

Connecticut Right to Counsel Update

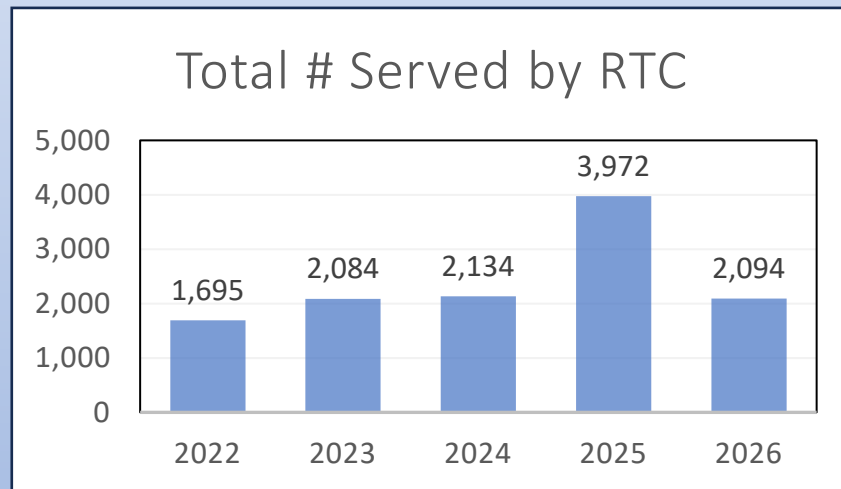
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Clients Served & Demographic Information

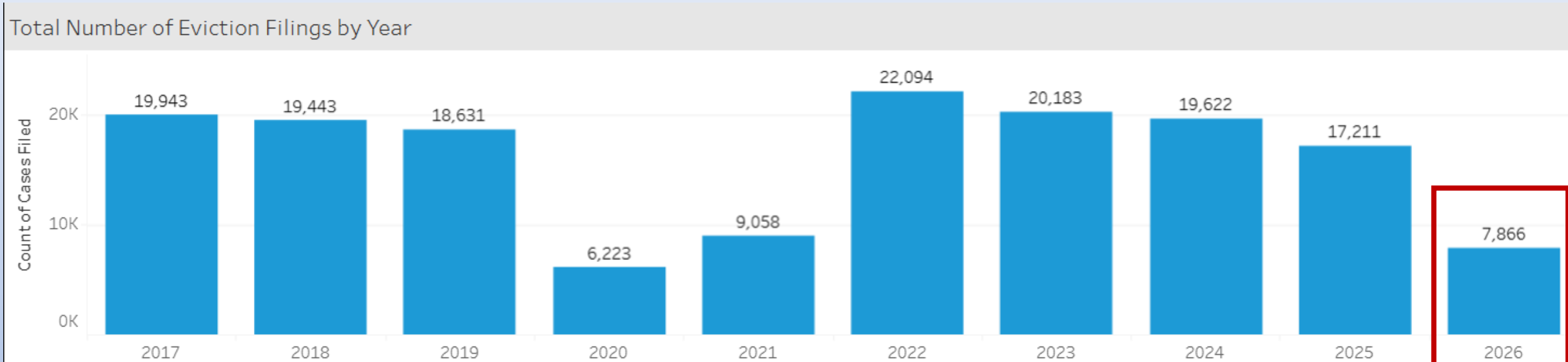
(1/31/2022 – 6/30/2026)

- From program inception, **11,964** clients have received services, with **6,186** referred for full representation



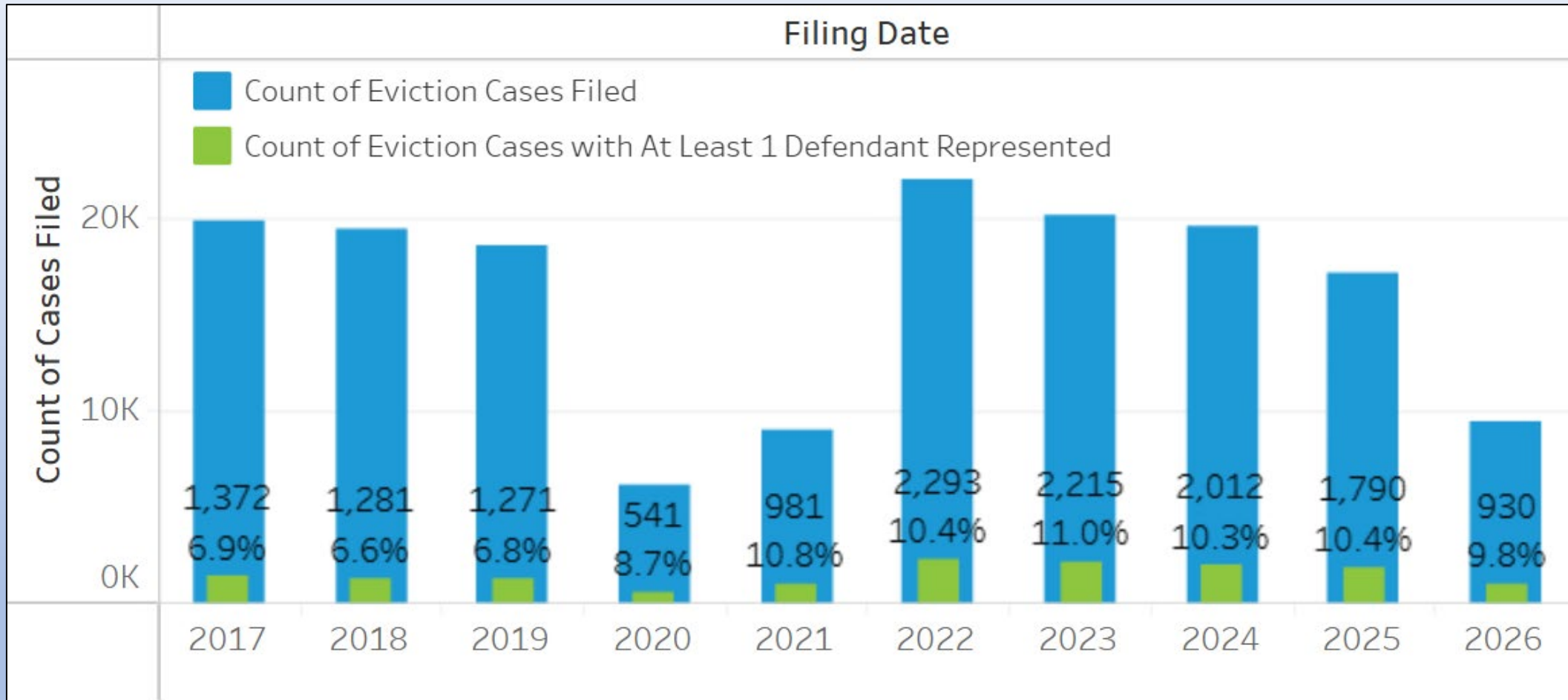
- **71.2%** of cases represent clients at 0-30% of the state median income
- **Race and Ethnicity:** 39.5% Black; 32.3% Hispanic; 18.7% White
- **Gender:** 68% female, 31% male, <1% transgender (1% not specified)
- **Women and/or people of color** continue to be over-represented compared to state demographics
- **Disability:** 48% of clients report some type of disability in the home

Filing Trends - Statewide



2026 Eviction Filings through June 30th: 7,866 (2025 Eviction Filings through June 30th, 2025: 8,675)

Representation Rates

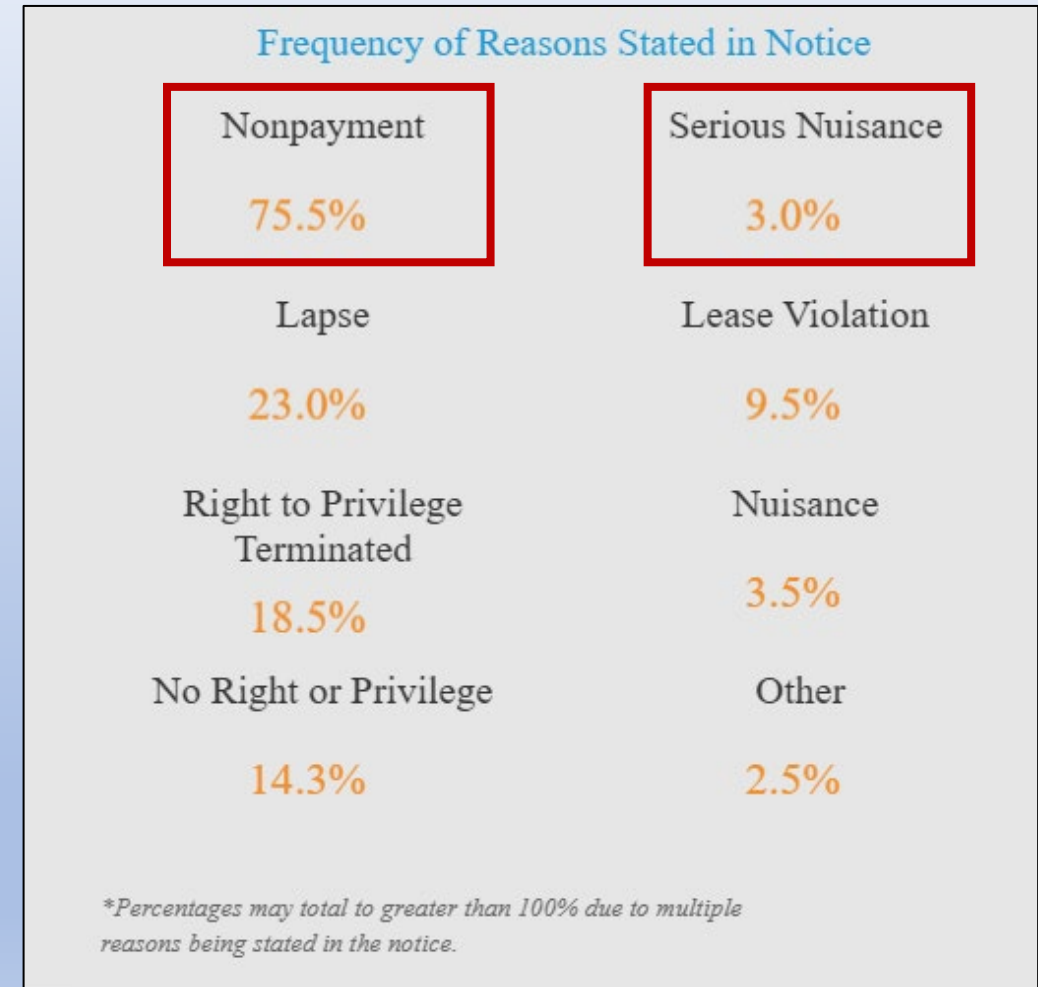


*2026 data through August 7, 2026

Reasons for Filing Stated in Notice

(Multiple reasons may be stated in one notice)

- **58%** of filings state **0 reasons**
- When reasons *were* stated, **non-payment (75%)** or **lapse in payment (23%)** were most commonly stated
- **Job loss (42%)** or reduction in hours is the most common reason for non-payment
- **Serious Nuisance** is stated as a reason in only **3%** of filings

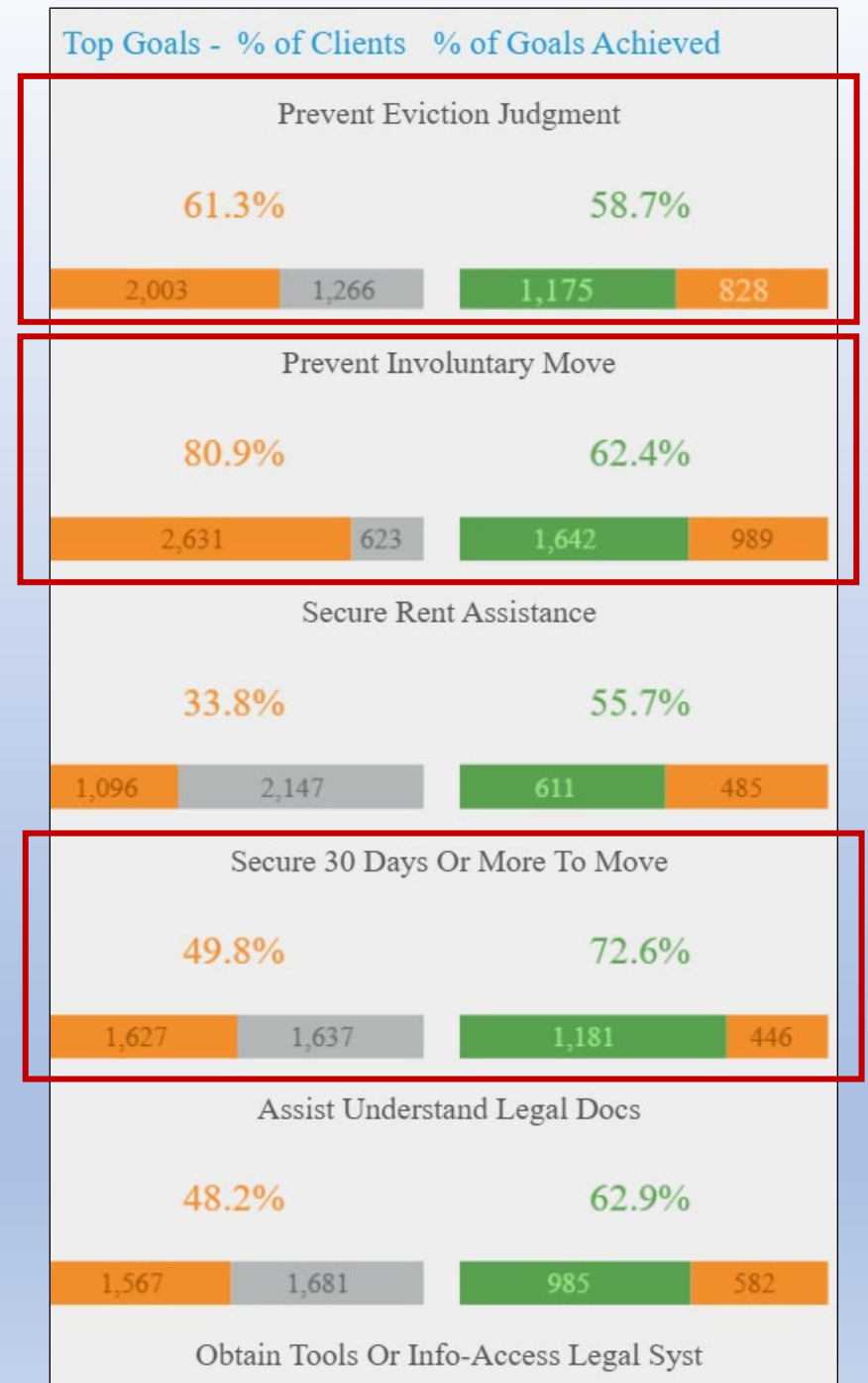


Rent Assistance & Achievement of Client Goals

- Legal Service Providers have shared that lack of access to eviction prevention funds **significantly constrains their ability to assist clients**
- As noted, non- or lapse in payment is a top reason for eviction, and **these funds often help attorneys reach a resolution with landlords that would not be possible otherwise**
- Securing rent assistance is named as a top goal in **34%** of cases since the program began in 2022
- RTC attorneys helped clients achieve this goal in 56% of those cases
- In the last year, **only 17% of clients named this as a goal**, with the goal achieved in 37% of those cases

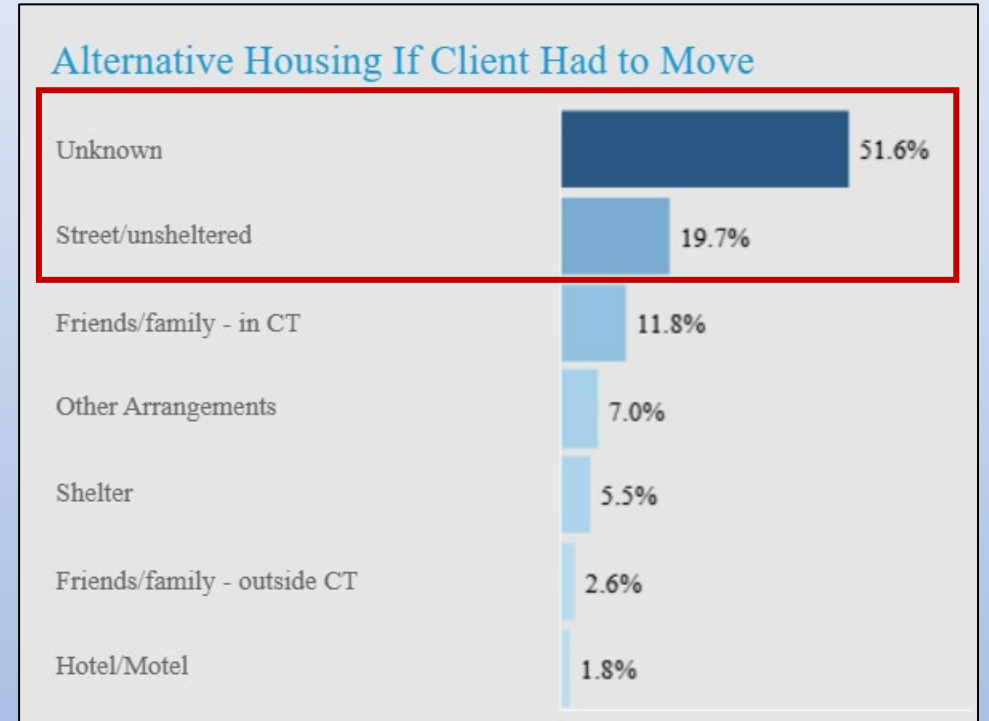
Achievement of Client Goals

- **81%** of clients named **preventing an involuntary move** as a top goal
 - RTC representation helped **achieve this goal for 62%** of those clients
- **61%** of clients named **preventing an eviction judgement** as a top goal
 - RTC representation helped **achieve this goal for 59%** of those clients
- **50%** 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: **51% don't know where they would go** if forced to move, and another **20% would experience unsheltered homelessness**
- **75%** of clients wish to stay in their current home
- **57%** of clients have lived in their current home for 3 years or more



Legislative Update

- Federal RTC ARPA funds will be spent by 12/31/2026
- RTC is funded in the CT state budget through FY 2027
- CBF is currently working with service providers to determine what, if any, changes we would like to make in the program during the next legislative session. This would be in addition to our ask for continued funding for RTC in the next biennium budget for FY 28 – FY 29.

Questions?

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