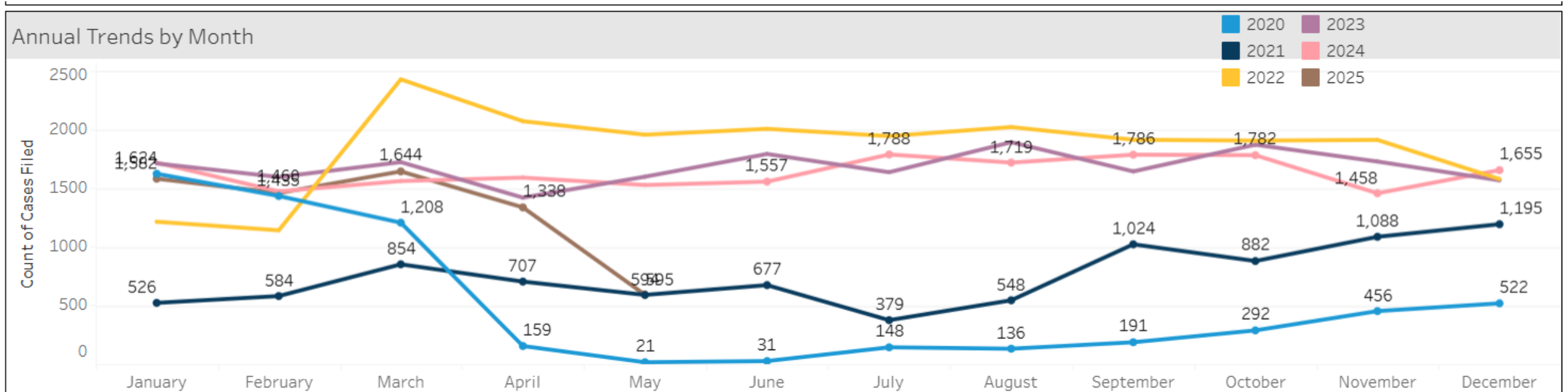


CT Right to Counsel Update

May 16, 2025



Filing Trends - Statewide



2019 Eviction Filings: 18,922

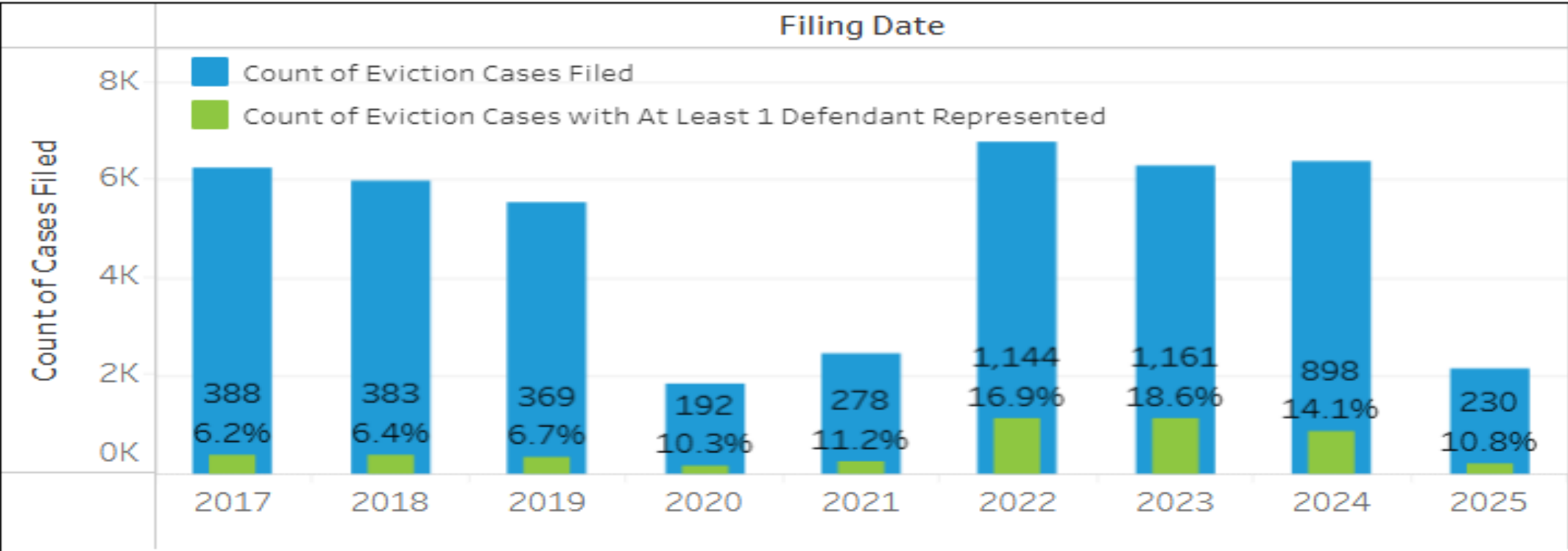
2022 Eviction Filings: 22,448

2023 Eviction Filings: 20,154

2024 Eviction Filings : 19,618

2025 Eviction Filings: 6,021 (through May 13, 2025)

Defendant Representation Rate



RTC Zip Code Representation Rate

Note: 2024 Data is not real-time

Client Demographic Information (1/31/2022 – 3/31/2025)

- **7,770** clients received services
 - 3,591 received full representation
- **Race**
 - 3,007 (41.9%) Black, 2,438 (34%) Hispanic, 1,106 (15.4%) White
- **Gender**
 - 5,171 (67%) female, 2,474 (31%) male, Transgender 7 (< 1%), 121 (2%) not specified
- **Disability**
 - 44.3% of clients report some type of disability in the home

Grantee Spotlight: Statewide Legal Services

- Statewide Legal Services plays a very important role in the CT-RTC program. Attorneys in this program manage the RTC hotline, determine client eligibility, refer clients to the appropriate program depending on where they live, and provide counsel and advice to clients.
- Statewide Legal Services engages in extensive outreach through educational workshops, community partnerships, and direct engagement strategies. They collaborate with local service providers, shelters, and advocacy groups to connect with tenants where they already seek support. Additionally, they conduct Know-Your-Rights workshops, distribute multilingual outreach materials, and engage in court-based outreach to ensure eligible tenants are aware of their rights and available legal resources. By utilizing both in-person and digital outreach efforts, they work to expand access to eviction representation and legal assistance.

Legislative Advocacy

- CBF requested that the CT General Assembly appropriate \$1.75 million for FY 26 and \$5 million for FY 27 after Governor Lamont had neglected to include funding for CT-RTC in his budget.
- Rep. Antonio Felipe, co-chair of the Housing Committee and member of the Judicial sub-committee of Appropriations, then introduced H.B. 6939, An Act Authorizing State Funding for the Right to Counsel Program. The public hearing was on 2/18 and CBF testified in support, along with legal aid providers and other community partners.
- Appropriations did include CT-RTC in the biennium budget: \$1.75 million for FY 26 and \$2.5 million for FY-27. We are continuing to work with legislators to ensure that this line item remains in the budget. Although this is not the full amount requested for the second year of the biennium budget, CBF plans to lobby for an adjustment during next year's legislative session.

Questions?

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