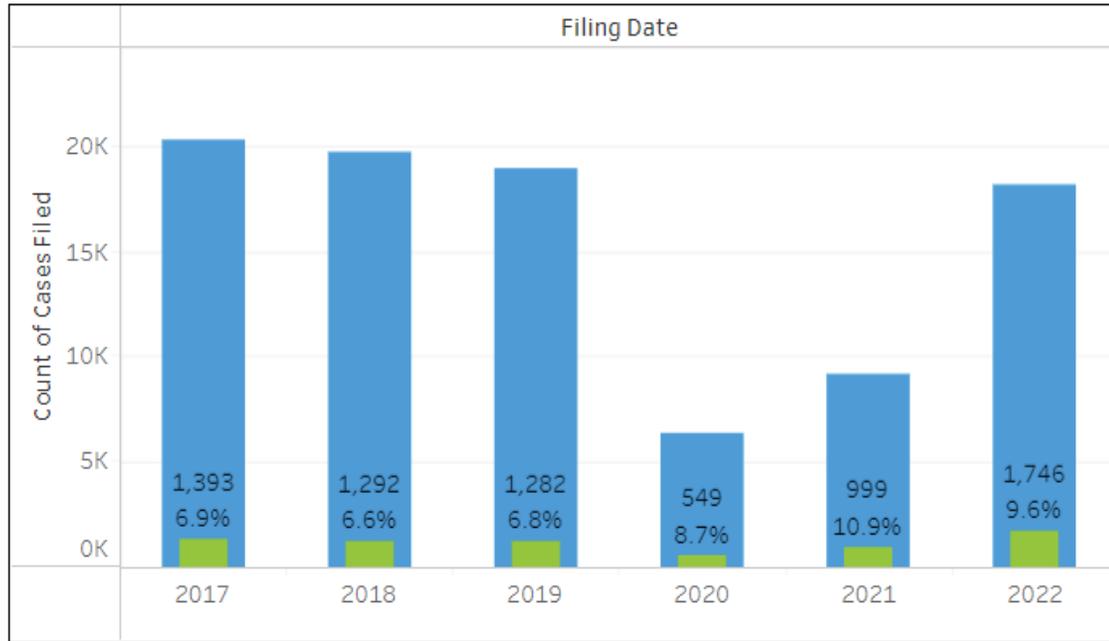
### Eviction Filings Trend By Year



2022 eviction filings (18,147 YTD)  
on trend to surpass 2019 filing total  
of 18,922.

# Connecticut Eviction Filings Data

## Eviction Filings By Year (2017 - 2022) and Defendant Representation **Statewide**



Count of Cases with Defendant Represented Count of Cases Filed

Defendant Represented %

**2019** Representation rate: 6.8%

**2022** Representation rate YTD: 9.6%

\*Comparison between 2019 and 2022 in graph on left, as 2020 and 2021 are outliers due to the pandemic. Whole number in the blue bar is the number of people represented. Right graph whole numbers are cumulative, 2017-2022.

\* Slide added post presentation

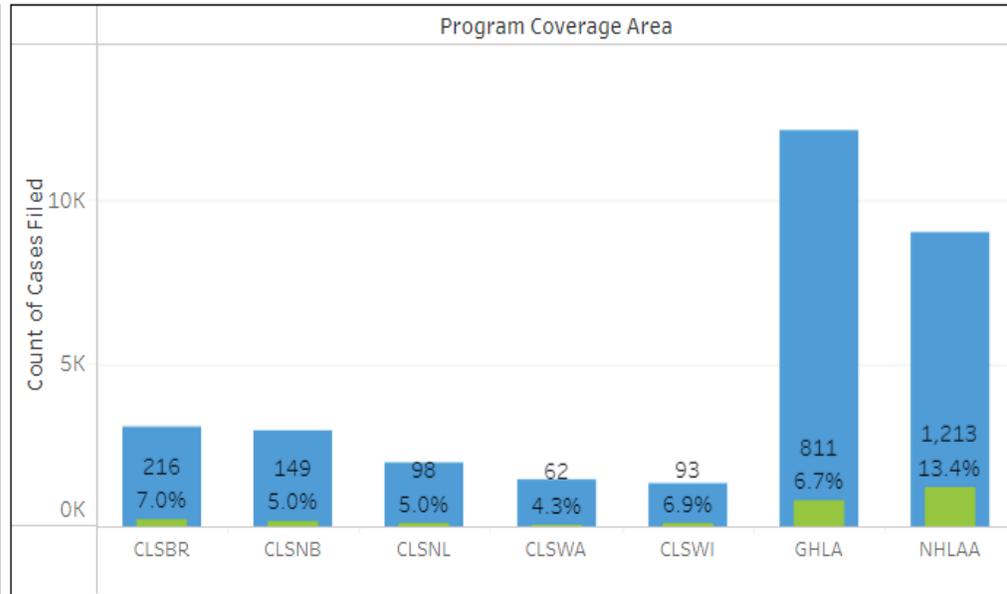
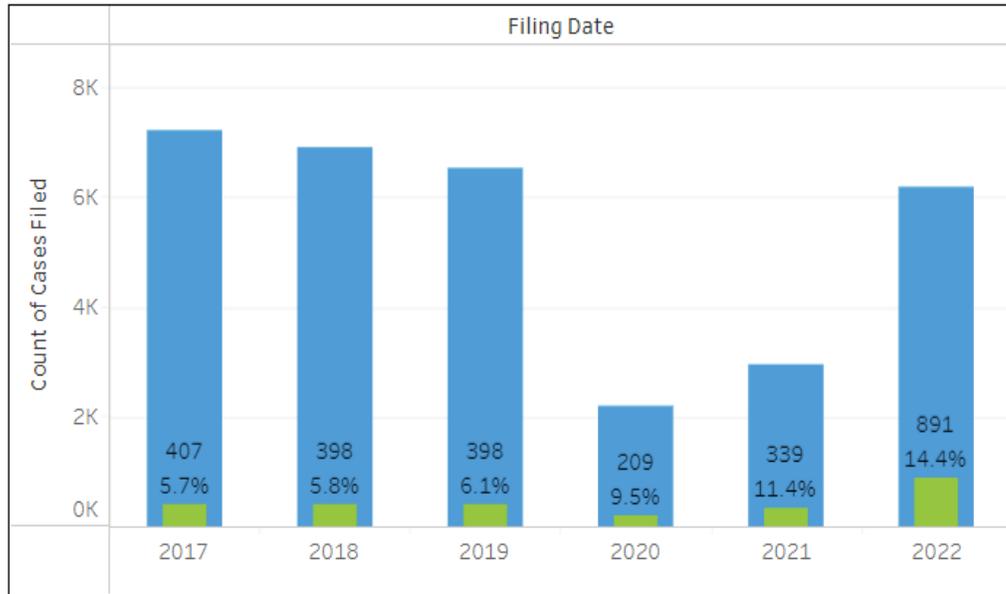
# Representation Rate in RTC Zip Codes

**2019 Rate: 6.1% | 2022 Rate: 14.4%**

## Connecticut Eviction Filings Data

Eviction Filings By Year (2017 - 2022) and Defendant Representation

Data through 10/19/2022



Count of Cases with Defendant Represented Count of Cases Filed

Defendant Represented %

Program Coverage Area  
 (All)   
 RTC Zip Codes  
 RTC Zip Codes   
 (All)  
 Non-RTC Zip Codes  
 RTC Zip Codes  
 HA by Town  
 (All)   
 Property Zip  
 (All)

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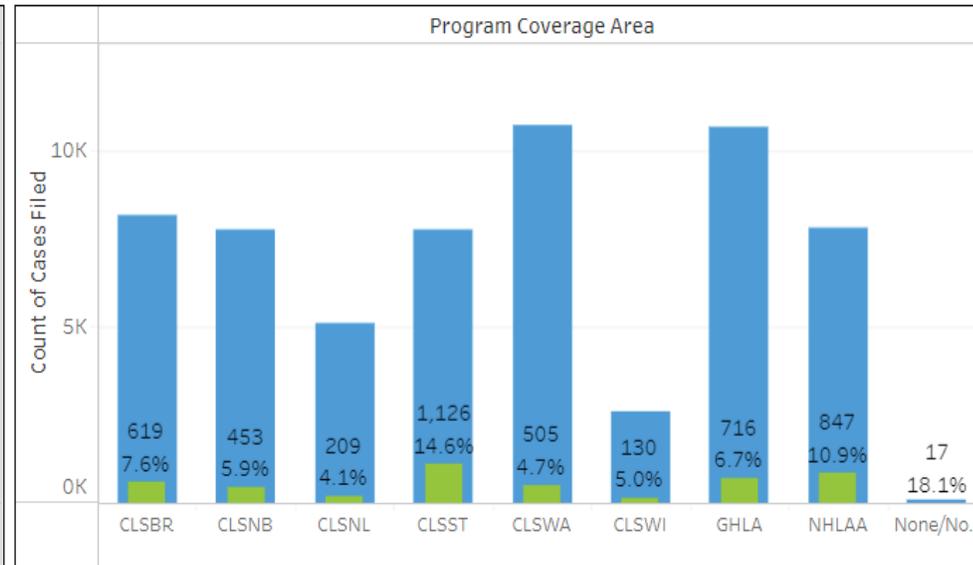
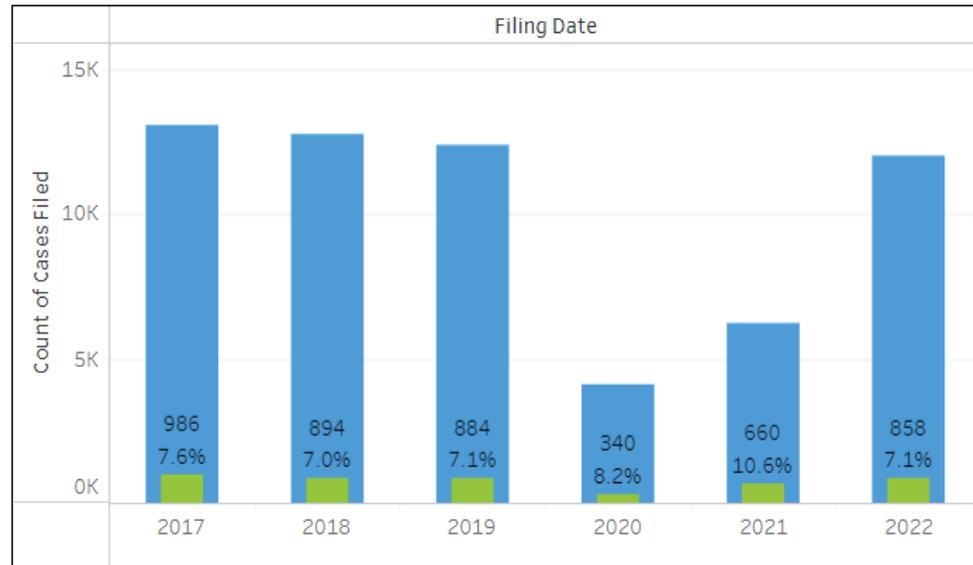
# Representation Rate in Non-RTC Zip codes

**2019 Rate: 7.1% | 2022 Rate: 7.1%**

## Connecticut Eviction Filings Data

Eviction Filings By Year (2017 - 2022) and Defendant Representation

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Count of Cases with Defendant Represented (Green) | Count of Cases Filed (Blue)

Defendant Represented % (Orange)

Program Coverage Area: (All) [v]

RTC Zip Codes: Non-RTC Zip Codes [v]

Housing Authority: (All) [v]

HA by Town: (All) [v]

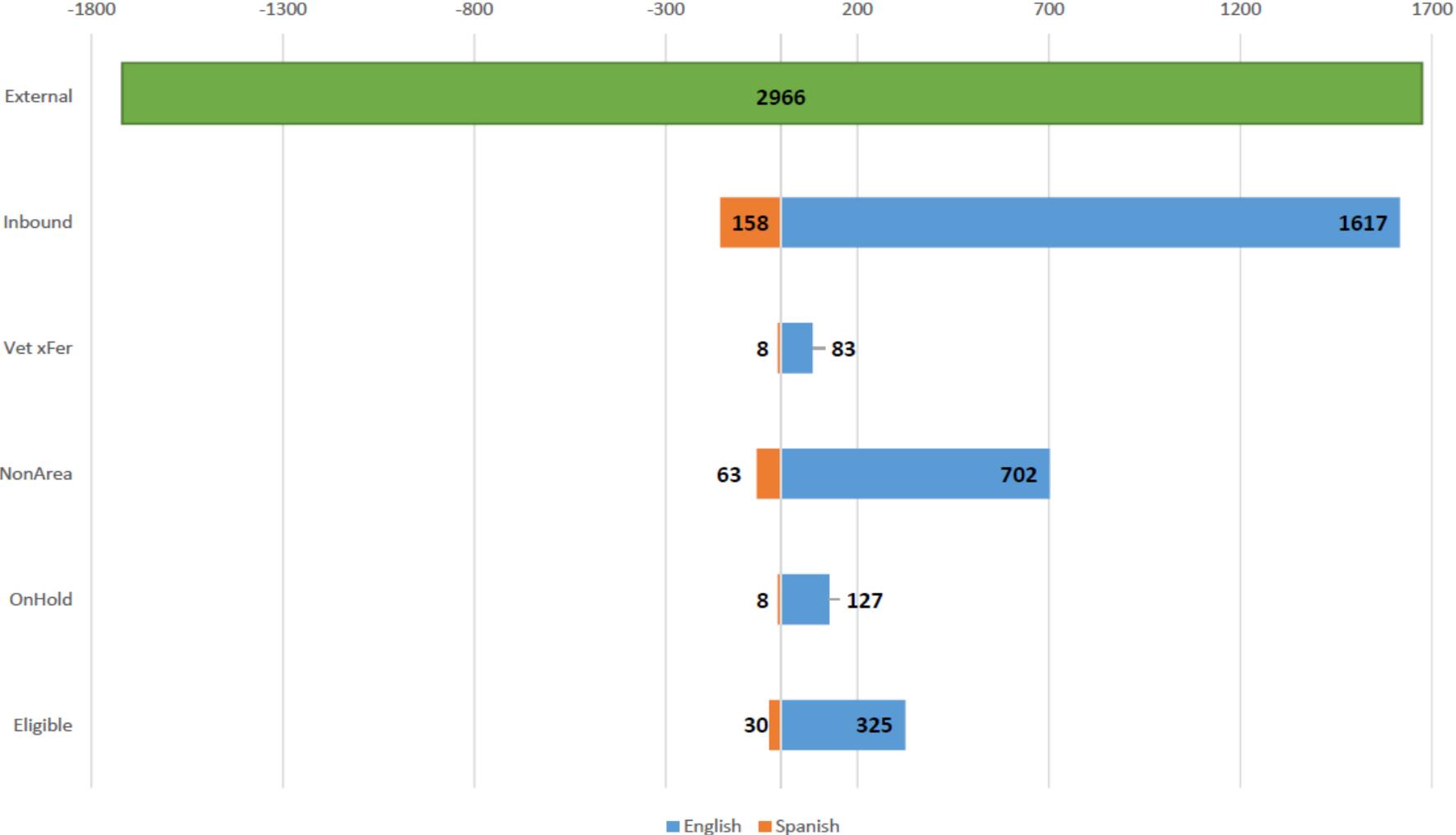
Property Zip: (All) [v]

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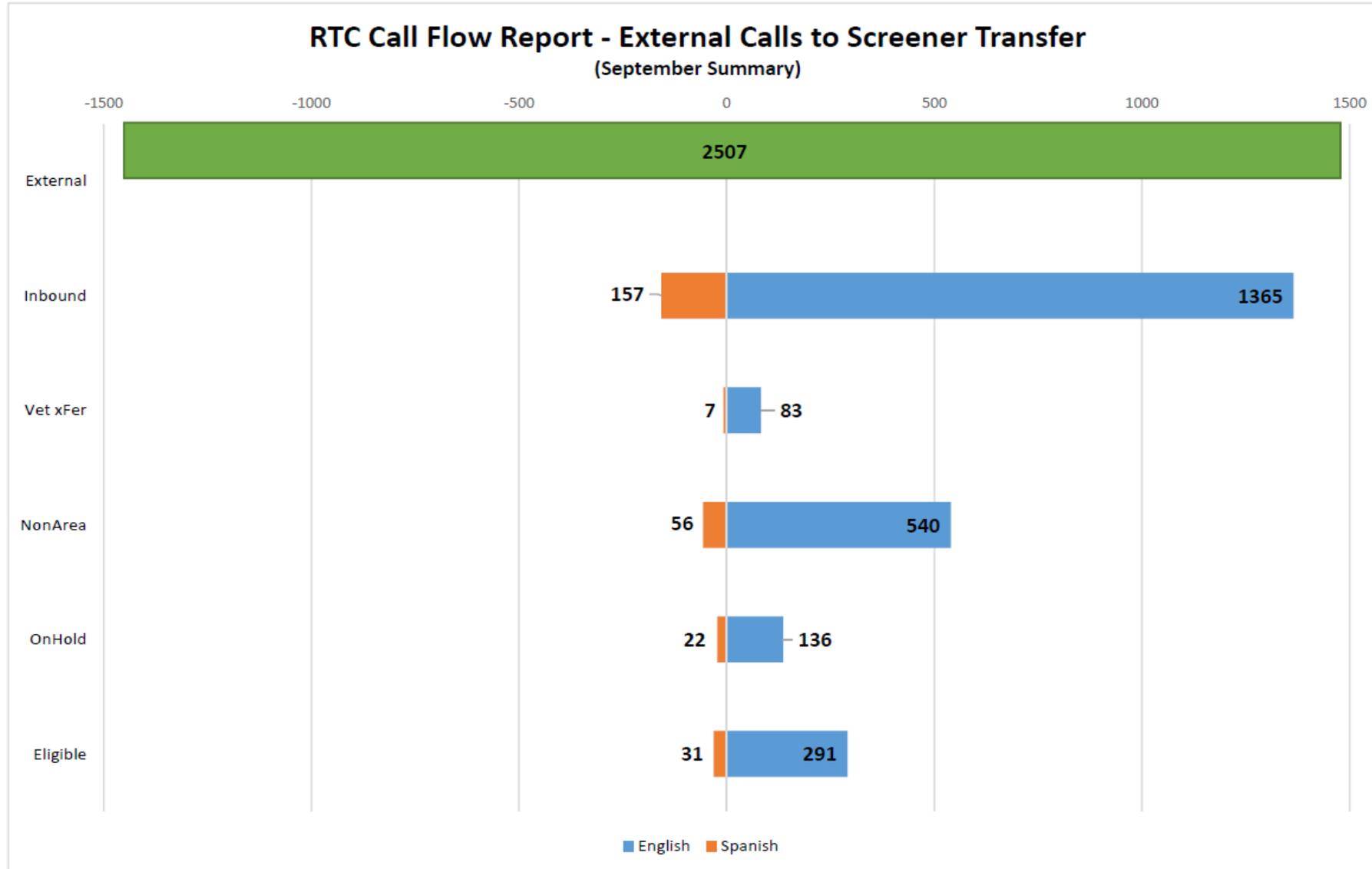
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# August Hotline Activity

RTC Call Flow Report - External Calls to Screener Transfer  
(August Summary)



# September Hotline Activity



# Connecticut Eviction Right to Counsel

## Program Data Analysis

# OF  
PROGRAMS

5



# OF CLIENTS

1,367



# OF CLIENTS REFERRED  
FOR FULL  
REPRESENTATION

862

FROM

1/31/2022

TO

9/30/2022

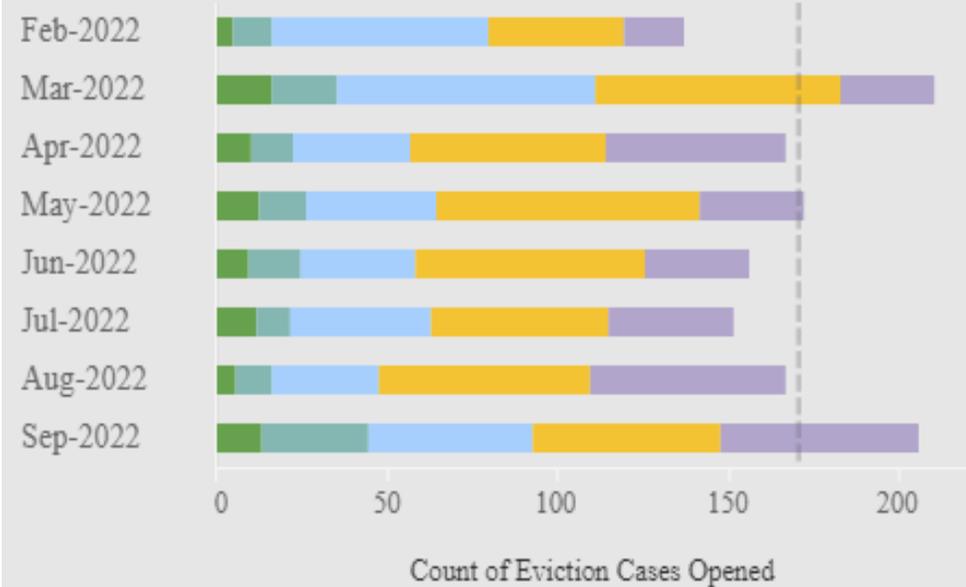


# Case Distribution

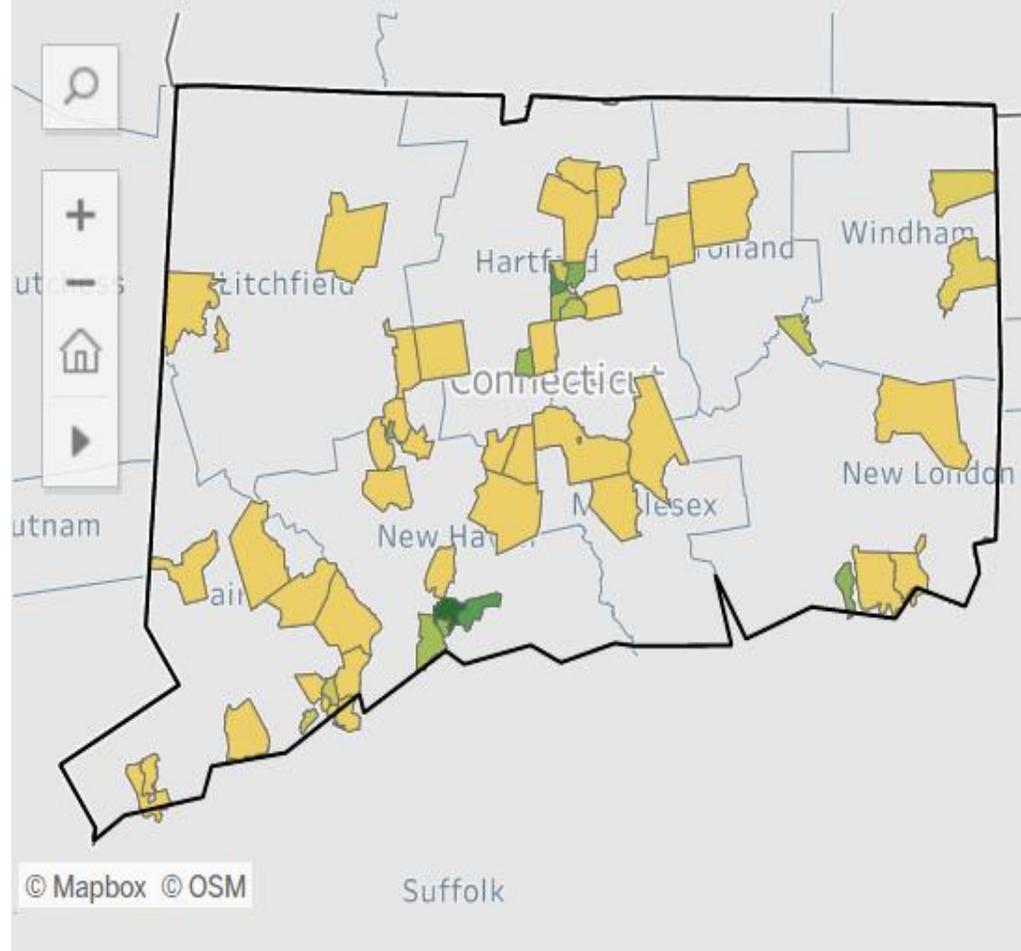
## Case Status

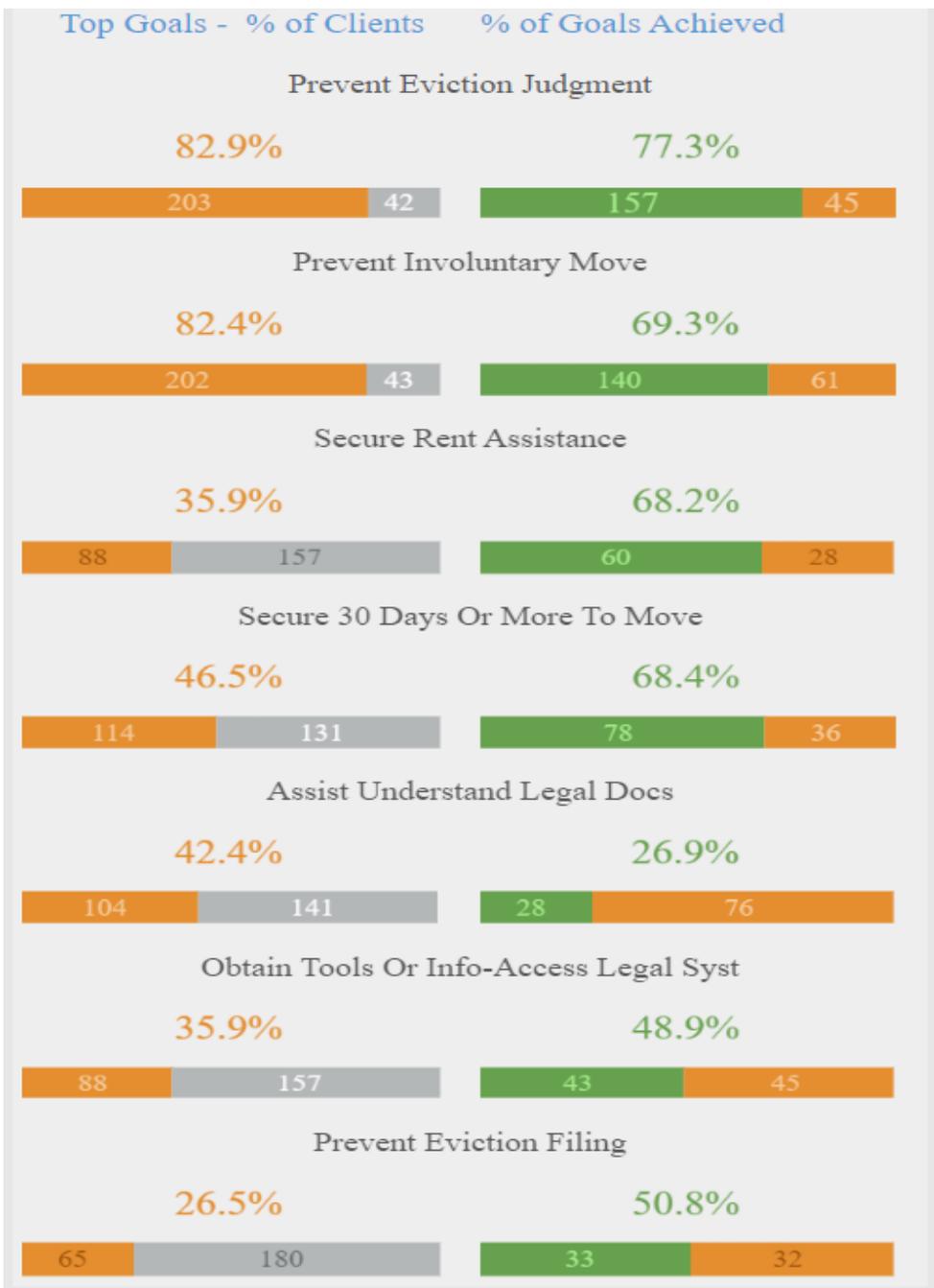


## Cases Opened by Month



## Cases Opened by Zip Code





# Client Goals

The **top two** self-reported **client goals** are: **Prevent Eviction Judgment** at 82.9% and **Prevent Involuntary Move** at 82.4%, respectively.

So far, **‘Prevent Eviction Judgment’** was **achieved** in **77.3%** of closed, extensive services cases where information was entered.

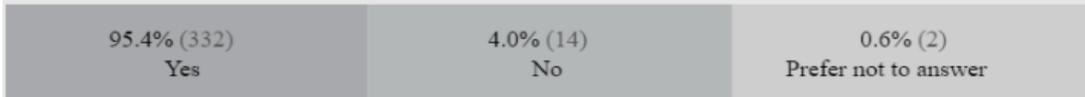
**‘Prevent Involuntary Move’** was **achieved** in **69.3%** of closed, extensive services cases where information was entered.

# Defective Conditions

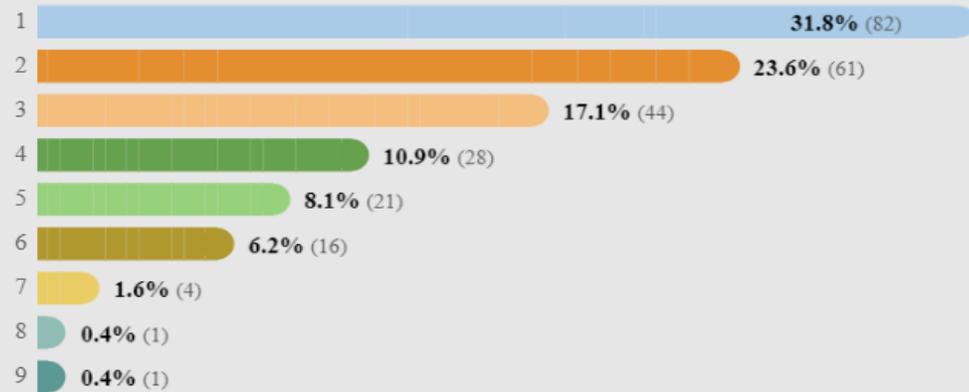
## Presence of Defective Condition



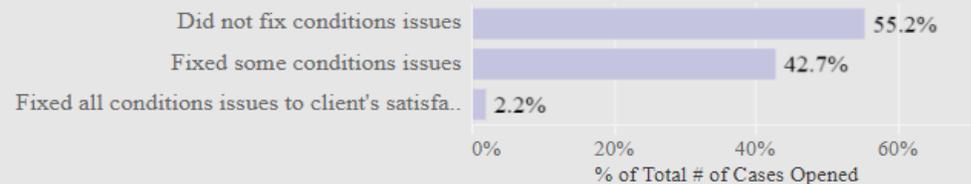
## Informed Landlord Of Conditions



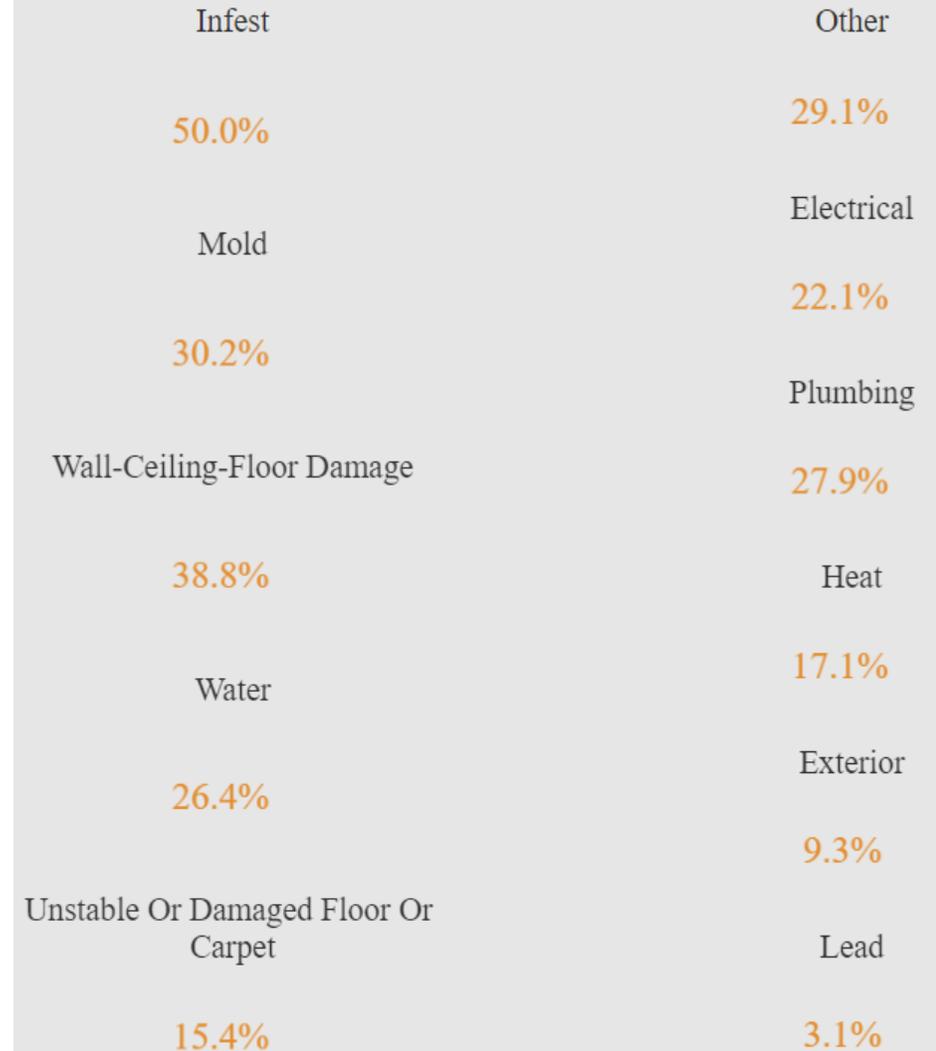
## # of Defective Conditions Per Client Hover over to highlight the condition



## Landlord Repair of Defective Condition(s)



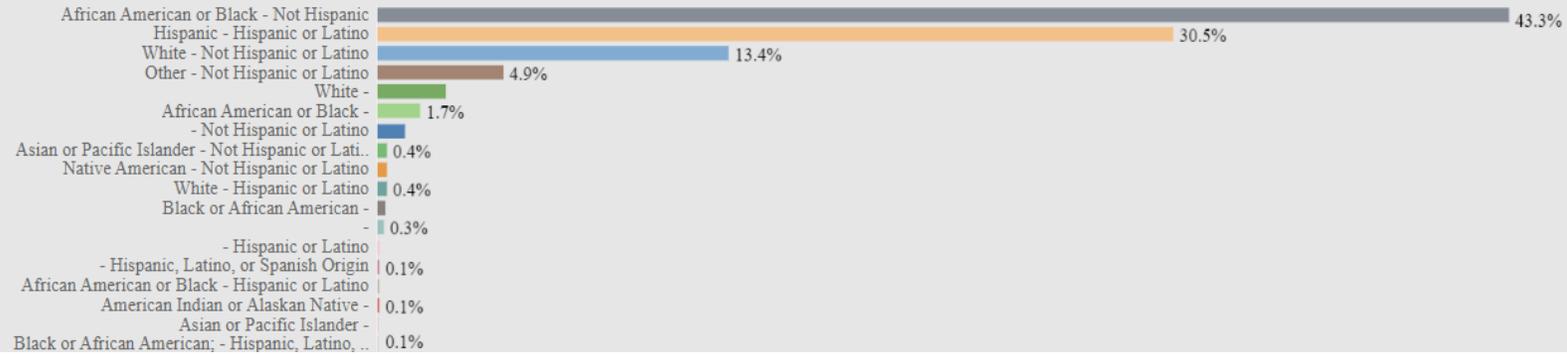
## % of Clients with Defective Condition Type



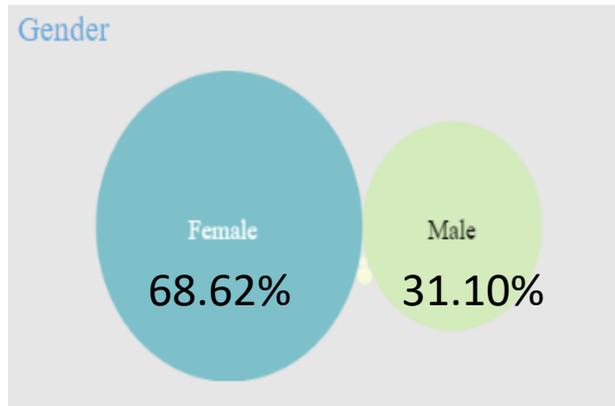
# Client Characteristics

## Connecticut Eviction Right to Counsel Program Data Race and Ethnicity

Race and Ethnicity [Click to Highlight](#)



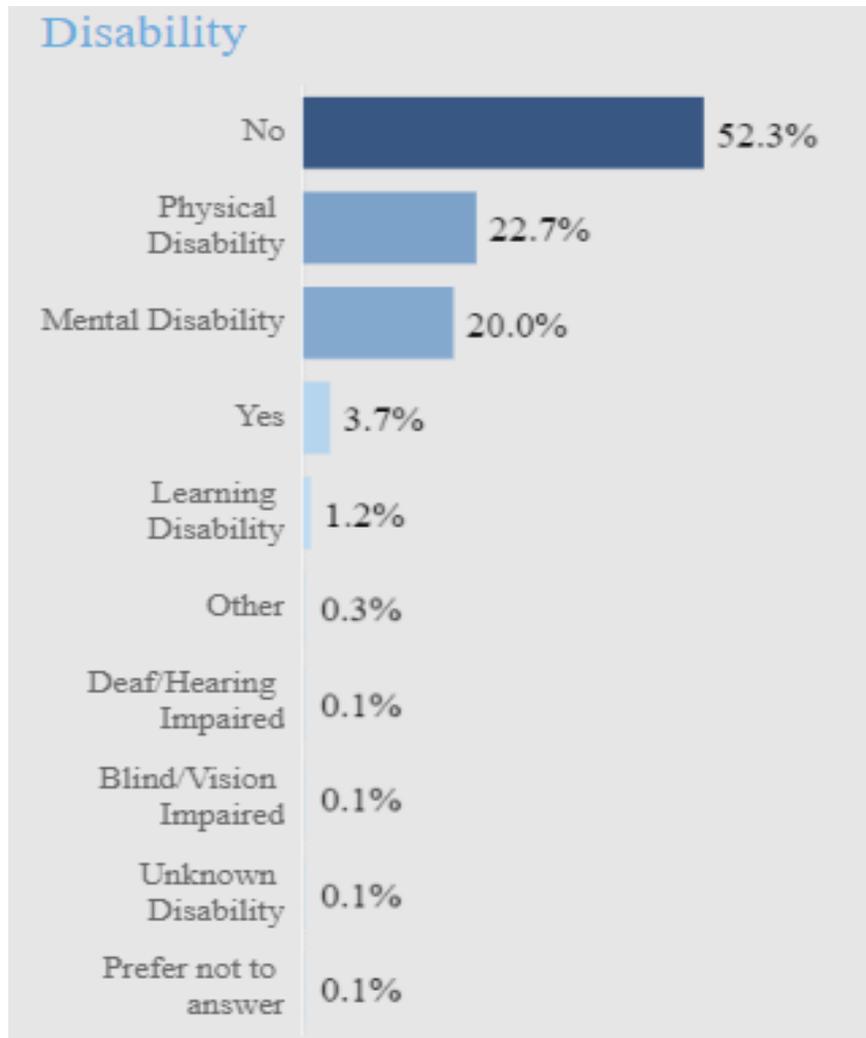
## Gender



Not specified - 0.21%

Transgender Woman - 0.07%

# Client characteristics cntd.



48.2 % of RTC clients report having a disability.

# RTC Staffing Update

<b>Attorneys</b>						
<b>Organization</b>	<b>CVLC</b>	<b>GHLA</b>	<b>NHLAA</b>	<b>SLS</b>	<b>CLS</b>	<b>Total</b>
<b>#</b>	3.49	6.3	9.8	3.85	12.8	36.24

# RTC Spending So Far

- Cumulative expenditures of all providers + CBF since October 2021 = \$1,609,669
- Under projected spending due mostly to incremental hiring of attorneys.
- Program currently projected to have sufficient funding through end of calendar year 2024.
- Total funding needs for full implementation will be revised following the completion of one full year of program (January 31, 2023).

# RTC Notice and Revision Mock-ups

- Revision #1 Mockup

**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 **www.EvictionHelpCT.org**

**ONLINE LEGAL HELP**

Go to [www.ctlawhelp.org/eviction](http://www.ctlawhelp.org/eviction) to learn about the eviction process and how to respond to eviction notices.

**RENTAL ASSISTANCE**

Apply by going to [www.bit.ly/UniteCT](http://www.bit.ly/UniteCT) or call 1-844-864-8328 for a referral to a community agency that can help you apply.

**2-1-1 HELPLINE**

Call 211 for information and referrals for housing, utility, and food assistance or go to [www.211ct.org](http://www.211ct.org).

**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 inglés) con el fin de brindar **representación jurídica 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 determinadas comunidades y luego se irá expandiendo.

Para saber si usted reúne los requisitos para obtener **REPRESENTACIÓN JURÍDICA GRATUITA** y si se ofrece en su zona, llame al **1-800-559-1565** o visite **www.EvictionHelpCT.org**

**ASISTENCIA LEGAL POR INTERNET**

Visite [www.ctlawhelp.org/eviction](http://www.ctlawhelp.org/eviction) para obtener información sobre el proceso de desalojo y cómo responder a una notificación de desalojo.

**ASISTENCIA CON EL ALQUILER**

Para presentar la solicitud, visite [www.bit.ly/UniteCT](http://www.bit.ly/UniteCT) o llame al 1-844-864-8328 para que se le remita a una agencia en la comunidad que le pueda asistir con la solicitud.

**LÍNEA DE ASISTENCIA 2-1-1**

Para información y derivaciones a programas de asistencia con el alquiler, servicios públicos y alimentos, llame al 211 o visite [www.211ct.org](http://www.211ct.org).

# Revision #2 Mockup

	<p><b>You are facing the loss of your home or housing subsidy.</b></p> <p><b>We are here to help.</b></p>	<p>The State of Connecticut created a <b>Right to Counsel</b> program (CT-RTC) to provide <b>free legal representation</b> to income eligible tenants facing eviction or loss of housing subsidy.</p> <p><i>The program began in a few communities on January 31, 2022 and will grow over time.</i></p>
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<p><b>OTHER FREE RESOURCES</b></p>	<p><b>ONLINE LEGAL HELP</b> Go to <a href="http://ctlawhelp.org/eviction">ctlawhelp.org/eviction</a> to learn about the eviction process and how to respond to eviction notices.</p>	<p><b>2-1-1 HELPLINE</b> Call <b>211</b> for information and referrals for housing, utility, and food assistance or go too <b>211ct.org</b>.</p>
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<p><b>OTROS RECURSOS GRATUITOS</b></p>	<p><b>ASISTENCIA LEGAL POR INTERNET</b> Visite <a href="http://ctlawhelp.org/eviction">ctlawhelp.org/eviction</a> para obtener información sobre el proceso de desalojo y cómo responder a una notificación de desalojo.</p>	<p><b>LÍNEA DE ASISTENCIA 2-1-1</b> Para información y derivaciones a programas de asistencia con el alquiler, servicios públicos y alimentos, llame al <b>211</b> or visite <b>211ct.org</b>.</p>
<p>CT-RTC is administered by the Connecticut Bar Foundation, 31 Pratt Street, Hartford, CT 06103 <a href="http://www.ctbarfdn.org">www.ctbarfdn.org</a></p>		

# Revision #3

- Would include the CTeviction.guide form-filler tool resource

**CTeviction.guide** FOR RENTERS

- The Judicial Branch has reviewed ctevicition.guide and shared feedback with CT Fair Housing Center
  - Revisions to the tool have been made to reflect the feedback

# RTC Year 1 Report

- Statutorily required
- Due to the Legislature January 2023
- Stout (program evaluator) is compiling report that will report on:
  - Key evaluation findings related to evictions in Connecticut
  - Eviction filing trends
  - A review of data collection
  - Client goal and outcomes
  - Recommendations for Year 2

# UConn Law School Clinic Update

- UConn law school will be offering a housing clinic course next semester funded by a collaborative Connecticut Fair Housing Center federal HUD grant award.
- The co-directors of the clinic and students will work on eviction cases.
- Co-directors will start representing clients in November.

# Questions?

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