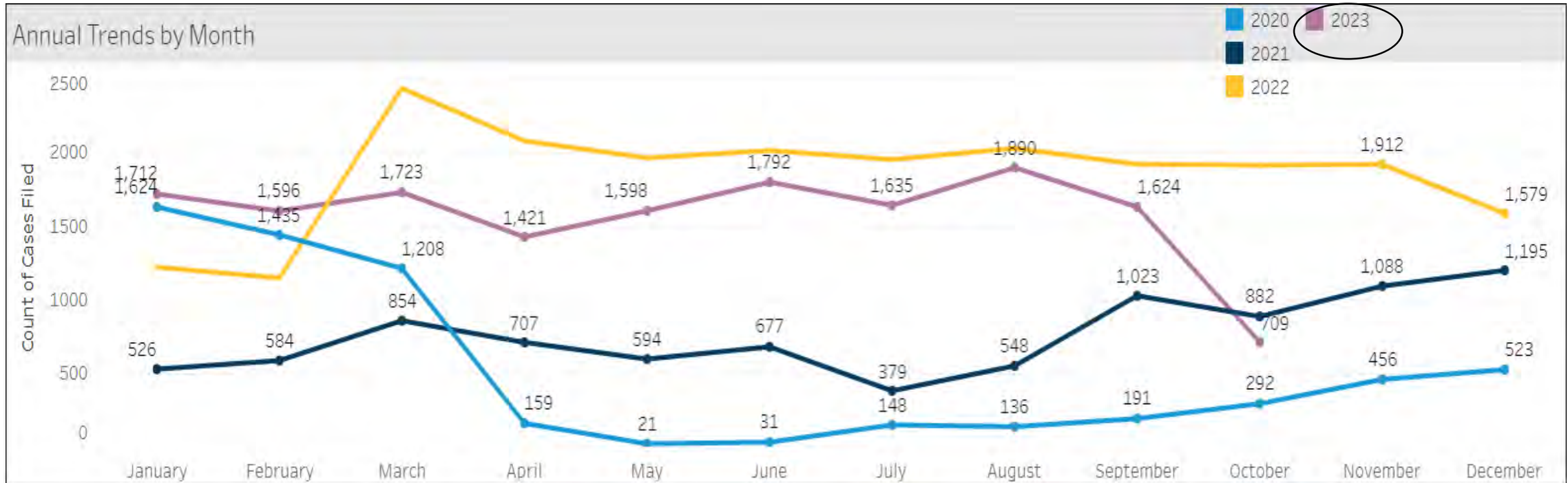


CT Right to Counsel Update

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Filing Trends

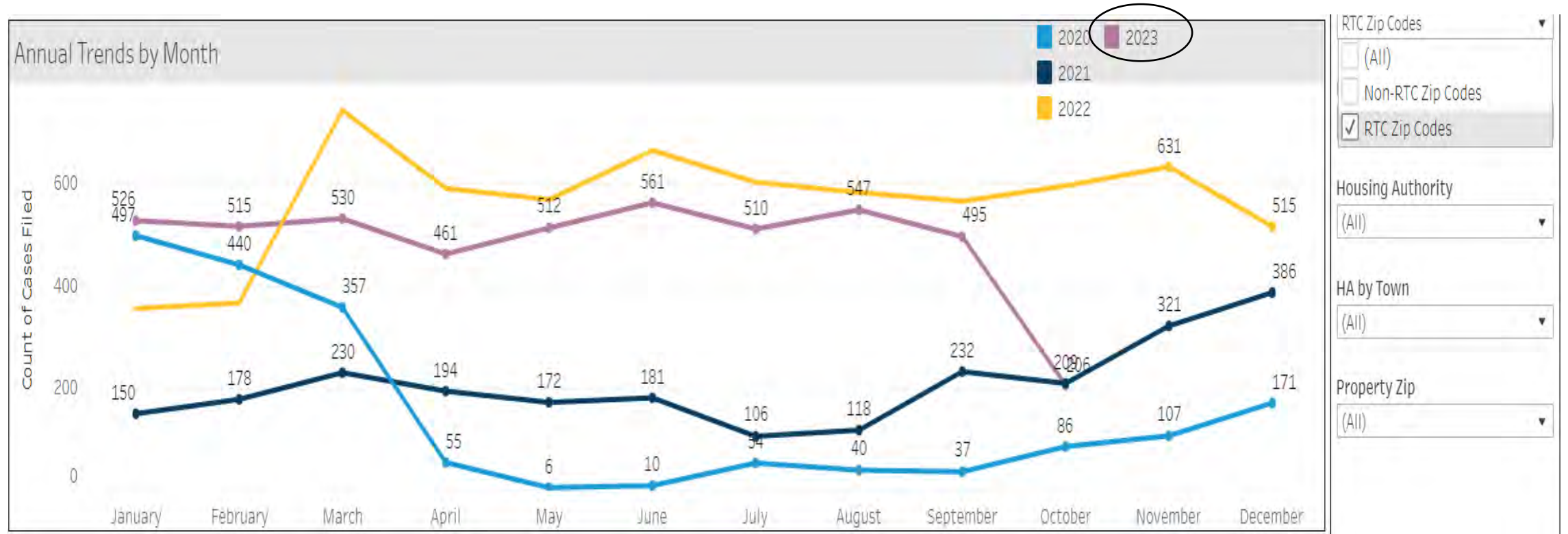


2019 Eviction Filings: 18,922

2022 Eviction Filings: 22,448

2023 Filings to-date: ~16,035

Filing Trends – RTC Zip Codes



2023 RTC zip code filings to-date: 4,959

Connecticut Eviction Right to Counsel

Program Data Analysis

OF PROGRAMS

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OF CLIENTS REFERRED FOR
FULL REPRESENTATION

PROGRAM DATE RANGE

5



3,521



2,236

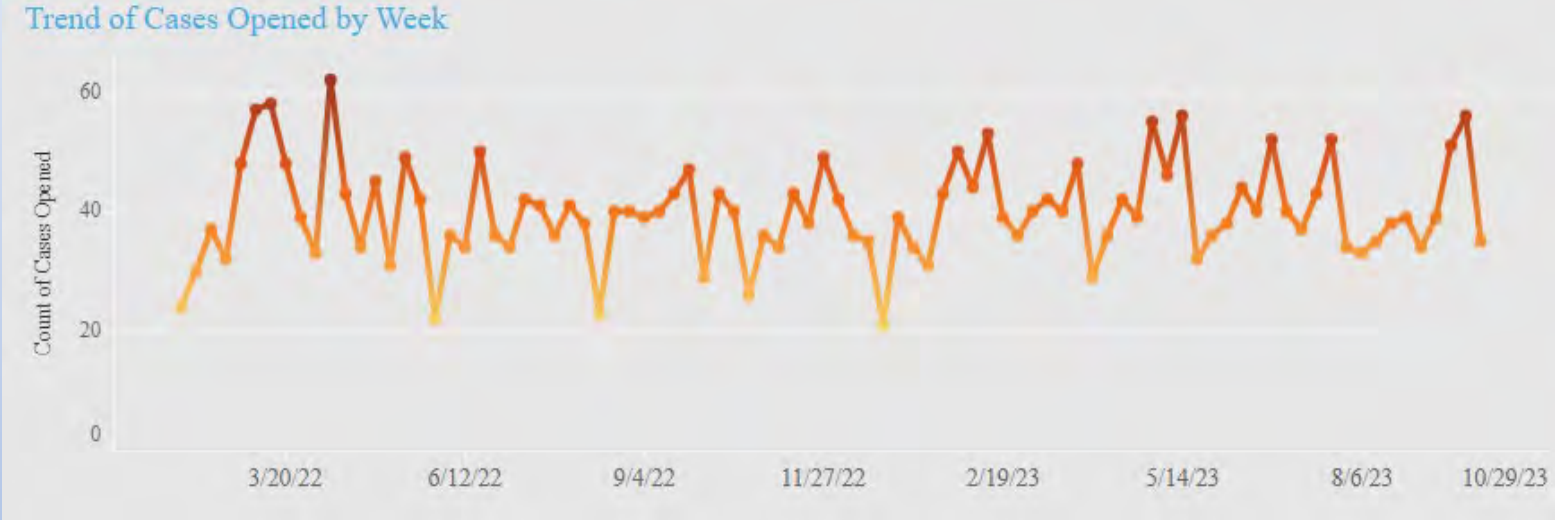
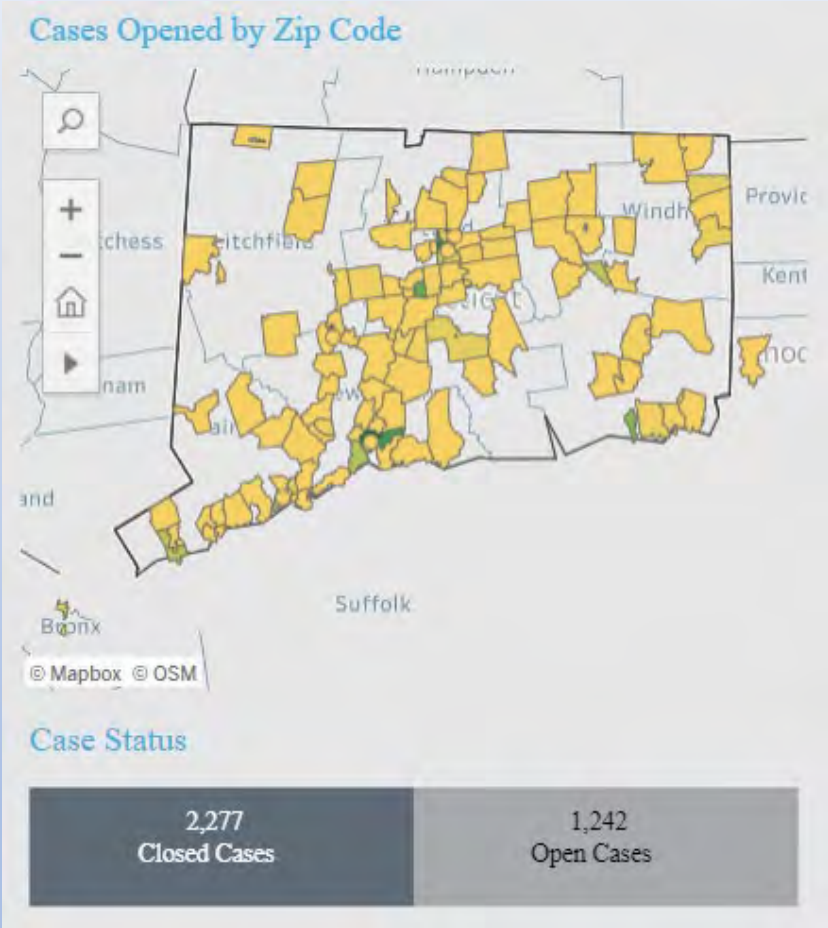
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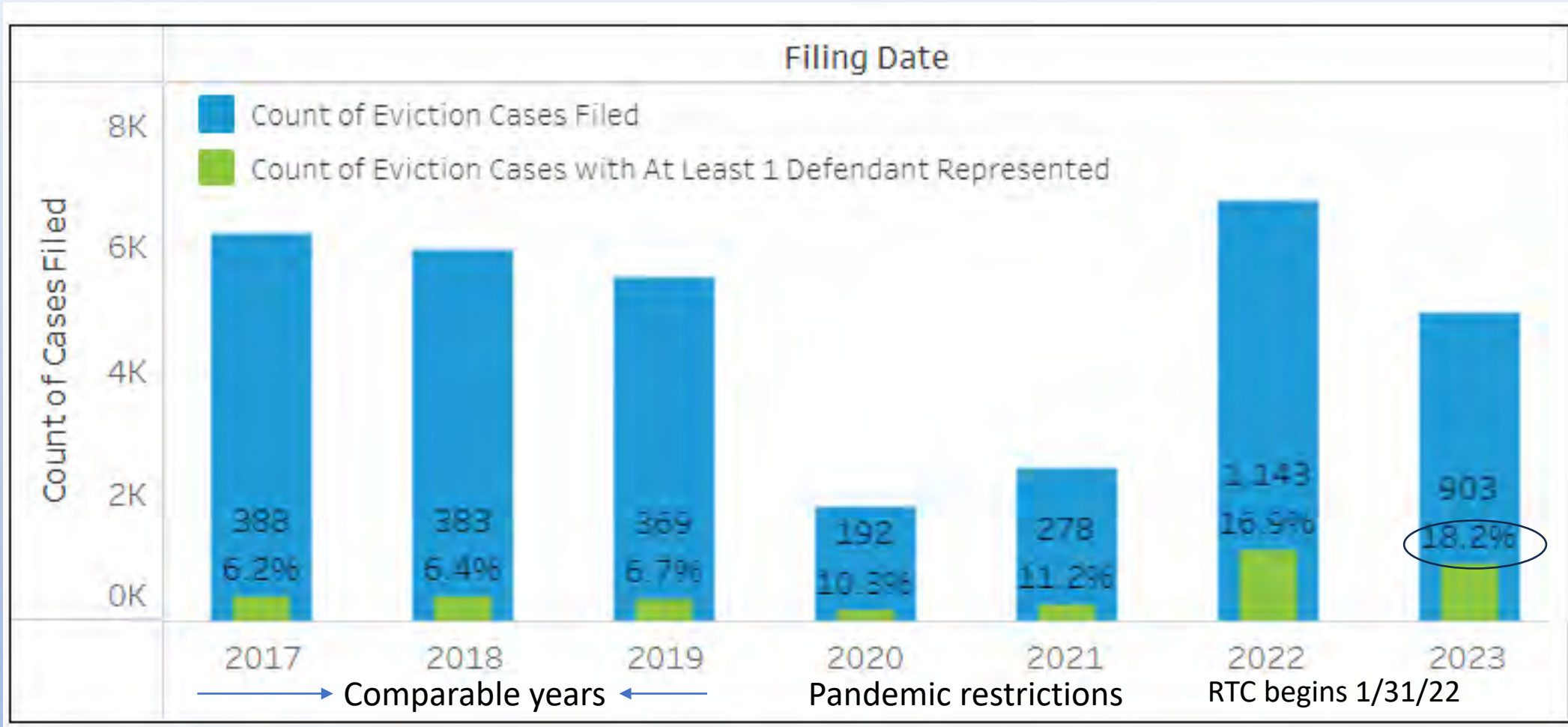
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Case Distribution



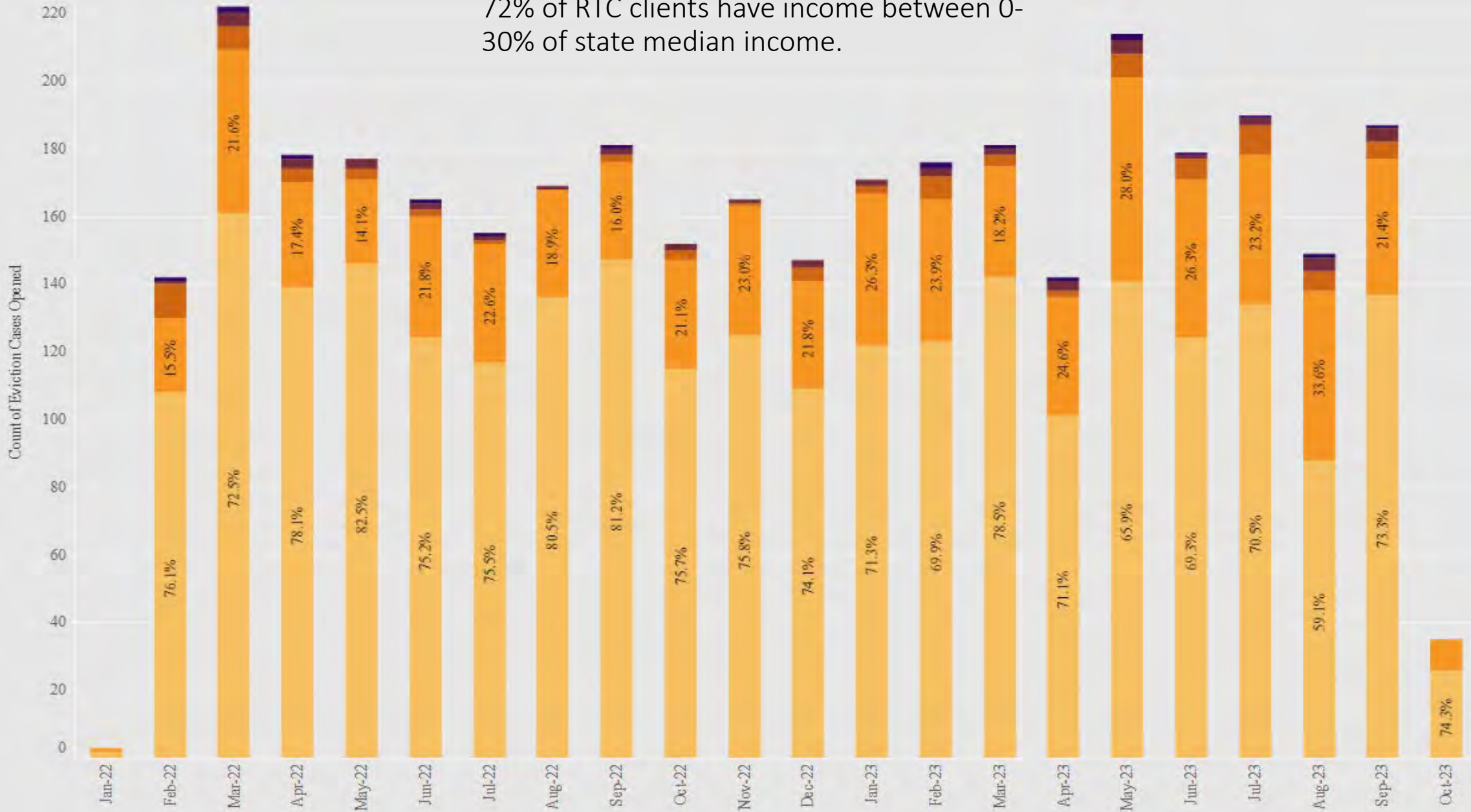
Defendant Representation Rate – RTC Zip Codes



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Client Income Distribution

72% of RTC clients have income between 0-30% of state median income.



State Median Income Reference

Family size	100% State Median	30% State Median	50% State Median	60% State Median	75% State Median
1	69,255	20,776	34,627	41,553	51,941
2	90,565	27,169	45,282	54,338	67,923
3	111,874	33,562	55,937	67,124	83,905
4	133,184	39,955	66,592	79,910	99,888
5	154,493	46,347	77,246	92,695	115,870
6	175,802	52,740	87,901	105,481	131,852
7	179,798	53,939	89,899	107,878	134,848
8	183,793	55,137	91,896	110,275	137,845

72% of clients have income between 0-30% of state median income.

SOURCE: Connecticut Department of Social Services

PREPARED BY: 211/tb

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KEY FACTS

142,367
OR
30%

Renter households that are extremely low income

-89,013

Shortage of rental homes affordable and available for extremely low income renters

\$32,130

Maximum income for 4-person extremely low income household (state level)

\$66,412

Annual household income needed to afford a two-bedroom rental home at HUD's Fair Market Rent.

68%

Percent of extremely low income renter households with severe cost burden

Source: National Low Income Housing Coalition <https://nlihc.org/housing-needs-by-state/connecticut>

Client Demographics

Race & Ethnicity	Percent
African American or Black - Not Hispanic	44.8%
Hispanic - Hispanic	32.2%
White - Not Hispanic	14.9%
Other - Not Hispanic	6.6%
Other - Hispanic	0.5%
Native American or Alaskan Native - Not Hispanic	0.5%
Asian or Pacific Islander - Not Hispanic	0.4%
White - Hispanic	0.2%
African American or Black - Hispanic	0.1%

Disability	Percent
No	51.3%
Physical Disability	27.2%
Mental Disability	20.6%
Not Specified Disability	0.6%
Hearing Impairment and Visual Impairment	0.3%

} Yes, 48.7%

Gender	Percent
Female	68%
Male	31%
Transgender	0.00%
Not Specified	1%

Household Size	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Percent	38%	23%	18%	11%	6%	3%	1%



62% of clients live in a household with 2 or more people.

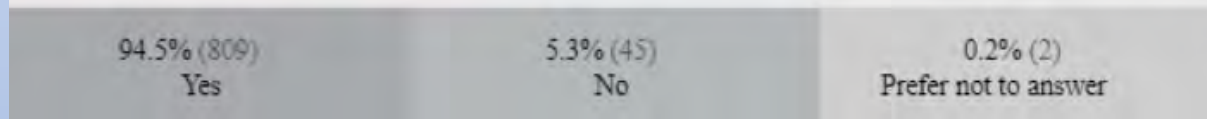
Defective Conditions

Almost 60% of RTC clients report defective conditions in their apartment.

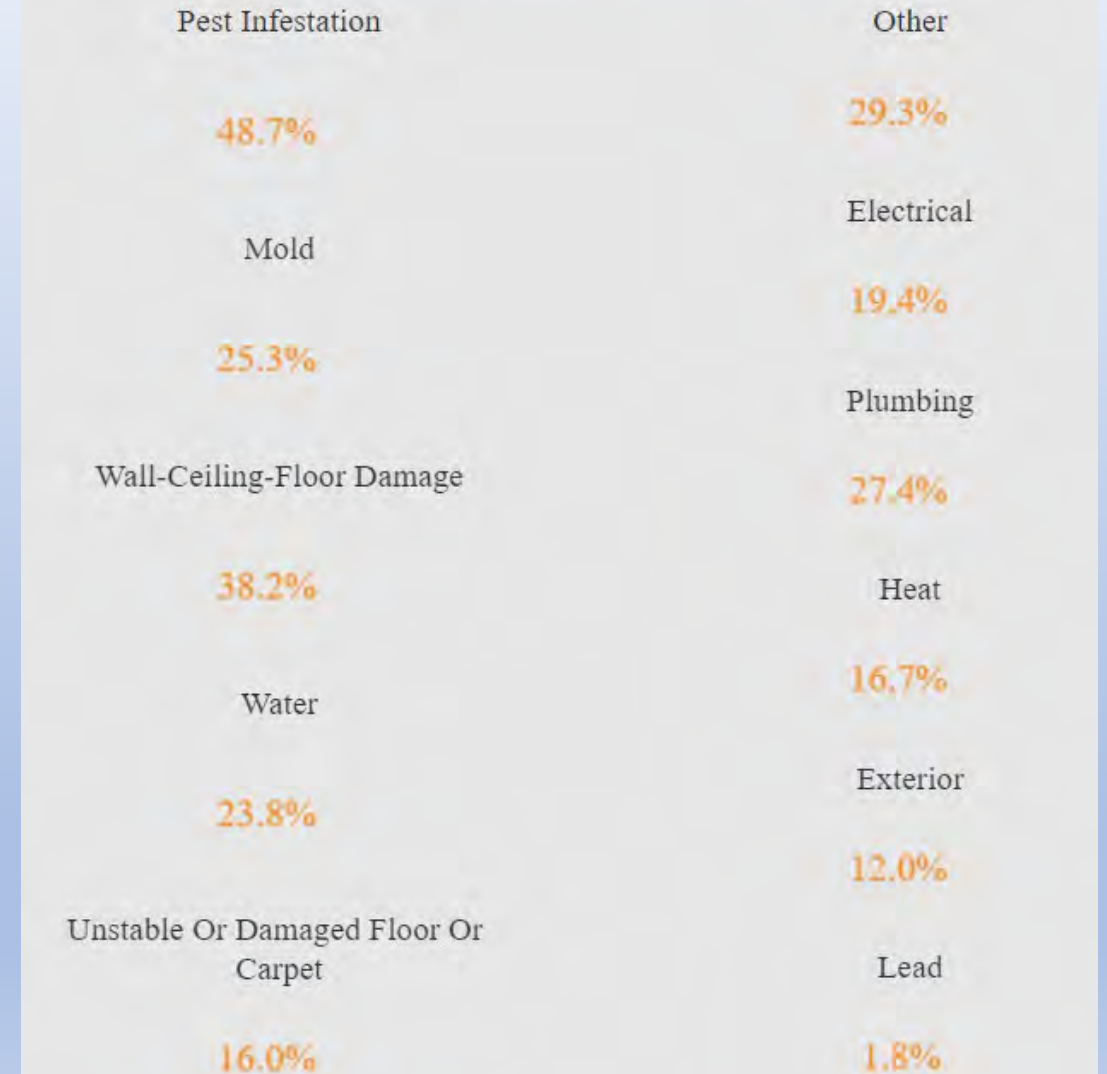
Presence of Defective Condition



Informed Landlord Of Conditions

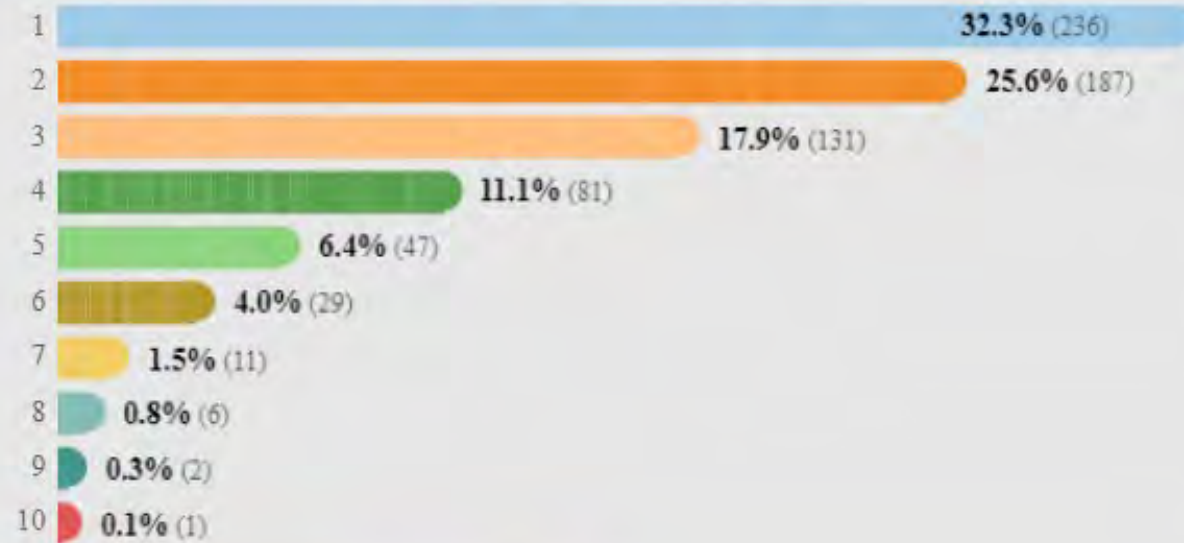


% of Clients with Defective Condition Type

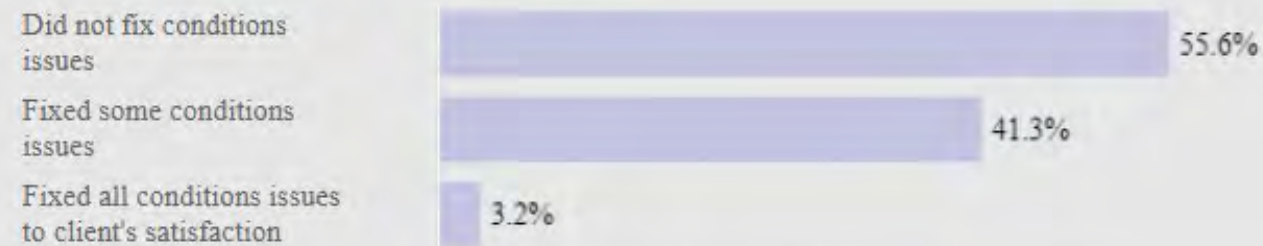


Conditions Issues (cntd.)

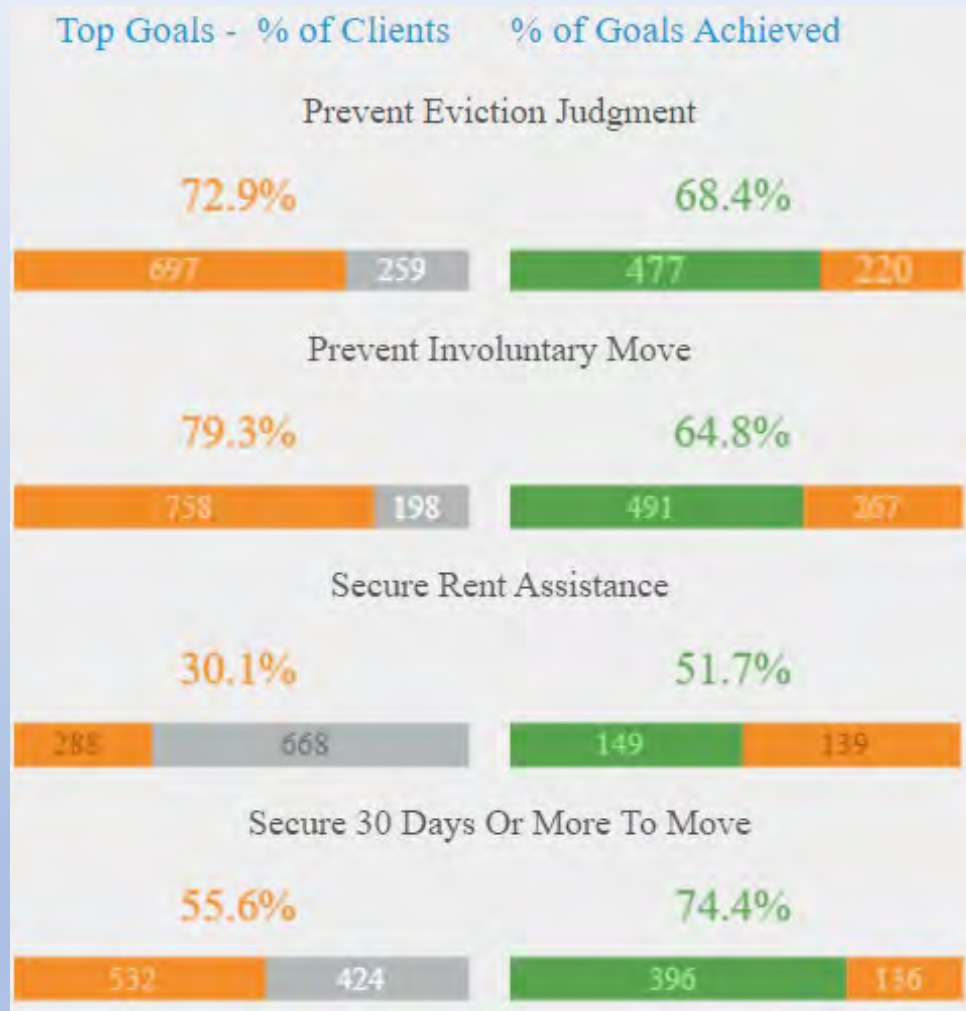
of Defective Conditions Per Client Hover over to highlight the condition



Landlord Repair of Defective Condition(s)



Top Client Goals



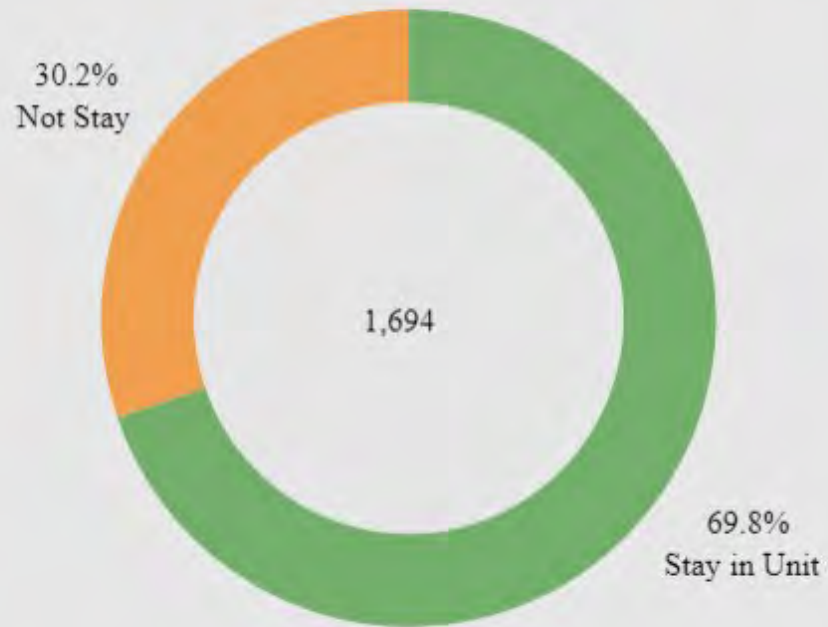
The **top two** self-reported **client goals** are: **Prevent Eviction Judgment** at 72.9% and **Prevent Involuntary Move** at 79.3%.

So far, '**Prevent Eviction Judgment**' has been **achieved** in **68.4%** of closed, extensive services cases.

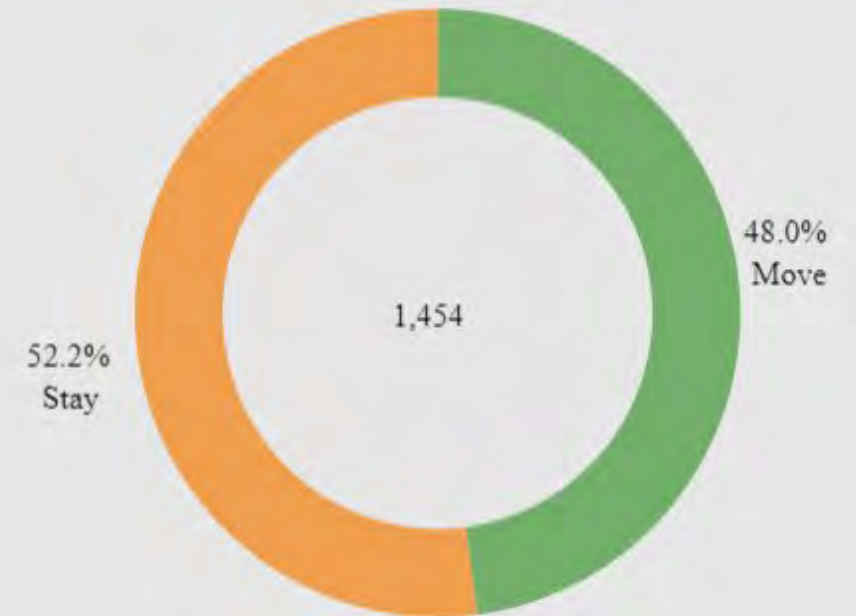
'**Prevent Involuntary Move**' has been **achieved** in **64.8%** of closed, extensive services cases.

Stay or Move

Do You Want to Stay in Your Rental Unit?



Did the Client Stay or Move?



Program Expansion

Veterans Statewide +

Bridgeport: Any tenant living in Bridgeport who is (1) living in subsidized housing, or (2) undocumented

***Danielson:** 06239

Greater Hartford: Not restricted by zip code – elderly, disabled, tenants receiving subsidies, tenants with housing conditions issues.

Groton: 06340

Middletown: All zip codes – 06457/ 06459

New Britain: All zip codes – 06051/ 06053 / 06052

New Haven: 06511 / 06513 / 06519

New London: All New London cases; 06320

Norwalk: Any tenant in subsidized housing – 06850/ 06851/06855

Norwich: 06360 / 06365

***Putnam:** 06260

Stamford: All zip codes – 06902 / 06905 / 06901 / 06906 / 06907 / 06903

Waterbury: 06702 / 06704/ 06710

West Haven: Subsidy termination cases – 06516

***Willimantic:** 06226

RTC expanded from 16 zip codes to 28.

At least 4 additional attorneys are being recruited for expanded services.

Funding

- CBF projects that current funds will be fully expended by Spring 2025 (before the end of the second year of the current state biennial budget).
 - In the next budget session (2025 - 2027) CBF expects to be requesting continuation funding at \$10 million/year (plus potential increase due to rising cost levels)
- The Governor's office has reached out to engage in this conversation in early November, and CBF also expects to be speaking with key legislative stakeholders in November.
- Additional context: Public Act 23-106 also requires the CBF to report to the legislature on the success of the pilot Domestic Violence Restraining Order project, and the funds that would be required to expand that program across the state.

Staffing

Organization	CVLC	GHLA	NHLAA	SLS	CLS	Total
Attorneys (FTE)	3.49	8.1	10.3	3.85	14.6	40.34

Questions?

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