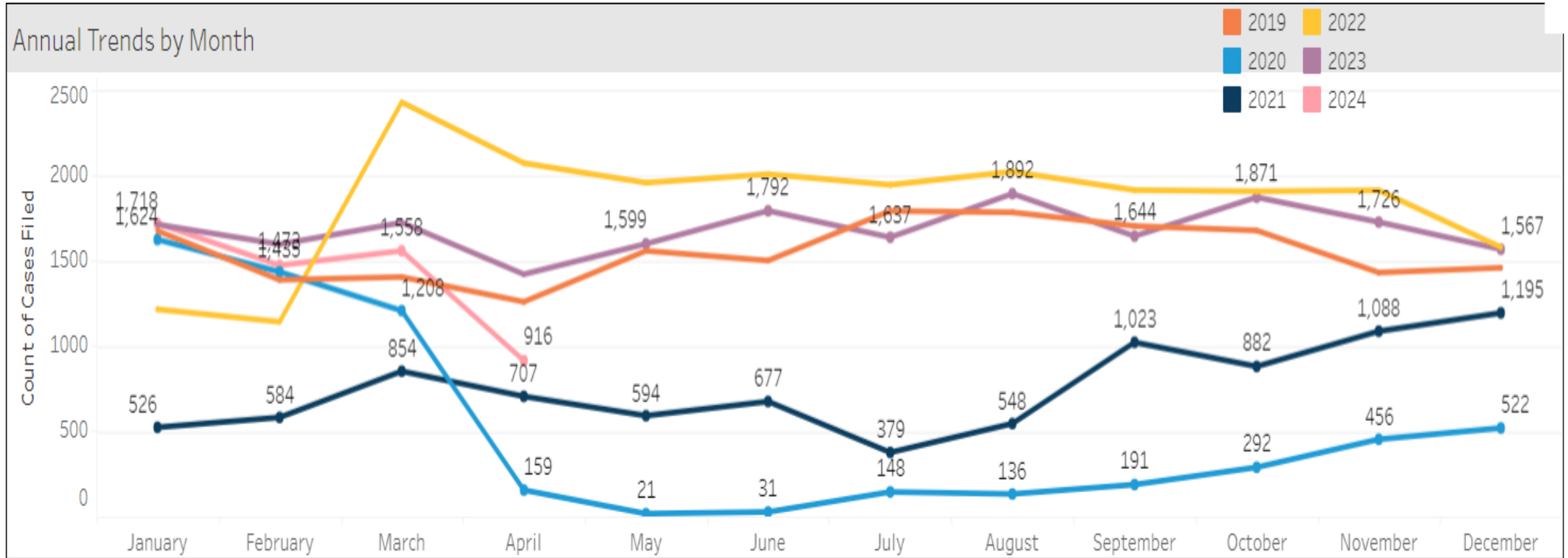


# CT Right to Counsel Update

April 19, 2024



# Filing Trends - Statewide



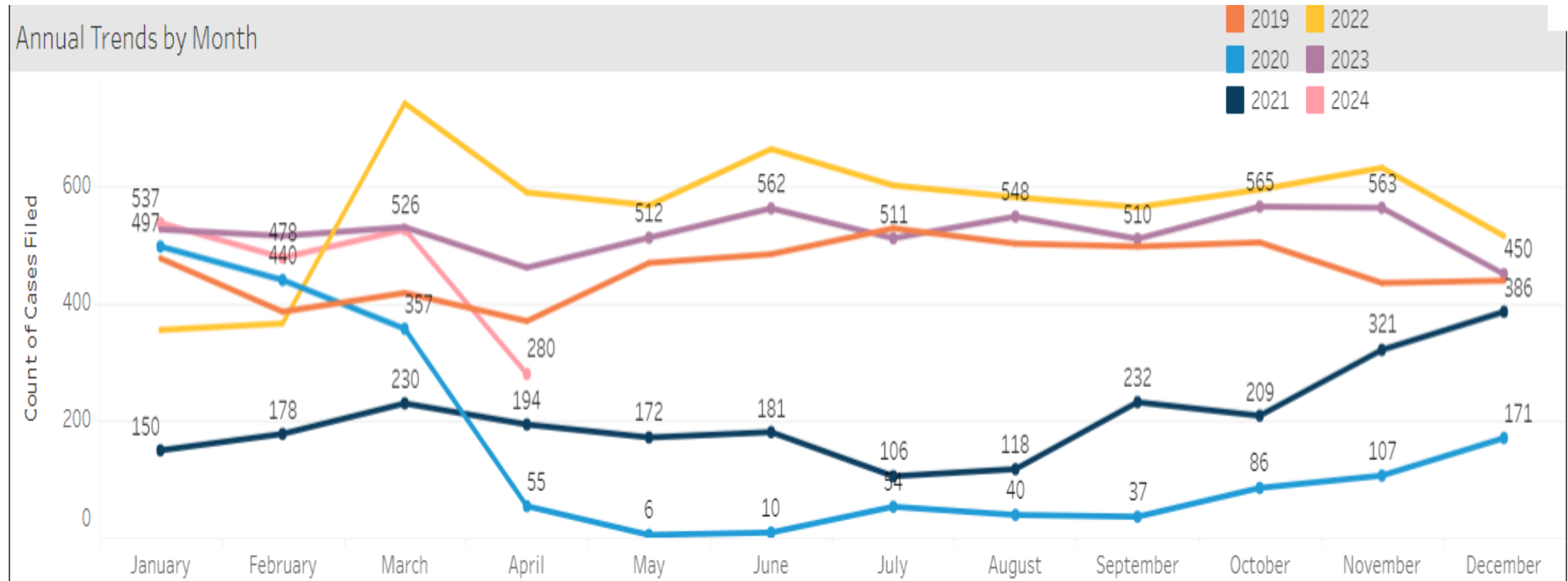
2019 Eviction Filings: 18,922

2022 Eviction Filings: 22,448

2023 Eviction Filings: 20,154

**2024 Eviction Filings : 5,665** as of  
4/17/2024

# Filing Trends – RTC Zip Codes



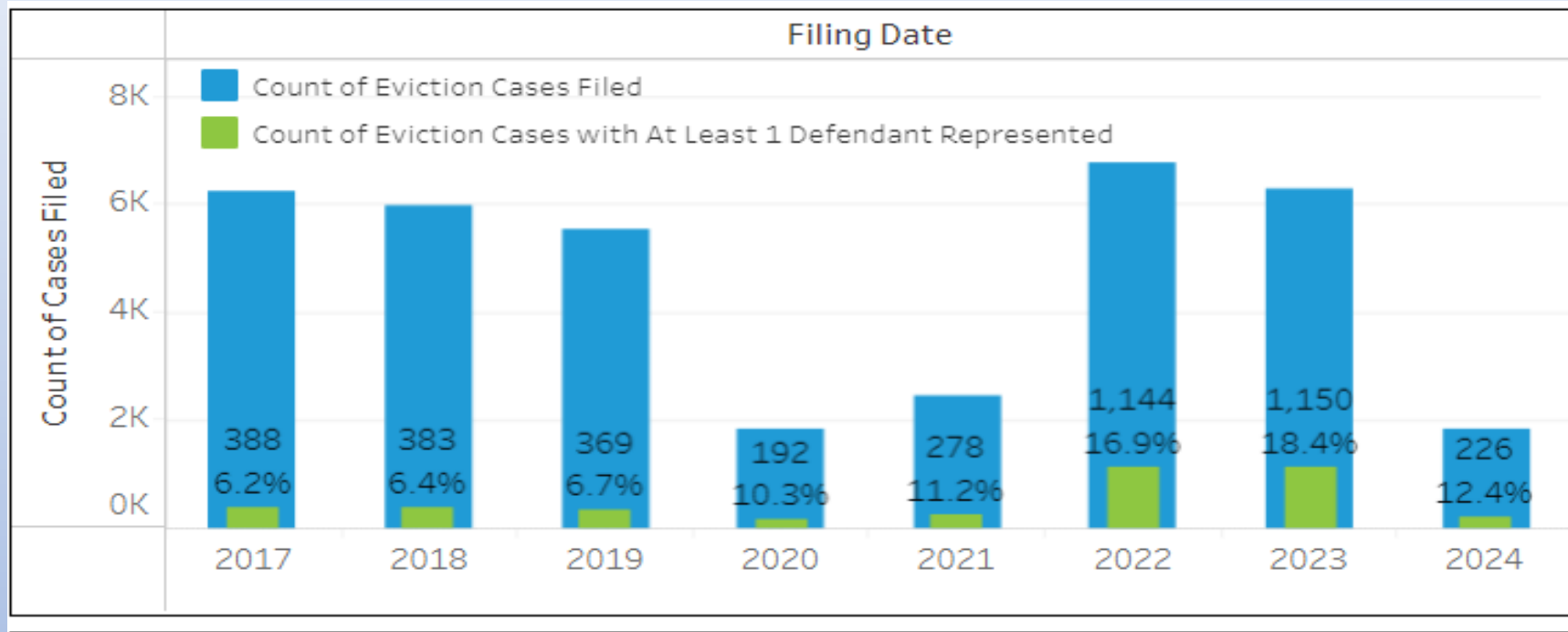
**2019 RTC zip code filings: 5,509**

**2024 RTC zip code filings: 1,821 (as of 4/17/2024)**

**2022 RTC zip code filings: 6,767**

**2023 RTC zip code filings: 6,252**

# Defendant Representation Rate – RTC Zip Codes



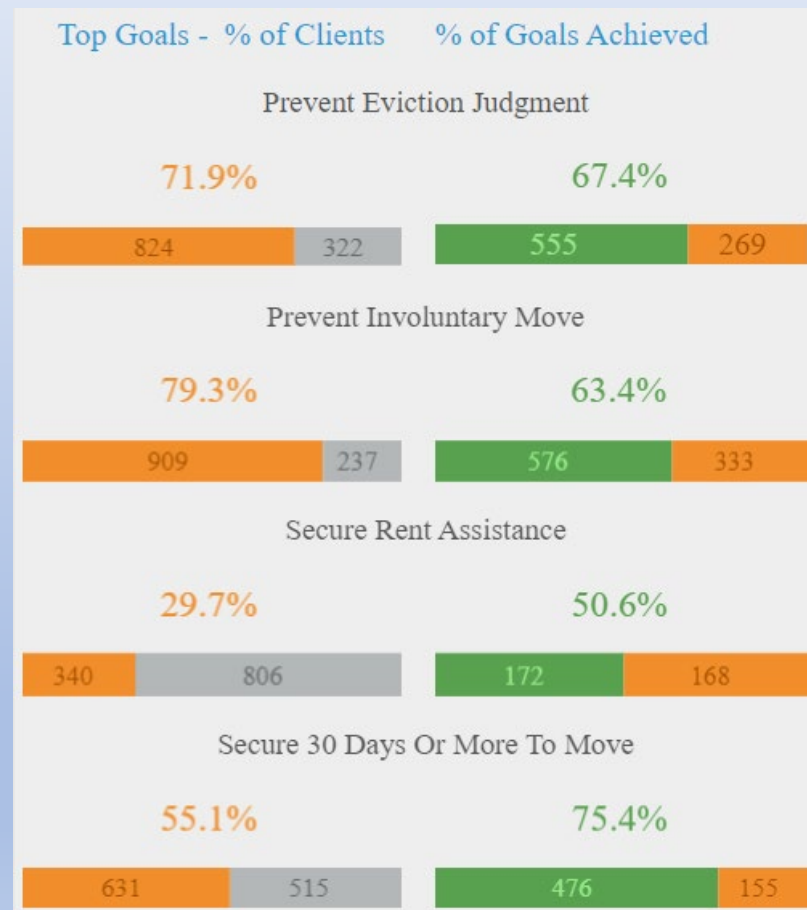
The defendant representation rate statewide for 2024 to date is 9%

Note: this information is not real-time.

Launch of RTC program

# Program Data 1/31/2022 – 3/31/2024

- **4,749** clients received services, **2,750** received full representation.
- **Gender:** 3214 (67.68%) female; 1,437 (30.26) male; 97 (2.02%) not specified.
- **Disability:** 48.4% of clients report someone in home has a disability.



# Current Trends

- We are seeing that the eviction filing rates seem to be normalizing to pre-pandemic levels.
- Tenant representation rates have come down slightly, but this is due to some of the legal service providers struggling to hire and/or retain attorneys. They are unable to compete with salaries being offered by the State or the private sector.

# External Factors Still Presenting Barriers

- Lack of affordable housing.
- Low vacancy rates.
- Landlords refusing to participate in rental assistance program which would allow tenants to make financial reparations.
- Landlords can evict tenants at the end of lease without just cause.

## **New Data Points Added**

- Is the landlord from out of state?
- Estimated number of units in the property?
- Was the property sold within the last 12 months?
- Has the tenant applied for rental assistance or moving assistance (security deposit, future rent) in relation to this case?
- What programs did they apply to?

## **Post-Service Client Survey**

- CBF, Stout and SLS meeting to discuss possibility



# Funding

- Governor Lamont's budget, released on February 7, 2024, included a \$2,000,000 budget adjustment from remaining ARPA funds to ensure that the RTC program will be fully funded through the original contracted time frame.
- On April 3, 2024, the Appropriations Committee announced that the CT General Assembly would not make any amendments to the current biennium budget but did pass HB 5431 An Act Concerning Expenditures of the General Fund (to use up remaining ARPA funding). This money will be focused on social services, higher education, and children's mental health services.
- At this time, we are not sure if CT-RTC will receive the additional ARPA funding which had been included in the Governor's initial budget.

# Questions?

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