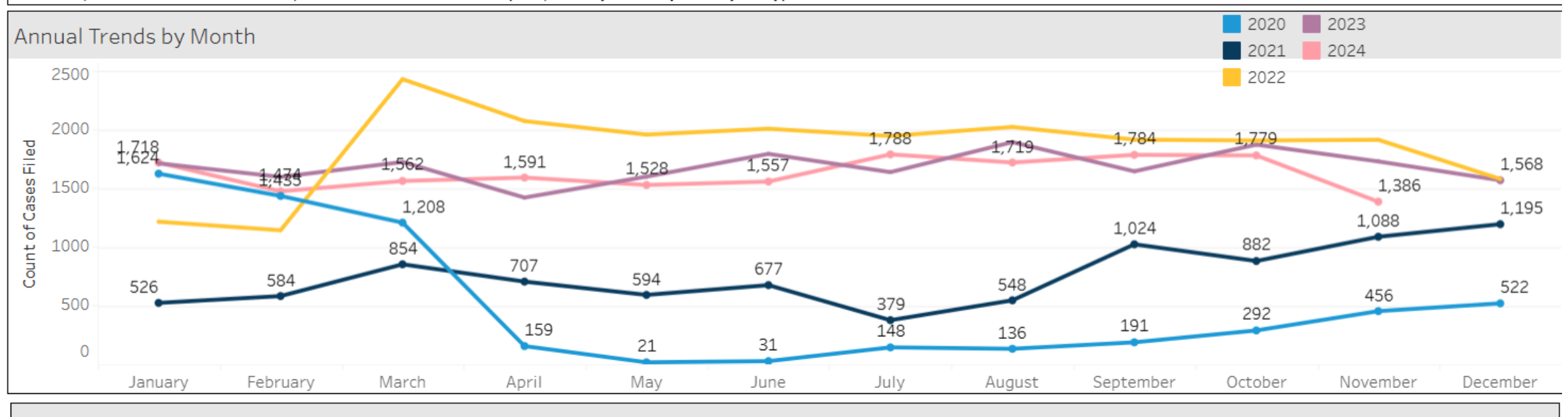


# CT Right to Counsel Update

December 20, 2024



# Filing Trends - Statewide



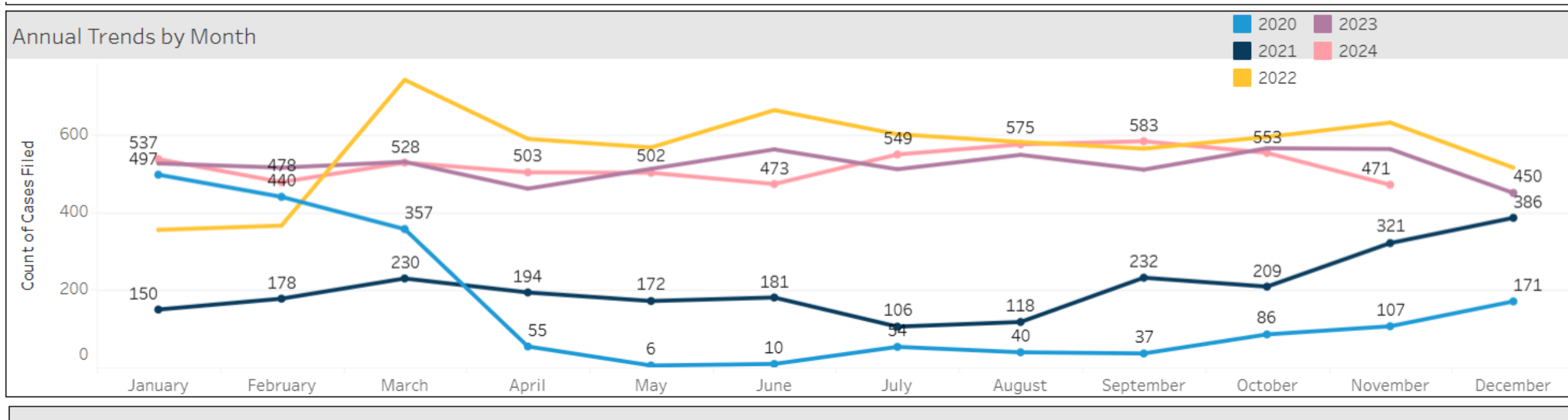
2019 Eviction Filings: 18,922

2022 Eviction Filings: 22,448

2023 Eviction Filings: 20,154

**2024 Eviction Filings : 17,886** (as of 11/30/2024)

# Filing Trends – RTC Zip Codes



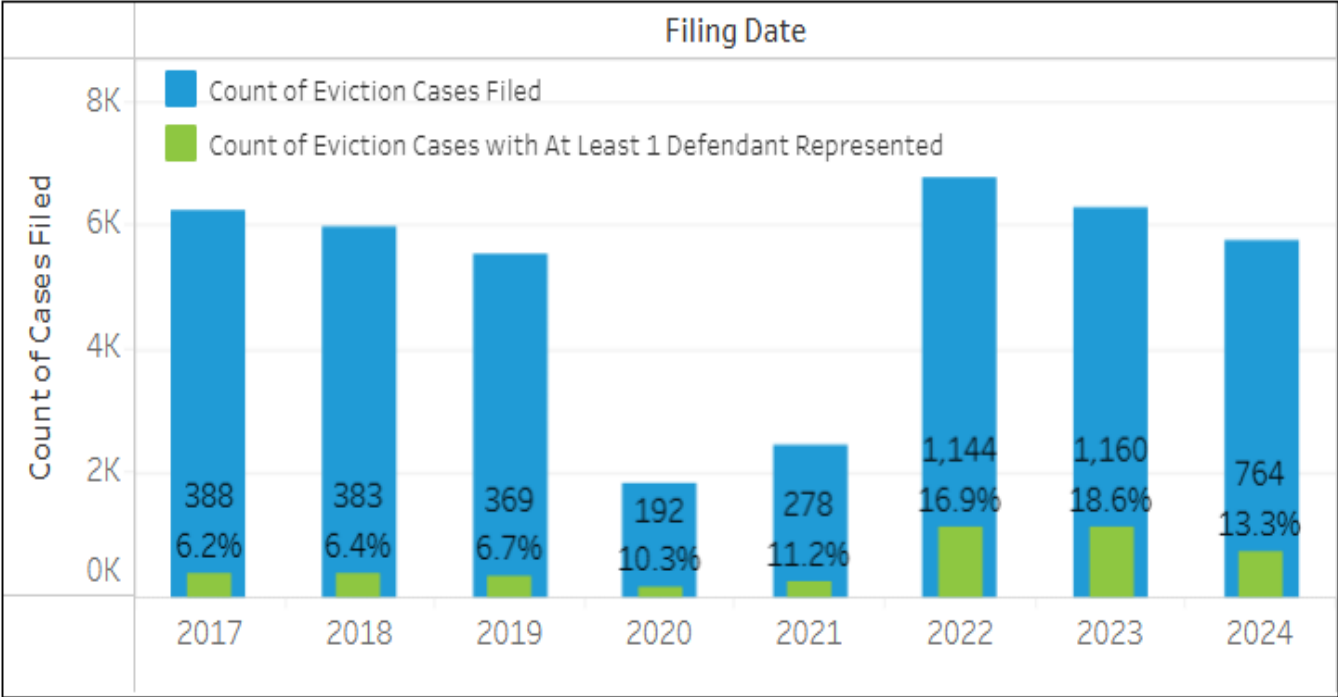
2019 RTC Zip Code Eviction Filings: 5,509

2022 RTC Zip Code Eviction Filings: 6,767

2023 RTC Zip Code Eviction Filings: 6,252

**2024 RTC Zip Code Eviction Filings : 5,714** (as of 11/30/2024)

# Defendant Representation Rate



The 13.3% representation rate is misleading: in the later part of 2024, most zip code residency restrictions were removed, so the pool of eligible clients increased, skewing the numbers.

For just the zip codes that were in place at the beginning of the year, the representation rate was **18%** when Stout ran the numbers through November 30, 2024.

In 2023, the representation rate was **18.6%** for those same zip codes. With this lens, the numbers for 2024 look to be on par with 2023 and similar to those in other jurisdictions.

## RTC Zip Code Representation Rate

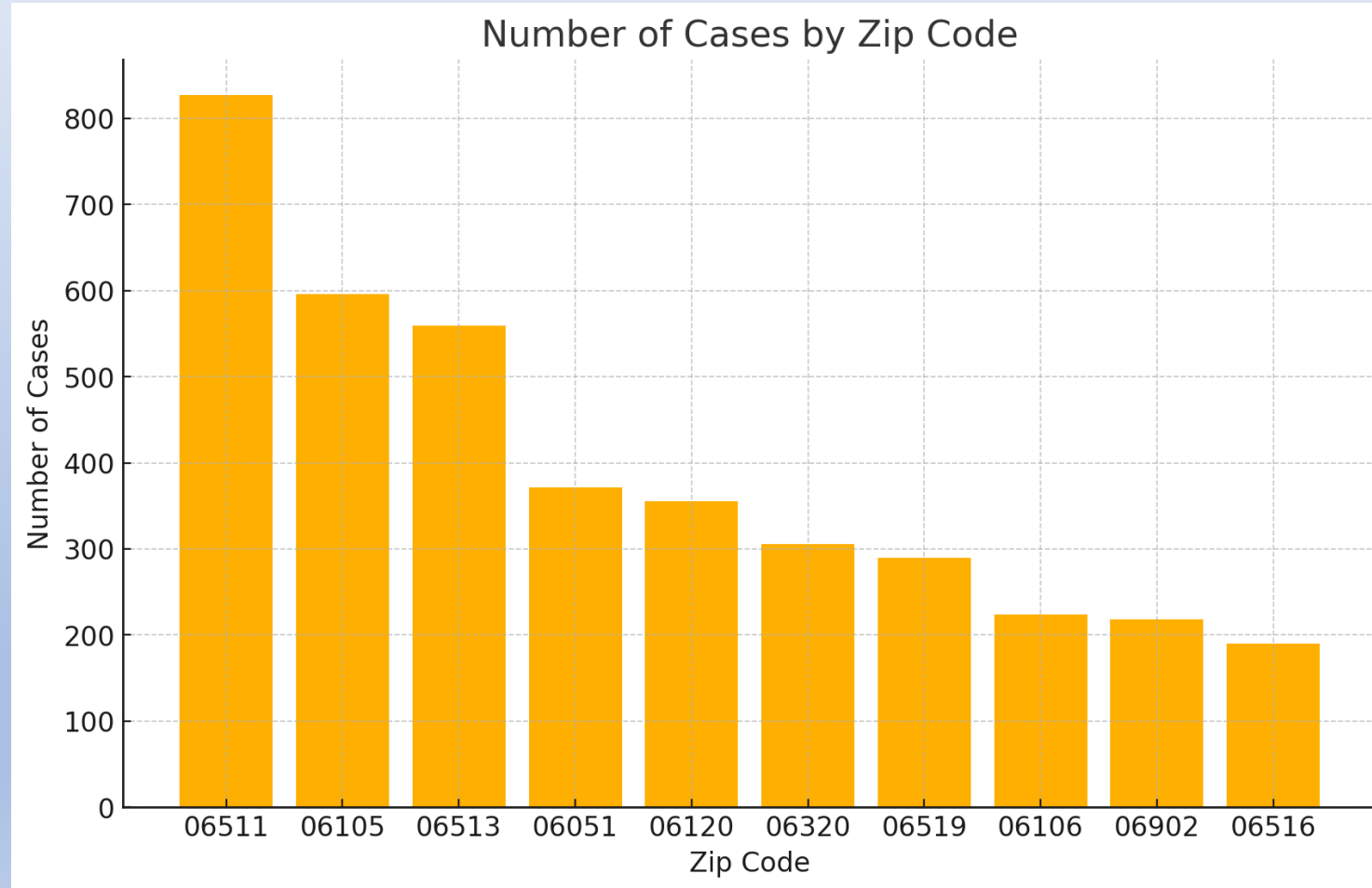
Note: 2024 Data is not real-time

# Client Demographic Information (1/31/2022 – 11/30/2024)

- **6,227** clients received services
  - 3,335 received full representation
- **Race**
  - 2,468 (43.2%) Black, 1,923 (33.7%) Hispanic, 823 (14.4%) White
- **Gender**
  - 4,157 (67%) female, 1,956 (31%) male, 114 (2%) not specified
- **Disability**
  - 47.9% of clients report some type of disability in the home

# Top 10 Zip Codes By Number of Cases

\* Apart from the New Haven area, zip codes are no longer determining eligibility



# Grantee Spotlight: New Haven Legal Assistance Association

- The RTC program has been a major contributing factor to NHLAA's housing practice growth over the last 3 years. NHLAA provides free legal services to low-income individuals in the greater New Haven and lower Naugatuck Valley areas.
- Due to RTC funding, NHLAA now has 8 attorneys focused on eviction cases.
- Additionally, NHLAA is focused on a community lawyering model which is focused on helping communities organize and understand their legal rights so that they can successfully advocate for themselves – for instance, by creating tenant unions. NHLAA has been very successful using this model in the New Haven area, and as a result, communities are more educated about their rights as tenants and are actively advocating with their landlords with NHLAA's support.

# Preparing for Next Legislative Session

- CBF has had several successful meetings with legislators.
- To date, CBF has met with both chairs of the Appropriations Committee, Sen. Osten and Rep. Walker; Rep. Nolan, Deputy Speaker of the House; and Rep. Paris, Vice-Chair of Appropriations and Chair of the Committee on Children.
- All meetings have gone well, with legislators expressing support and requesting additional information to study and share with colleagues.



# Questions?

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