

# CT Right to Counsel Update

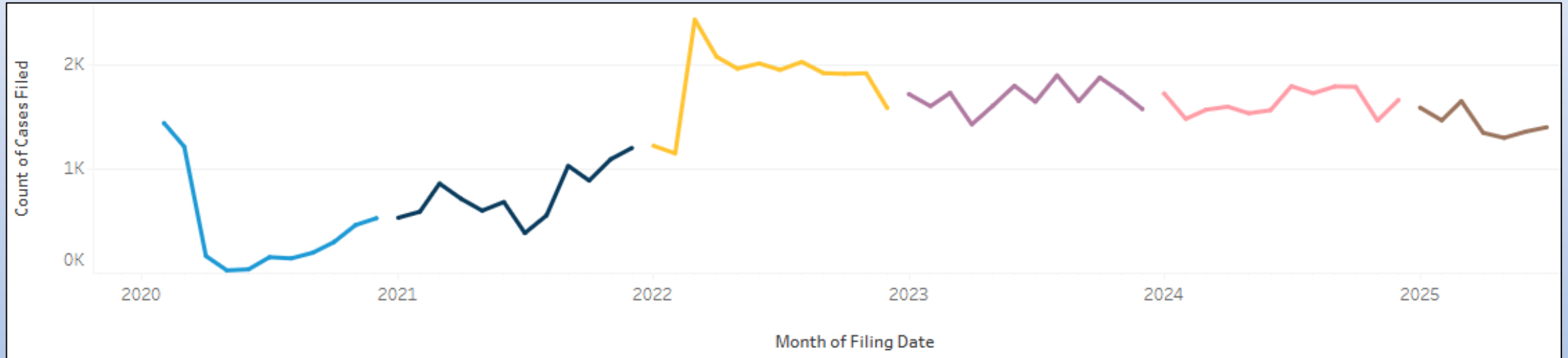
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# Legislative Advocacy

- The final CT FY 26/27 budget included funds to continue the CT-RTC program.
- For FY26, \$1.75 million has been appropriated. This, in conjunction with the remaining ARPA funds will fully fund the CT-RTC program for the first year of the biennium budget.
- For FY27, \$2.5 million has been appropriated. CBF had requested \$5 million, which means that we will request an adjustment to ensure the program is fully funded for the second year of the biennium budget.
- Although this is not the full amount requested for the second year of the biennium budget, CBF considers this appropriations a very positive step. Initially, Governor Lamont did not appropriate funds for this program. This final budget shows that our General Assembly acknowledges the importance of this critical program, and we will continue to work with them to ensure additional funding in the future.

# Filing Trends - Statewide



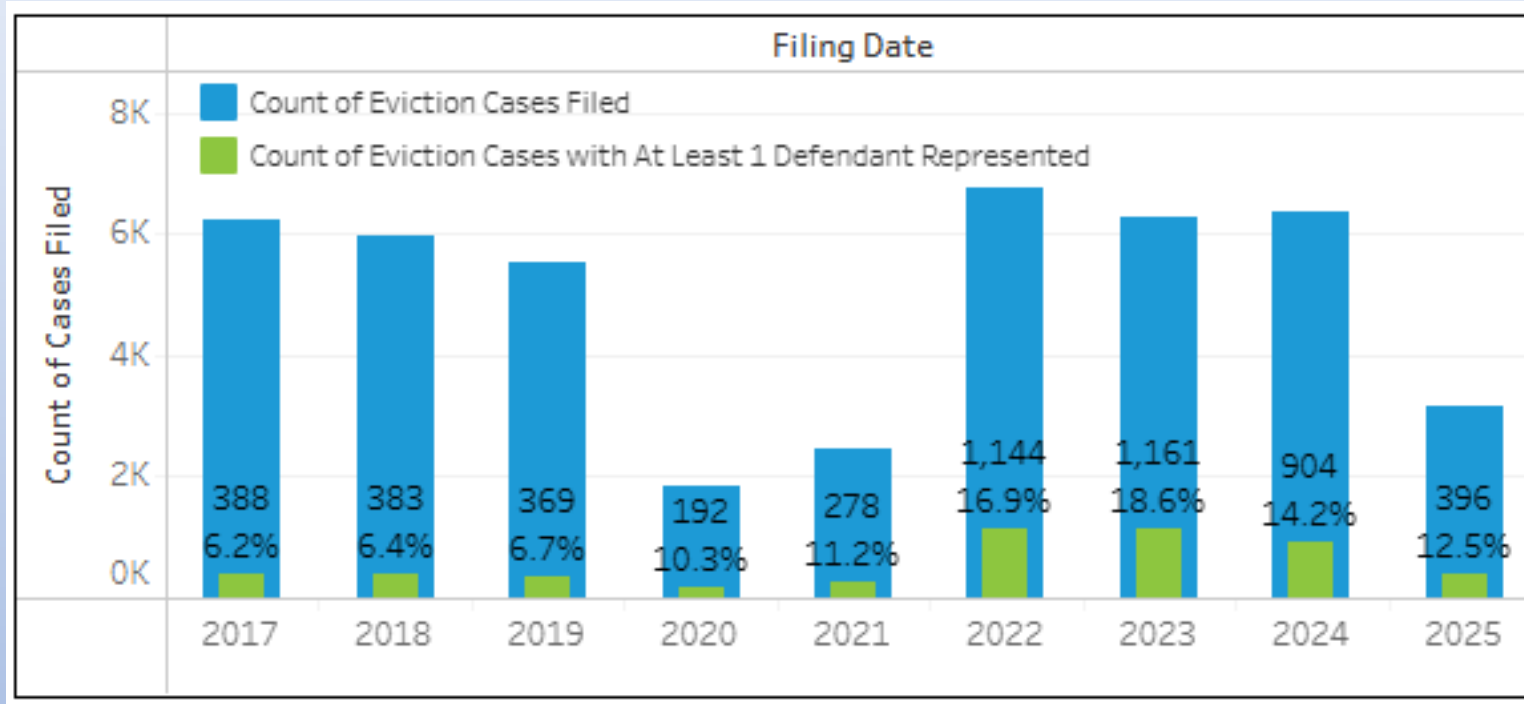
2022 Eviction Filings: 22,094

2023 Eviction Filings: 20,183

2024 Eviction Filings : 19,617

***2025 Eviction Filings: 10,065 (through July 31, 2025)***

# Defendant Representation Rate



RTC Zip Code Representation Rate

# Client Demographic Information

(1/31/2022 – 7/1/2025)

- **7,854** clients received services
  - 5,215 received full representation

- **Race and Ethnicity**

- 3,225 Black; 2,632 Hispanic; 1,302 White

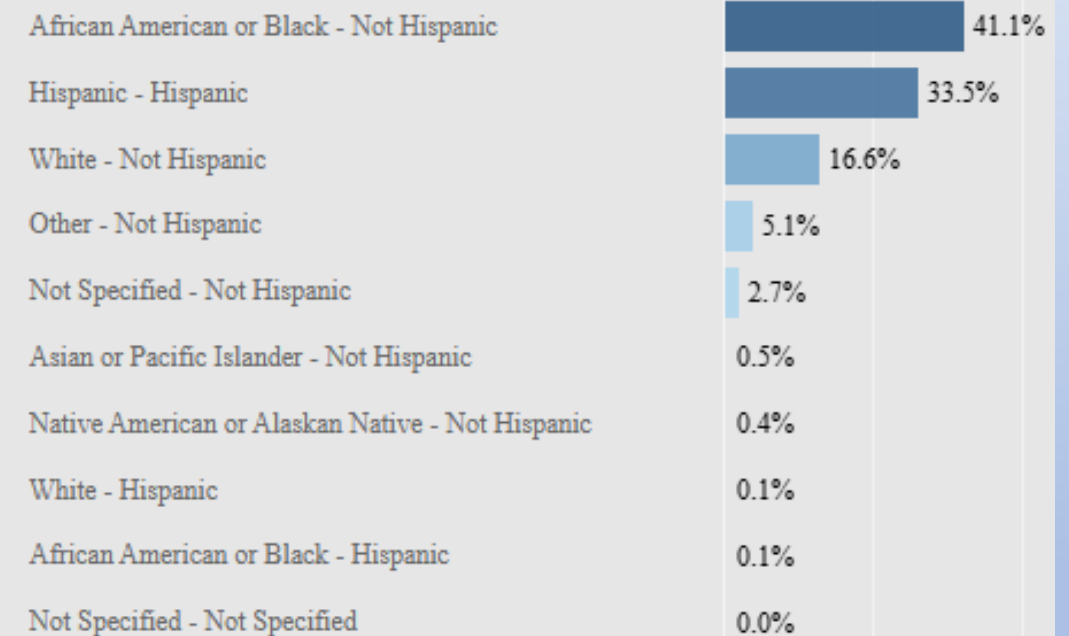
- **Gender**

- 67% female, 31% male, <1% transgender (1% not specified)

- **Disability**

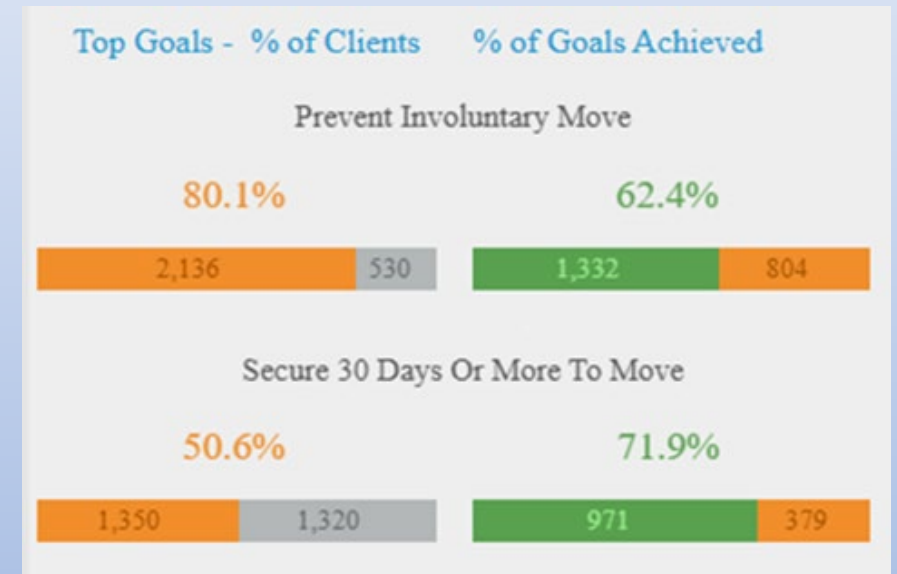
- 46% of clients report some type of disability in the home

## Race and Ethnicity



# Achievement of Client Goals

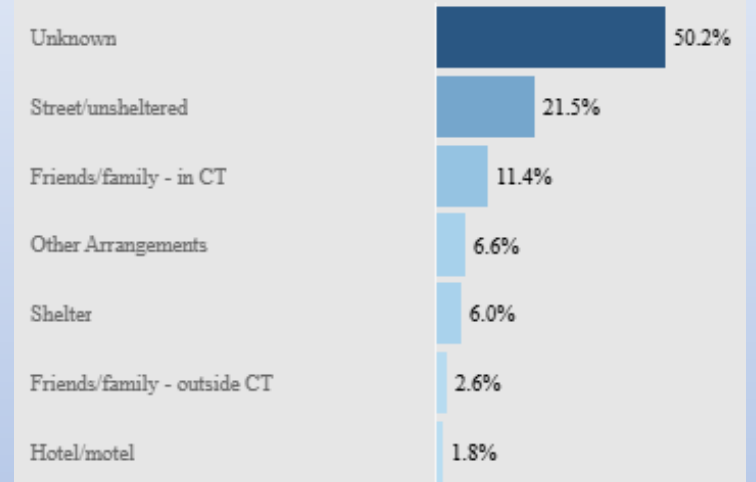
- **80%** of clients named **preventing an involuntary move** as a top goal
- RTC representation helped **achieve this goal for 61%** of those clients
- **51%** of clients named **securing more time** (1 month+) to move as a top goal
- RTC representation helped **achieve this goal for 72%** of those clients



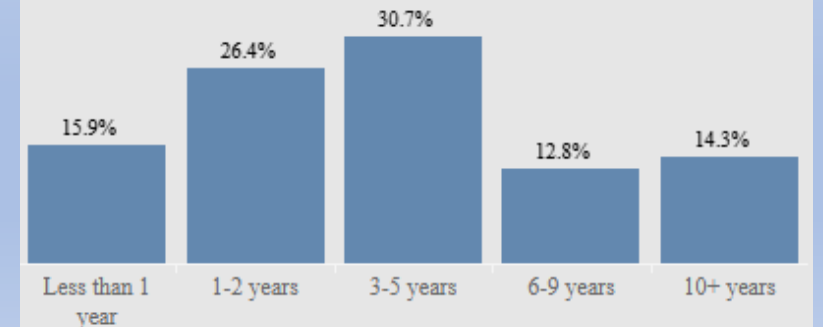
# Achievement of Client Goals

- Achieving these goals is extremely impactful for clients: **50% don't know where they would go** if forced to move, and another **22% would experience unsheltered homelessness**
- **75%** of clients wish to stay in their current home
- **58%** of clients have lived in their current home for 3 years or more

Alternative Housing If Client Had to Move



How long have you lived in your current home?



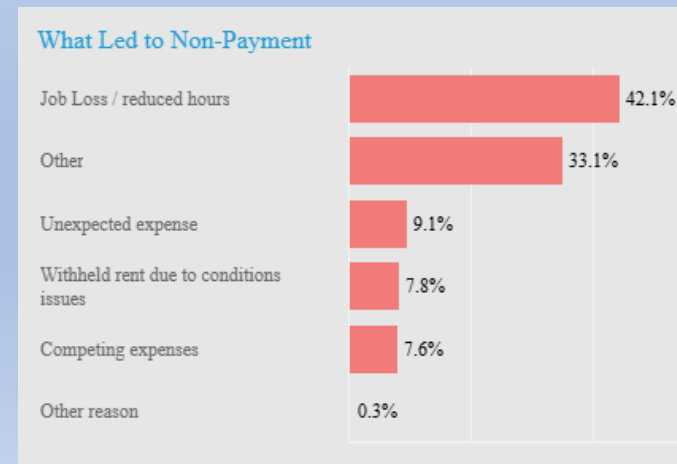
# Reasons for Filing Stated in Notice

(Multiple reasons may be stated in one notice)

- **51%** of filings state **0 reasons**
- When reasons were stated, **non-payment** or lapse in payment were most commonly stated
- **Serious Nuisance** is stated as a reason in only **3%** of filings
- **Job loss** or reduction in hours is the most common reason for non-payment

Frequency of Reasons Stated in Notice	
Nonpayment	Serious Nuisance
76.5%	3.1%
Lapse	Lease Violation
24.2%	8.0%
Right to Privilege Terminated	Nuisance
19.6%	3.3%
No Right or Privilege	Other
14.5%	2.6%

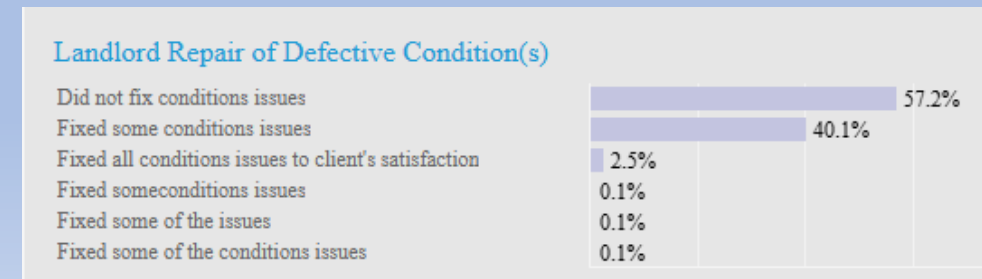
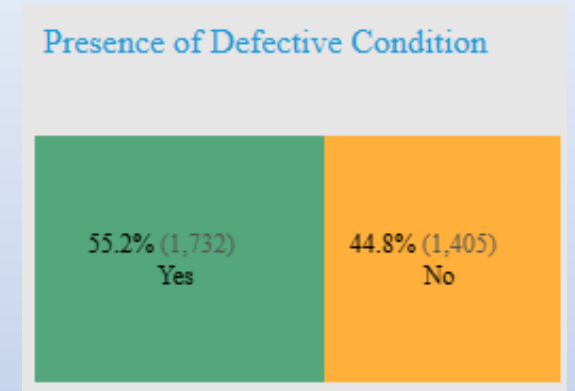
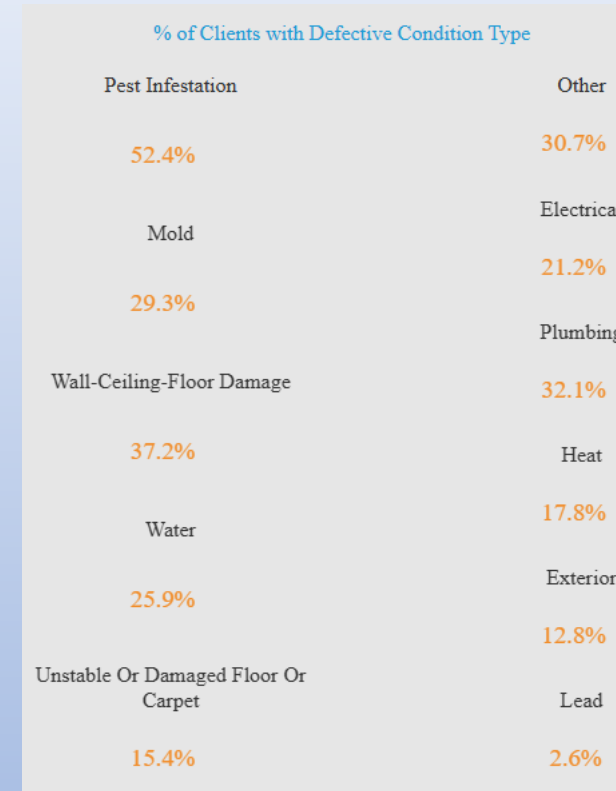
\*Percentages may total to greater than 100% due to multiple reasons being stated in the notice.





# Presence of Defective Conditions

- **Over half** of clients report defective conditions, including:
  - Pest infestation (52%)
  - Mold (29%)
  - Plumbing (32%)
  - Lead (3%)
- **95% have reported** these conditions to the landlord
- All conditions have been repaired to client's satisfaction in **only 2.5% of cases**



# Questions?

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