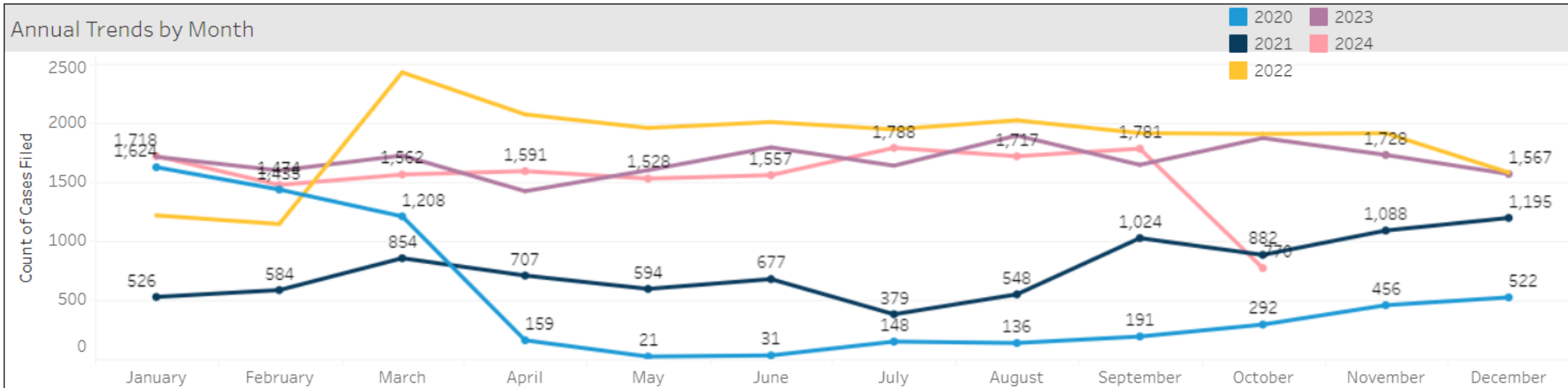


# CT Right to Counsel Update

October 18, 2024



# Filing Trends - Statewide



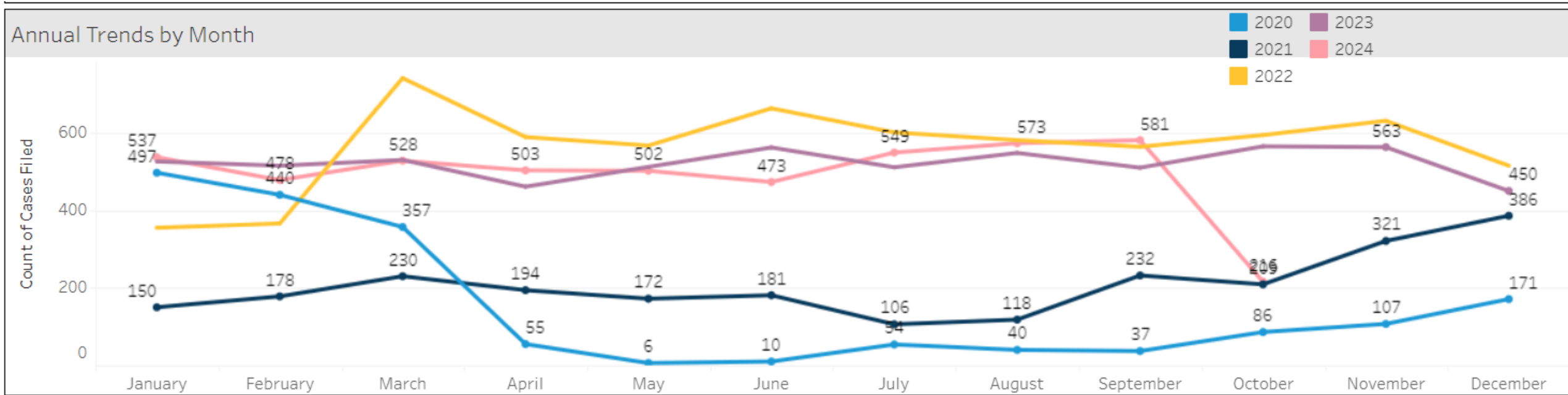
2019 Eviction Filings: 18,922

2022 Eviction Filings: 22,448

2023 Eviction Filings: 20,154

**2024 Eviction Filings : 14,7168** (as of 9/30/2024)

# Filing Trends – RTC Zip Codes



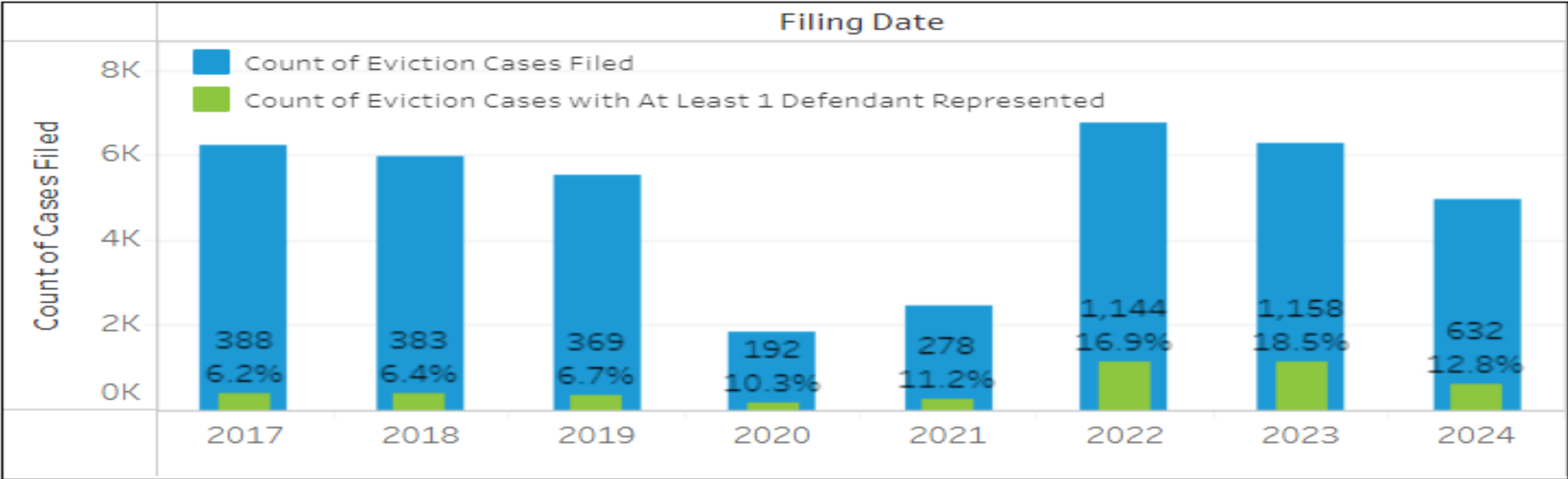
2019 RTC Zip Code Eviction Filings: 5,509

2022 RTC Zip Code Eviction Filings: 6,767

2023 RTC Zip Code Eviction Filings: 6,252

**2024 RTC Zip Code Eviction Filings : 4,724** (as of 9/30/2024)

# Defendant Representation Rate



## RTC Zip Code Representation Rate

Note: 2024 Data is not real-time

# Client Demographic Information (1/31/2022 – 9/30/2024)

- **5,905** clients received services
  - 3,255 received full representation
- **Race**
  - 2,353 (43.3%) Black, 1,842 (33.9%) Hispanic, 773 (14.2%) White
- **Gender**
  - 3,957 (67.01%) female, 1,834 (31.06) male, 114 (1.93%) not specified
- **Disability**
  - 47.7% of clients report some type of disability in the home

# Client Goals: Measuring Success

**63.1%** of RTC clients have been able to prevent an eviction judgment.

**61.6%** of RTC clients have been able to prevent an involuntary move.

**75.2%** of RTC clients have secured 30 days or more to move helping to minimize trauma and disruption to the family.

# Grantee Spotlight: Connecticut Veterans Legal Center

- The RTC program has been a major contributing factor to CVLC's growth over the last 3 years. CVLC provides free legal services, statewide, to any income qualified individual who has served in the U.S. military.
- The initial RTC funding allowed CVLC to add 3 staff members. They are handling FOUR TIMES the projected caseload.
- As a Medical-Legal Partnership, historically, all CVLC clients came through the VA. Due to the RTC program, referrals to CVLC have come through the community and many of these veterans were not connected to the VA – although eligible for VA services. RTC has enabled CVLC to connect many veterans with services that have helped to stabilize their mental and physical well-being, as well as their financial situations. This, in conjunction with RTC services has allowed many veterans to stay in their homes with the income and support services they need.

# Post Client Survey

- Although it can be difficult to obtain post client surveys, we are about to launch a post client survey that will attempt to collect data from RTC clients at the close of their case, and then at 30, 60 and 90 days out. The survey will be sent via text messaging.
- The hope is that we can collect meaningful data that will help us understand how we can continue to improve the RTC program.



# Preparing for Next Legislative Session

- CBF has hired a lobbyist to assist with legislative advocacy efforts for RTC.
- We are working with the grantees and hoping to build a coalition of organizations who understand the necessity of the RTC program for low-income individuals facing eviction.

# Questions?

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