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FOREWARD

In 2004, Connecticut became the first state to set a goal to reduce child poverty in half by 2014. Public Act 04-238 established a Child Poverty Council, charged with recommending strategies to reduce child poverty in the state by 50% within 10 years. At the time, 24% of Connecticut children lived in households with income at or below 200% of the federal poverty level. For those living in Connecticut's larger cities, the rates were much higher. In fact, in 2004 Hartford had the second highest rate of child poverty (41%) of any city in the nation with a population over 100,000.

Four years later, the Connecticut Association for Human Services reported on the State's 2014 goal of reducing child poverty by 50% in our paper, *Meeting the Child Poverty Reduction Target: Moving Families and the Economy Forward.* By that time, Public Act 06-179 had combined two of the State's Councils into the current body, the Child Poverty and Prevention Council. The Council expanded its original charge, to reduce child poverty by 50% and also to promote the health and well-being of children and families in Connecticut.

At the January 2008 meeting of the Child Poverty and Prevention Council, the Council adopted 12 priority recommendations for action, many of which reflect the indicators of well-being we have identified in this Data Book including promoting the Earned Income Tax Credit, early childhood education, high school graduation, and preventing teen pregnancy.

In 2009, the Council brought in the Urban Institute to develop an economic model to determine how the implementation of various policy options would change the number of children living in poverty in Connecticut. In general, no recommendation *by itself* would result in a dramatic decrease in child poverty, but together, there are policies that can have a significant impact on the lives of Connecticut's low-income families. The Council's top three recommendations that were most likely to reduce child poverty in Connecticut were:

1. Increase enrollment in subsidized housing, energy assistance, and nutrition assistance;
2. Increase attainment of associate's degrees;
3. Guarantee child care subsidies.

Today, nearly ten years later, the number of children living at or below 200% of the federal poverty level in Connecticut has increased from 24% to 30%. During this final year of a ten year promise to reduce child poverty, the Connecticut Legislature and Governor should work diligently to implement these recommendations, at a minimum. As policy makers make hard decisions in light of a large budget deficit, the question should be asked: will the choices we make today reduce the number of children living in poverty in Connecticut tomorrow and in the days and years to come?

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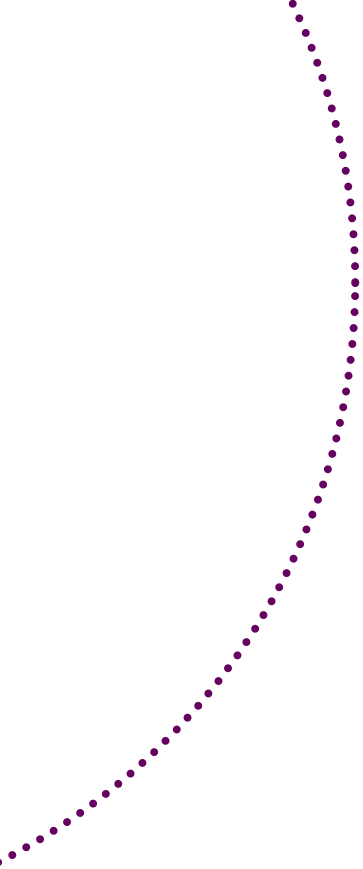

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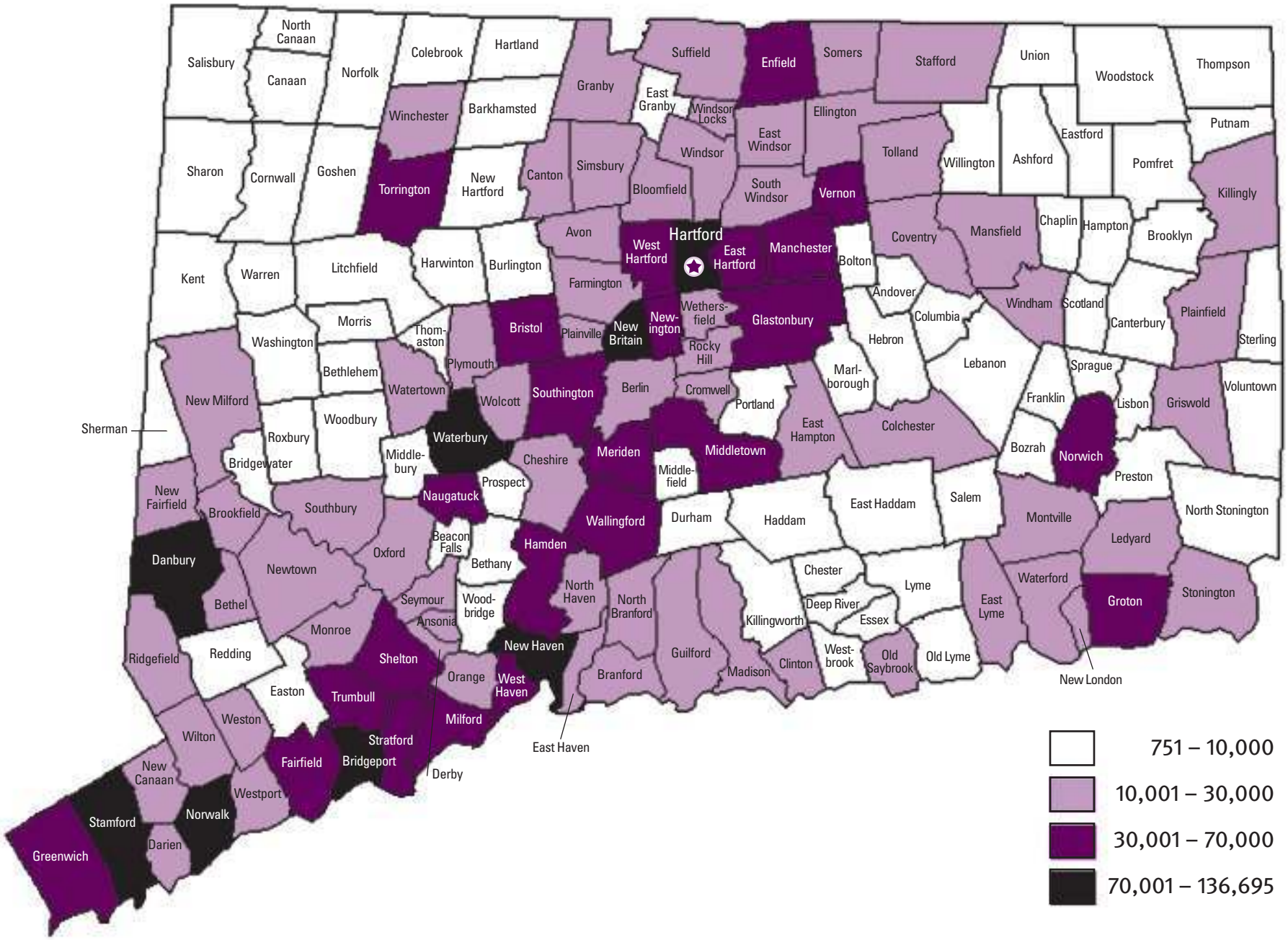
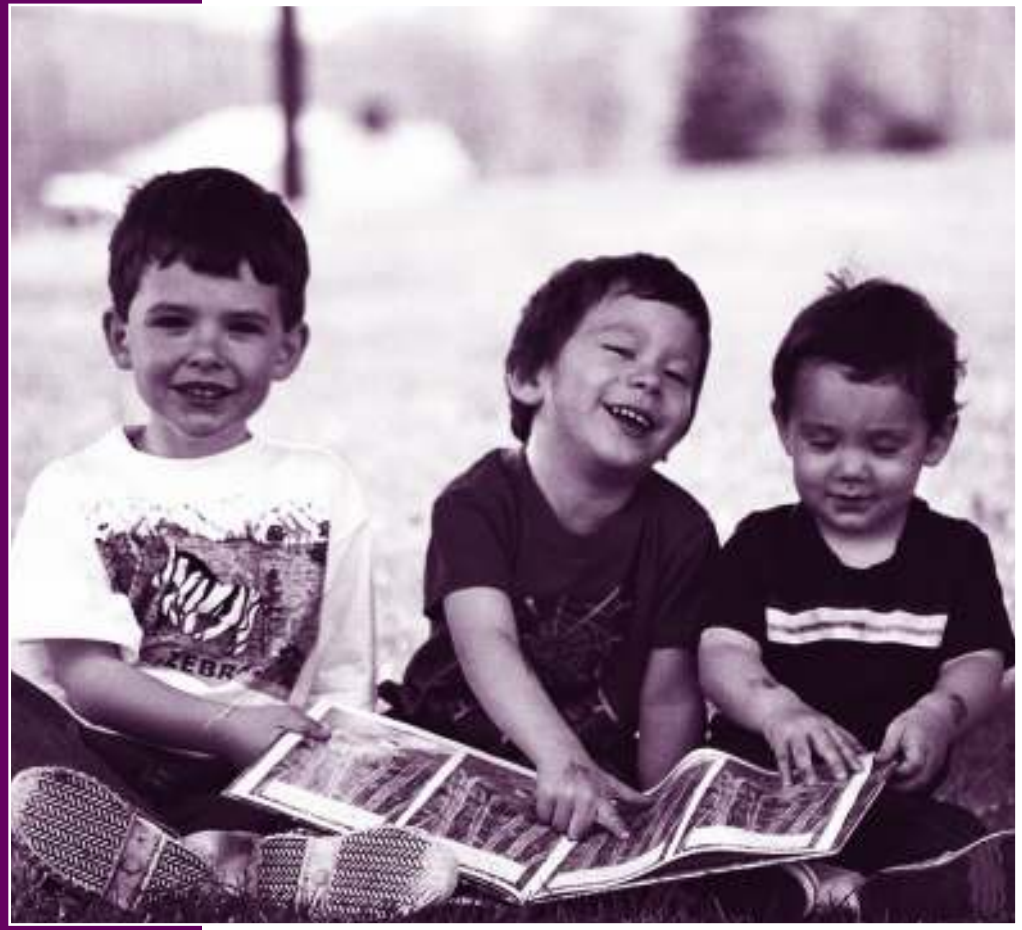


CHAPTER ONE
DEMOGRAPHICS

Population

Race and Ethnicity



Child Population & Race and Ethnicity

WHAT DO THESE INDICATORS MEASURE?

CAHS uses two demographic indicators, Child Population and Race and Ethnicity. The number of children and their percent of the total population living in each town are reported for children under age 6 as well as for those under 18. Children of Hispanic descent are reported in a separate category because the U.S. Census defines "Hispanic origin" as an ethnicity rather than a race.

WHY ARE THESE INDICATORS IMPORTANT?

It is important to understand the size and diversity of Connecticut's child population, compared to the entire population and by region, when thinking about strategies to improve children's health and well-being.

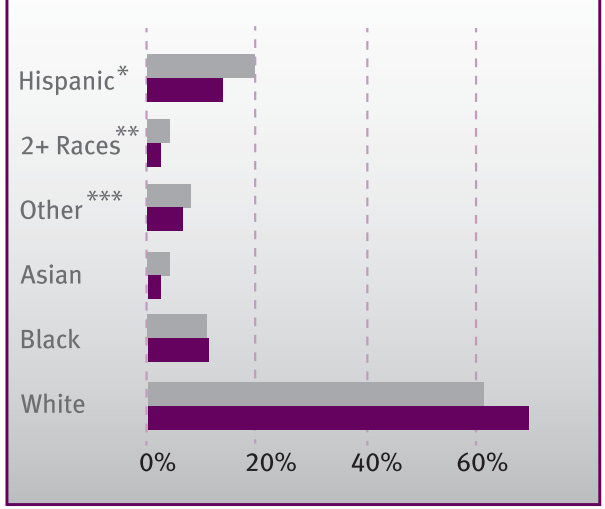
DEMOGRAPHICS AND FAMILY ECONOMIC SECURITY

While wealth and opportunity exist within all races and ethnicities, far fewer Blacks and Hispanics than Whites are economically successful in Connecticut. Access to opportunity does not happen by chance. Certain federal and state policies have contributed to inter-generational income disparities by creating financial advantages for some and ignoring others. Although every town is home to some low-income people, historically Connecticut has been a state where poverty is concentrated in cities and inner-ring suburbs.[1]

COMMENTARY

Between 2000 and 2010, Connecticut has increased its population by almost 5% (168,495). This growth was largely due to an increase in the adult population (>18); the number of children (<18) decreased by 3% (25,558). Slower growing cities and towns had proportionately larger declines in their child numbers. Of the eight major cities (Bridgeport, Danbury, Hartford, New Haven, Waterbury, Stamford, Norwalk, New Britain), only Danbury grew faster than the average growth rate (6%), and its child population increased by 5%. In contrast, Hartford, the slowest growing city (< 1%), saw its child numbers decrease by 12%.

CHANGE IN CHILD POPULATION (< 18) from 2000-2010



Source: U.S. Decennial Census

Similar to many other states nationwide, Connecticut is more ethnically diverse than it was in 2000. While the White population in 2010 is 3.5% less than in 2000, Black (13.4%), Asian (64%) and Hispanic (49%) populations have steadily grown. These changes are even more pronounced for children (see chart). One other segment growing both in Connecticut and across the nation are people who identify by more than one racial group. As people are given the opportunity to check multiple boxes on the census form and not satisfied with choosing only part of their heritage, more and more people (including those declared Hispanic) declare multiple racial identities (e.g. Black and Asian, Hispanic and Black). From 2000 to 2010, their numbers increased by 25% to almost 70,000. Although this only represents around 2% of the state population, more rapid growth is evidenced in areas such as New London, Waterbury and Norwich where between 5% and 6% are in this group.

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* Hispanics are their own group and not included in racial groups

** Includes individuals who declare multiple associations

*** Pacific Islander, Native Hawaiian, American Indian, and other races with low numbers

Child Population Census 2000 and 2010

Locality	Population < 18	% of Population	Population < 18	% of Population	% Change 2000-2010
Fairfield Co.	**226,214**	**25.6%**	**227,019**	**24.8%**	**0.4%**
Bethel	4,925	27.3%	4,376	23.5%	-11.1%
Bridgeport	39,672	28.4%	36,047	25.0%	-9.1%
Brookfield	4,288	27.4%	4,110	25.0%	-4.2%
Danbury	16,227	21.7%	17,042	21.1%	5.0%
Darien	6,364	32.5%	7,381	35.6%	16.0%
Easton	2,082	28.6%	2,128	28.4%	2.2%
Fairfield	13,609	23.7%	15,095	25.4%	10.9%
Greenwich	15,544	25.4%	16,338	26.7%	5.1%
Monroe	5,593	29.1%	5,165	26.5%	-7.7%
New Canaan	6,050	31.2%	6,329	32.1%	4.6%
New Fairfield	4,191	30.0%	3,778	27.2%	-9.9%
Newtown	7,332	29.3%	7,605	27.6%	3.7%
Norwalk	18,310	22.1%	18,874	22.0%	3.1%
Redding	2,405	29.1%	2,377	26.0%	-1.2%
Ridgefield	7,232	30.6%	7,350	29.8%	1.6%
Shelton	8,972	23.5%	8,338	21.1%	-7.1%
Sherman	1,021	26.7%	832	23.2%	-18.5%
Stamford	25,896	22.1%	26,461	21.6%	2.2%
Stratford	11,506	23.0%	11,292	22.0%	-1.9%
Trumbull	8,913	26.0%	9,242	25.7%	3.7%
Weston	3,329	33.2%	3,310	32.5%	-0.6%
Westport	7,190	27.9%	7,867	29.8%	9.4%
Wilton	5,563	31.5%	5,682	31.5%	2.1%
Hartford Co.	**210,832**	**24.7%**	**204043**	**22.8%**	**-3.2%**
Avon	4,137	26.1%	4,776	26.4%	15.4%
Berlin	4,496	24.7%	4,256	21.4%	-5.3%
Bloomfield	4,198	21.4%	3,656	17.8%	-12.9%
Bristol	13,922	23.2%	12,963	21.4%	-6.9%
Burlington	2,313	28.2%	2,530	27.2%	9.4%
Canton	2,248	25.4%	2,483	24.1%	10.5%
East Granby	1,240	26.1%	1,269	24.7%	2.3%
East Hartford	11,945	24.1%	11,977	23.4%	0.3%
East Windsor	2,176	22.2%	2,149	19.3%	-1.2%
Enfield	10,234	22.6%	8,787	19.7%	-14.1%
Farmington	5,762	24.4%	5,587	22.0%	-3.0%
Glastonbury	8,531	26.8%	9,128	26.5%	7.0%
Granby	2,826	27.3%	2,896	25.7%	2.5%
Hartford	36,568	29.5%	32,217	25.8%	-11.9%
Hartland	550	27.3%	468	22.1%	-14.9%
Manchester	12,455	22.8%	12,253	21.0%	-1.6%
Marlborough	1,562	27.4%	1,659	25.9%	6.2%
New Britain	17,289	24.2%	17,061	23.3%	-1.3%
Newington	6,047	20.6%	6,064	19.8%	0.3%
Plainville	3,682	21.2%	3,467	19.6%	-5.8%
Rocky Hill	3,534	19.7%	3,756	19.1%	6.3%
Simsbury	6,858	29.5%	6,445	27.4%	-6.0%
Southington	9,470	23.8%	9,703	22.5%	2.5%
South Windsor	6,677	27.4%	6,194	24.1%	-7.2%

Locality	Population < 18	% of Population	Population < 18	% of Population	% Change 2000-2010
Hartford Co. *cont.*					
Suffield	2,991	22.1%	3,177	20.2%	6.2%
West Hartford	14,045	23.0%	14,765	23.3%	5.1%
Wethersfield	5,272	20.1%	5,534	20.8%	5.0%
Windsor	6,955	24.6%	6,256	21.5%	-10.1%
Windsor Locks	2,849	23.7%	2,567	20.5%	-9.9%
Litchfield Co.	**44,846**	**24.6%**	**40,952**	**21.6%**	**-8.7%**
Barkhamsted	873	25.0%	890	23.4%	1.9%
Bethlehem	863	25.2%	747	20.7%	-13.4%
Bridgewater	403	22.1%	324	18.8%	-19.6%
Canaan	255	23.6%	215	17.4%	-15.7%
Colebrook	361	24.5%	313	21.1%	-13.3%
Cornwall	350	24.4%	279	19.6%	-20.3%
Goshen	613	22.7%	615	20.7%	0.3%
Harwinton	1,324	25.1%	1,285	22.8%	-2.9%
Kent	653	22.8%	565	19.0%	-13.5%
Litchfield	2,096	25.2%	1,787	21.1%	-14.7%
Morris	565	24.6%	484	20.3%	-14.3%
New Hartford	1,639	26.9%	1,632	23.4%	-0.4%
New Milford	7,436	27.4%	6,839	24.3%	-8.0%
Norfolk	393	23.7%	361	21.1%	-8.1%
North Canaan	780	23.3%	688	20.8%	-11.8%
Plymouth	2,998	25.8%	2,707	22.1%	-9.7%
Roxbury	486	22.7%	436	19.3%	-10.3%
Salisbury	892	22.4%	618	16.5%	-30.7%
Sharon	633	21.3%	450	16.2%	-28.9%
Thomaston	1,899	25.3%	1,815	23.0%	-4.4%
Torrington	8,111	23.0%	7,659	21.1%	-5.6%
Warren	284	22.6%	314	21.5%	10.6%
Washington	876	24.1%	673	18.8%	-23.2%
Watertown	5,369	24.8%	4,859	21.6%	-9.5%
Winchester	2,484	23.3%	2,298	20.4%	-7.5%
Woodbury	2,210	24.0%	2,099	21.0%	-5.0%
Middlesex Co.	**35,980**	**23.2%**	**35,098**	**21.2%**	**-2.5%**
Chester	833	22.3%	787	19.7%	-5.5%
Clinton	3,285	25.1%	2,891	21.8%	-12.0%
Cromwell	2,777	21.6%	2,914	20.8%	4.9%
Deep River	1,119	24.3%	975	21.1%	-12.9%
Durham	1,921	29.0%	1,944	26.3%	1.2%
East Haddam	2,123	25.5%	2,047	22.4%	-3.6%
East Hampton	2,855	26.1%	2,980	23.0%	4.4%
Essex	1,424	21.9%	1,390	20.8%	-2.4%
Haddam	1,766	24.7%	1,967	23.6%	11.4%
Killingworth	1,632	27.1%	1,561	23.9%	-4.4%
Middlefield	1,037	24.7%	1,006	22.7%	-3.0%
Middletown	9,364	20.6%	9,082	19.1%	-3.0%
Old Saybrook	2,250	21.7%	2,033	19.8%	-9.6%
Portland	2,225	25.5%	2,179	22.9%	-2.1%
Westbrook	1,369	21.8%	1,342	19.3%	-2.0%

Child Population Census 2000 and 2010 cont.

Locality	Population < 18	% of Population	Population < 18	% of Population	% Change 2000-2010
New Haven Co.	**201,679**	**24.5%**	**192,974**	**22.4%**	**-4.3%**
Ansonia	4,489	24.2%	4,579	23.8%	2.0%
Beacon Falls	1,324	25.2%	1,377	22.8%	4.0%
Bethany	1,376	27.3%	1,349	24.2%	-2.0%
Branford	5,928	20.7%	4,962	17.7%	-16.3%
Cheshire	7,202	25.2%	7,093	24.2%	-1.5%
Derby	2,687	21.7%	2,708	21.0%	0.8%
East Haven	6,255	22.2%	5,655	19.3%	-9.6%
Guilford	5,438	25.4%	5,277	23.6%	-3.0%
Hamden	11,833	20.8%	11,622	19.1%	-1.8%
Madison	5,042	28.2%	4,779	26.2%	-5.2%
Meriden	14,966	25.7%	14,553	23.9%	-2.8%
Middlebury	1,582	24.5%	1,863	24.6%	17.8%
Milford	11,678	22.3%	10,550	20.0%	-9.7%
Naugatuck	8,325	26.9%	7,380	23.2%	-11.4%
New Haven	31,446	25.4%	29,582	22.8%	-5.9%
North Branford	3,560	25.6%	3,182	22.1%	-10.6%
North Haven	5,202	22.6%	5,004	20.8%	-3.8%
Orange	3,254	24.6%	3,246	23.3%	-0.2%
Oxford	2,663	27.1%	3,085	24.3%	15.8%
Prospect	2,172	24.9%	2,124	22.6%	-2.2%
Seymour	3,687	23.9%	3,618	21.9%	-1.9%
Southbury	4,228	22.8%	4,050	20.3%	-4.2%
Wallingford	10,326	24.0%	9,478	21.0%	-8.2%
Waterbury	28,454	26.5%	28,265	25.6%	-0.7%
West Haven	12,108	23.1%	11,555	20.8%	-4.6%
Wolcott	3,958	26.0%	3,908	23.4%	-1.3%
Woodbridge	2,496	27.8%	2,130	23.7%	-14.7%
New London Co.	**63,231**	**24.4%**	**59,599**	**21.7%**	**-5.7%**
Bozrah	553	23.5%	551	21.0%	-0.4%
Colchester	4,342	29.8%	4,243	26.4%	-2.3%
East Lyme	3,969	21.9%	3,721	19.4%	-6.2%
Franklin	443	24.1%	418	21.7%	-5.6%
Griswold	2,773	25.7%	2,732	22.9%	-1.5%
Groton	9,914	24.8%	8,465	21.1%	-14.6%
Lebanon	1,934	28.0%	1,761	24.1%	-8.9%
Ledyard	4,155	28.3%	3,671	24.4%	-11.6%
Lisbon	1,059	26.0%	980	22.6%	-7.5%
Lyme	410	20.3%	437	18.2%	6.6%
Montville	4,386	23.6%	4,009	20.5%	-8.6%
New London	5,857	22.4%	5,647	20.4%	-3.6%
North Stonington	1,255	25.1%	1,125	21.2%	-10.4%
Norwich	8,705	24.1%	9,104	22.5%	4.6%
Old Lyme	1,779	24.0%	1,610	21.2%	-9.5%
Preston	1,049	22.4%	945	20.0%	-9.9%
Salem	1,136	29.4%	1,064	25.6%	-6.3%
Sprague	772	26.0%	720	24.1%	-6.7%
Stonington	3,884	21.7%	3,735	20.1%	-3.8%

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Hartford Co. *cont.*					
Voluntown	671	26.5%	577	22.2%	-14.0%
Waterford	4,185	22.5%	4,084	20.9%	-2.4%
Tolland Co.	**31,520**	**23.1%**	**30,884**	**20.2%**	**-2.0%**
Andover	828	27.3%	834	25.2%	0.7%
Bolton	1,304	26.0%	1,137	22.8%	-12.8%
Columbia	1,301	26.2%	1,158	21.1%	-11.0%
Coventry	3,114	27.2%	2,902	23.3%	-6.8%
Ellington	3,257	25.2%	3,748	24.0%	15.1%
Hebron	2,583	30.0%	2,706	27.9%	4.8%
Mansfield	2,753	13.2%	2,554	9.6%	-7.2%
Somers	2,169	20.8%	2,163	18.9%	-0.3%
Stafford	2,885	25.5%	2,693	22.3%	-6.7%
Tolland	3,725	28.5%	4,041	26.8%	8.5%
Union	149	21.5%	170	19.9%	14.1%
Vernon	6,205	22.1%	5,658	19.4%	-8.8%
Willington	1,247	20.9%	1,120	18.5%	-10.2%
Windham Co.	**27,386**	**25.1%**	**26,446**	**22.3%**	**-3.4%**
Ashford	1,051	25.6%	955	22.1%	-9.1%
Brooklyn	1,699	23.7%	1,793	21.8%	5.5%
Canterbury	1,207	25.7%	1,127	22.0%	-6.6%
Chaplin	554	24.6%	466	20.2%	-15.9%
Eastford	426	26.3%	369	21.1%	-13.4%
Hampton	454	25.8%	362	19.4%	-20.3%
Killingly	4,228	25.7%	3,888	22.4%	-8.0%
Plainfield	3,937	26.9%	3,677	23.9%	-6.6%
Pomfret	1,013	26.7%	1,055	24.8%	4.1%
Putnam	2,123	23.6%	2,116	22.1%	-0.3%
Scotland	439	28.2%	394	22.8%	-10.3%
Sterling	872	28.1%	956	25.0%	9.6%
Thompson	2,220	25.0%	2,062	21.8%	-7.1%
Windham	5,263	23.0%	5,383	21.3%	2.3%
Woodstock	1,900	26.3%	1,843	23.1%	-3.0%
CONNECTICUT	**841,688**	**24.7%**	**817,015**	**22.9%**	**-2.9%**

2000-2010 Child Race and Ethnicity % of Population

Locality	White		Black		Asian		Other *		2+ Races ß		Hispanic ^	
	2000 < 18 %	2010 < 18 %	2000 < 18 %	2010 < 18 %	2000 < 18 %	2010 < 18 %	2000 < 18 %	2010 < 18 %	2000 < 18 %	2010 < 18 %	2000 < 18 %	2010 < 18 %
Fairfield Co.	**66.6%**	**59.98%**	**11.9%**	**10.9%**	**3.4%**	**4.7%**	**6.4%**	**8.2%**	**3.7%**	**4.7%**	**14.9%**	**20.6%**
Bethel	87.3%	77.79%	1.0%	1.8%	4.3%	4.8%	1.4%	4.1%	2.7%	3.9%	4.5%	11.5%
Bridgeport	15.6%	10.20%	35.2%	35.7%	2.9%	2.5%	20.1%	21.9%	7.2%	6.6%	40.9%	47.4%
Brookfield	92.2%	85.89%	0.6%	0.9%	2.7%	4.6%	0.9%	1.5%	1.5%	2.4%	3.0%	6.1%
Danbury	59.4%	45.00%	7.7%	6.2%	7.2%	7.5%	9.8%	16.6%	5.7%	7.9%	19.8%	34.0%
Darien	93.4%	89.97%	0.2%	0.4%	2.6%	3.4%	0.3%	0.7%	1.4%	2.2%	2.1%	4.0%
Easton	93.8%	89.24%	0.1%	0.4%	2.6%	3.7%	0.7%	1.0%	1.2%	2.7%	2.1%	4.1%
Fairfield	91.5%	84.02%	1.1%	1.8%	2.5%	4.3%	0.9%	1.6%	1.9%	3.4%	2.9%	6.8%
Greenwich	82.1%	75.25%	1.6%	2.0%	6.4%	6.9%	1.9%	2.8%	2.6%	4.1%	7.4%	11.8%
Monroe	92.8%	86.97%	1.1%	1.4%	1.5%	2.5%	0.6%	1.1%	1.5%	3.3%	3.1%	6.4%
New Canaan	93.6%	89.51%	0.7%	0.9%	2.0%	3.2%	0.5%	0.9%	1.9%	2.8%	1.7%	3.5%
New Fairfield	92.9%	88.27%	0.4%	1.2%	1.5%	1.5%	0.8%	1.5%	1.6%	3.0%	3.8%	6.1%
Newtown	94.5%	89.13%	0.4%	0.8%	1.3%	3.0%	0.5%	0.8%	1.4%	2.5%	2.4%	4.7%
Norwalk	53.2%	43.93%	20.1%	15.7%	3.2%	4.7%	6.0%	11.6%	4.6%	5.5%	20.0%	31.7%
Redding	93.8%	89.40%	0.7%	0.5%	2.0%	2.5%	0.7%	1.1%	1.5%	3.6%	1.6%	3.6%
Ridgefield	93.2%	88.04%	0.5%	0.6%	2.4%	3.5%	0.6%	0.8%	1.3%	3.2%	2.5%	4.8%
Shelton	88.8%	80.14%	1.3%	2.8%	2.4%	4.9%	1.4%	2.4%	2.2%	3.3%	5.4%	9.6%
Sherman	95.6%	92.79%	0.5%	0.1%	0.7%	1.2%	0.9%	0.5%	1.5%	3.7%	1.9%	2.3%
Stamford	51.0%	44.13%	20.6%	15.2%	4.6%	8.1%	8.3%	11.8%	4.5%	5.3%	20.4%	28.6%
Stratford	70.0%	52.74%	14.2%	18.1%	1.7%	2.6%	3.8%	6.5%	3.3%	5.6%	11.3%	22.3%
Trumbull	89.3%	80.52%	2.3%	3.5%	2.8%	5.5%	1.3%	1.5%	1.6%	2.6%	3.7%	8.2%
Weston	93.4%	87.49%	0.5%	1.2%	1.8%	2.8%	0.5%	1.1%	2.2%	4.4%	2.2%	4.0%
Westport	92.1%	86.89%	0.8%	0.9%	2.6%	4.2%	0.7%	0.9%	1.6%	3.6%	2.8%	4.6%
Wilton	93.5%	87.10%	0.3%	0.7%	2.8%	5.1%	0.6%	0.7%	1.6%	3.5%	1.5%	3.6%
Hartford Co.	**62.1%**	**53.83%**	**13.9%**	**14.2%**	**2.6%**	**4.9%**	**10.4%**	**10.4%**	**3.8%**	**5.6%**	**17.9%**	**23.0%**
Avon	91.3%	80.99%	1.0%	1.4%	3.6%	8.4%	0.6%	1.2%	0.2%	3.9%	2.4%	5.6%
Berlin	93.9%	88.02%	0.3%	0.6%	2.5%	3.5%	0.3%	1.2%	1.2%	2.8%	2.0%	5.6%
Bloomfield	16.1%	10.2%	71.8%	72.0%	1.5%	1.5%	3.0%	3.4%	4.8%	6.9%	5.8%	10.6%
Bristol	82.4%	70.4%	3.1%	4.1%	1.7%	2.3%	4.7%	6.4%	3.6%	6.9%	9.5%	18.0%
Burlington	95.0%	91.6%	0.7%	0.7%	0.7%	1.8%	0.4%	0.8%	1.8%	1.9%	1.7%	4.2%
Canton	94.3%	90.0%	0.4%	0.9%	1.0%	2.1%	0.8%	1.0%	2.0%	2.5%	2.2%	4.7%
East Granby	91.9%	84.3%	1.7%	2.4%	1.6%	3.3%	1.0%	1.6%	2.6%	5.3%	2.6%	5.2%
East Hartford	39.5%	19.9%	27.6%	31.5%	4.2%	5.6%	14.1%	18.7%	6.0%	7.6%	23.9%	38.2%
East Windsor	84.9%	67.0%	5.7%	10.8%	2.6%	6.1%	1.5%	5.3%	2.9%	5.0%	4.1%	12.2%
Enfield	90.4%	79.2%	2.5%	4.6%	1.6%	2.3%	1.3%	2.7%	2.4%	5.3%	3.2%	9.3%
Farmington	87.8%	75.9%	2.0%	2.8%	4.8%	11.2%	1.1%	1.3%	1.9%	4.2%	3.5%	6.3%
Glastonbury	88.6%	80.1%	1.8%	2.1%	4.0%	8.0%	1.7%	1.6%	1.8%	3.7%	3.6%	6.2%
Granby	96.0%	92.3%	0.4%	1.3%	0.9%	0.9%	0.6%	0.7%	0.9%	2.5%	1.8%	2.9%
Hartford	5.9%	5.0%	37.7%	36.5%	1.0%	2.0%	35.1%	30.2%	6.2%	5.5%	51.5%	53.9%
Hartland	96.2%	93.8%	0.0%	0.9%	1.6%	1.9%	0.7%	1.1%	1.1%	1.9%	1.3%	0.6%
Manchester	67.1%	45.5%	13.5%	16.9%	3.4%	9.4%	5.9%	8.3%	4.9%	8.7%	11.8%	21.8%
Marlborough	95.7%	89.0%	0.5%	0.6%	1.0%	2.4%	0.3%	0.8%	1.2%	3.3%	1.5%	4.6%
New Britain	35.4%	23.2%	13.0%	12.7%	2.2%	2.1%	22.9%	25.6%	6.7%	8.9%	45.8%	57.8%
Newington	84.9%	70.5%	2.4%	4.6%	4.1%	8.1%	2.4%	3.4%	2.6%	5.1%	6.2%	13.1%
Plainville	88.4%	79.2%	2.3%	3.5%	1.7%	2.5%	1.9%	3.5%	2.3%	4.6%	5.6%	11.2%
Rocky Hill	84.6%	70.5%	3.4%	3.1%	5.2%	14.3%	1.9%	2.3%	2.3%	3.8%	4.9%	9.2%
Simsbury	92.7%	85.5%	1.3%	1.9%	2.1%	4.5%	0.5%	0.9%	1.9%	3.7%	2.1%	4.7%

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South Windsor	92.5%	87.3%	0.8%	1.4%	1.3%	6.9%	1.1%	1.2%	1.2%	3.3%	3.5%	5.8%
Southington	87.6%	74.8%	3.1%	3.8%	4.5%	4.4%	1.0%	1.8%	2.8%	4.4%	1.6%	6.7%
Suffield	93.8%	89.6%	1.8%	1.6%	1.2%	1.8%	0.6%	0.9%	1.0%	3.1%	2.2%	4.2%
West Hartford	74.7%	65.6%	6.2%	6.6%	6.1%	8.8%	4.5%	5.6%	3.2%	5.7%	10.2%	14.3%
Wethersfield	85.3%	76.5%	3.0%	3.1%	2.5%	3.8%	3.4%	4.0%	2.4%	3.9%	7.2%	13.3%
Windsor	50.2%	34.6%	34.1%	41.0%	3.7%	4.8%	3.4%	5.2%	4.5%	7.0%	7.7%	13.6%
Windsor Locks	86.7%	71.5%	3.7%	6.6%	3.1%	7.0%	1.6%	2.0%	2.8%	6.5%	4.0%	9.7%
Litchfield Co.	**91.9%**	**85.6%**	**1.2%**	**1.3%**	**1.4%**	**2.0%**	**1.3%**	**2.6%**	**2.0%**	**3.8%**	**3.5%**	**7.8%**
Barkhamsted	96.1%	93.9%	0.0%	0.4%	0.7%	0.9%	0.5%	0.9%	1.1%	1.7%	1.7%	2.8%
Bethlehem	95.7%	94.8%	0.3%	0.5%	1.3%	0.4%	0.3%	0.1%	1.7%	1.1%	0.9%	3.2%
Bridgewater	97.3%	94.8%	1.7%	1.2%	0.2%	0.6%	0.2%	0.6%	0.2%	0.6%	0.5%	2.5%
Canaan	97.3%	91.2%	0.4%	0.5%	0.0%	0.9%	0.0%	0.5%	1.6%	2.8%	0.8%	4.2%
Colebrook	93.4%	94.9%	0.6%	0.6%	0.8%	0.0%	2.5%	1.6%	1.1%	2.6%	5.0%	2.2%
Cornwall	93.7%	90.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.9%	1.1%	0.0%	0.4%	3.4%	2.9%	2.9%	6.1%
Goshen	97.1%	92.2%	1.0%	0.3%	0.5%	1.8%	0.0%	1.0%	0.3%	1.3%	1.1%	4.1%
Harwinton	95.8%	93.4%	0.0%	0.2%	1.0%	1.5%	0.2%	0.9%	1.3%	2.1%	1.9%	2.6%
Kent	91.6%	86.4%	0.6%	0.9%	1.4%	1.8%	1.8%	3.0%	2.8%	3.5%	4.0%	5.8%
Litchfield	92.0%	90.0%	1.4%	0.8%	0.8%	1.4%	1.2%	1.6%	2.6%	3.7%	4.0%	3.8%
Morris	95.6%	93.0%	0.9%	0.0%	1.4%	0.2%	0.2%	0.0%	0.7%	2.5%	1.4%	4.5%
New Hartford	95.2%	92.9%	0.6%	0.2%	0.8%	1.7%	0.3%	0.6%	1.5%	2.1%	2.3%	3.6%
New Milford	90.6%	83.4%	1.2%	1.3%	2.3%	3.5%	1.1%	2.1%	2.4%	4.2%	3.6%	8.3%
Norfolk	94.9%	90.9%	0.0%	0.0%	0.5%	1.7%	0.5%	0.8%	3.1%	3.3%	1.3%	4.2%
North Canaan	94.2%	88.5%	0.5%	1.3%	0.4%	0.3%	0.9%	1.9%	1.8%	2.0%	3.3%	8.1%
Plymouth	94.5%	90.0%	1.1%	0.8%	0.6%	1.1%	0.7%	1.1%	1.7%	3.3%	1.9%	5.3%
Roxbury	94.9%	91.5%	0.4%	0.2%	1.0%	1.1%	1.0%	1.1%	1.6%	3.4%	1.2%	3.9%
Salisbury	90.8%	84.6%	1.7%	1.6%	2.1%	1.9%	1.6%	1.3%	1.8%	5.2%	2.9%	6.3%
Sharon	91.9%	92.0%	1.4%	1.6%	0.9%	0.9%	0.9%	1.1%	1.9%	3.1%	4.1%	2.7%
Thomaston	95.7%	92.2%	0.9%	0.5%	0.7%	0.8%	0.5%	1.0%	0.7%	2.5%	1.8%	4.4%
Torrington	86.6%	73.3%	2.7%	2.5%	2.0%	2.8%	2.7%	7.0%	2.9%	6.3%	6.0%	16.7%
Warren	98.6%	92.7%	0.0%	1.0%	0.7%	1.3%	0.0%	2.2%	0.7%	1.0%	0.0%	3.8%
Washington	92.2%	89.2%	1.3%	1.0%	1.4%	1.3%	1.8%	1.9%	1.6%	3.6%	3.1%	4.8%
Watertown	92.8%	87.0%	0.9%	1.6%	1.6%	2.0%	0.9%	1.9%	1.6%	3.1%	3.1%	6.7%
Winchester	89.5%	83.9%	1.4%	1.9%	1.2%	1.3%	3.0%	3.1%	2.5%	4.8%	5.3%	9.1%
Woodbury	93.8%	90.5%	0.5%	0.4%	1.0%	1.5%	0.8%	1.1%	1.6%	3.1%	2.6%	4.3%
Middlesex Co.	**84.9%**	**79.8%**	**5.9%**	**5.1%**	**1.5%**	**2.8%**	**1.7%**	**2.1%**	**3.1%**	**6.0%**	**4.8%**	**8.1%**
Chester	92.4%	92.0%	1.3%	1.1%	1.0%	1.0%	1.0%	0.5%	2.0%	3.4%	2.9%	2.5%
Clinton	90.2%	86.7%	0.5%	0.7%	1.4%	2.4%	1.9%	1.9%	2.2%	2.8%	5.8%	7.8%
Cromwell	87.1%	78.7%	3.8%	5.2%	1.0%	4.5%	1.7%	1.7%	3.3%	4.8%	5.5%	7.6%
Deep River	87.2%	82.9%	5.3%	2.5%	0.8%	1.3%	1.3%	2.4%	1.7%	3.0%	5.5%	10.6%
Durham	92.3%	91.3%	2.2%	0.4%	0.9%	1.9%	1.0%	0.7%	1.2%	2.3%	3.2%	3.8%
East Haddam	94.7%	91.7%	1.7%	0.5%	0.4%	0.8%	1.0%	0.9%	1.4%	2.3%	1.8%	4.7%
East Hampton	94.6%	89.8%	1.1%	0.9%	1.1%	1.7%	0.5%	0.8%	1.6%	3.4%	1.3%	4.8%
Essex	94.3%	90.9%	0.6%	0.6%	0.8%	2.0%	1.1%	1.0%	1.6%	2.2%	3.1%	4.6%
Haddam	94.0%	91.3%	1.4%	0.9%	1.5%	2.1%	0.3%	1.0%	1.8%	2.7%	1.5%	2.5%
Killingworth	94.4%	91.7%	0.6%	0.7%	1.2%	1.3%	0.5%	0.3%	1.7%	3.4%	1.8%	2.8%
Middlefield	95.3%	89.7%	0.4%	1.6%	0.9%	1.8%	0.7%	1.2%	1.2%	3.2%	2.5%	4.2%
Middletown	64.8%	56.3%	17.9%	15.3%	2.3%	4.8%	3.5%	4.3%	6.3%	9.5%	9.3%	16.1%

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Old Saybrook	91.7%	86.4%	0.6%	0.8%	2.3%	3.5%	1.2%	1.5%	2.1%	4.4%	3.1%	5.4%
Portland	90.7%	86.4%	3.0%	2.9%	0.8%	1.1%	1.0%	1.7%	2.6%	4.2%	3.4%	5.5%
Westbrook	92.7%	88.4%	0.9%	0.4%	1.6%	1.4%	1.1%	3.0%	1.5%	2.8%	3.0%	5.7%
New Haven Co.	**64.6%**	**53.8%**	**14.5%**	**14.7%**	**2.2%**	**3.8%**	**7.3%**	**9.3%**	**3.6%**	**6.4%**	**15.7%**	**23.6%**
Ansonia	70.4%	50.7%	12.5%	14.7%	1.2%	2.2%	3.5%	8.0%	0.6%	7.4%	12.3%	27.3%
Beacon Falls	94.9%	86.1%	0.5%	1.5%	0.9%	1.4%	0.3%	1.1%	0.9%	3.6%	2.8%	8.2%
Bethany	91.6%	86.1%	1.2%	1.9%	2.4%	5.7%	1.2%	0.7%	1.5%	2.4%	2.8%	3.5%
Branford	88.5%	81.1%	1.3%	2.3%	3.6%	5.7%	1.2%	1.8%	2.5%	3.6%	3.9%	7.4%
Cheshire	90.7%	81.3%	1.9%	2.8%	3.4%	6.7%	1.3%	1.0%	1.4%	3.6%	2.7%	5.9%
Derby	76.6%	57.5%	5.9%	11.6%	1.7%	4.0%	4.3%	6.1%	3.3%	6.9%	13.3%	22.6%
East Haven	87.8%	70.8%	1.6%	3.5%	2.4%	4.2%	2.2%	6.0%	2.0%	3.9%	6.5%	18.7%
Guilford	92.6%	87.6%	0.8%	0.8%	2.2%	3.5%	0.7%	1.2%	1.4%	2.7%	2.9%	5.5%
Hamden	62.5%	44.9%	22.6%	27.5%	4.0%	7.1%	3.0%	4.7%	3.9%	6.9%	7.5%	15.0%
Madison	94.0%	90.4%	0.6%	0.8%	2.1%	2.9%	0.6%	1.0%	1.5%	2.7%	1.8%	3.1%
Meriden	55.0%	39.0%	7.7%	9.9%	1.4%	2.2%	14.3%	16.6%	5.3%	7.3%	32.6%	44.7%
Middlebury	94.8%	86.9%	0.3%	1.2%	1.2%	5.1%	0.7%	0.7%	1.8%	2.1%	1.8%	4.8%
Milford	87.7%	76.7%	2.4%	3.1%	2.7%	7.6%	1.6%	2.2%	2.1%	4.1%	5.1%	9.0%
Naugatuck	84.9%	70.4%	3.4%	6.0%	1.6%	4.0%	2.3%	3.4%	3.1%	5.2%	6.7%	15.1%
New Haven	15.6%	13.3%	47.7%	41.1%	2.1%	2.1%	16.3%	19.0%	5.4%	6.3%	30.9%	39.4%
North Branford	92.9%	88.9%	1.7%	1.3%	1.1%	2.2%	0.8%	1.0%	1.8%	2.2%	2.9%	5.5%
North Haven	89.4%	81.9%	2.0%	2.8%	4.2%	6.1%	1.0%	1.3%	1.6%	3.2%	2.7%	6.5%
Orange	91.5%	80.8%	0.6%	2.0%	4.6%	9.9%	0.4%	1.1%	1.5%	3.2%	1.8%	4.1%
Oxford	95.2%	88.6%	0.5%	1.0%	0.8%	2.1%	0.9%	1.3%	1.1%	2.1%	2.5%	6.5%
Prospect	93.4%	90.3%	1.2%	1.8%	0.9%	0.8%	1.3%	0.9%	1.2%	2.5%	2.9%	4.8%
Seymour	89.8%	81.0%	1.5%	3.1%	2.3%	3.0%	1.8%	2.1%	1.8%	2.8%	4.8%	10.5%
Southbury	94.3%	86.6%	0.2%	1.0%	1.8%	4.1%	0.6%	0.8%	1.2%	3.3%	4.7%	5.3%
Wallingford	88.6%	78.2%	1.0%	1.3%	2.1%	4.6%	1.8%	4.3%	2.0%	3.4%	6.6%	13.0%
Waterbury	39.6%	26.4%	19.9%	20.5%	1.5%	1.7%	17.5%	20.1%	6.2%	8.9%	34.0%	45.1%
West Haven	57.7%	38.7%	22.0%	22.9%	2.8%	3.9%	5.6%	10.7%	4.6%	7.4%	13.7%	29.1%
Wolcott	93.7%	86.6%	1.1%	1.8%	0.8%	1.8%	1.2%	1.7%	1.6%	3.4%	2.7%	6.6%
Woodbridge	88.7%	78.6%	1.6%	2.0%	5.4%	10.7%	1.0%	0.6%	2.2%	3.9%	1.8%	5.2%
New London Co.	**78.8%**	**68.2%**	**5.6%**	**5.8%**	**2.0%**	**4.3%**	**4.4%**	**5.5%**	**5.2%**	**10.7%**	**7.8%**	**13.8%**
Bozrah	90.8%	86.9%	0.4%	0.9%	1.1%	0.4%	2.7%	2.0%	2.7%	5.8%	4.0%	6.4%
Colchester	93.1%	88.0%	1.4%	1.6%	0.6%	1.6%	1.3%	2.0%	2.3%	3.5%	2.6%	5.3%
East Lyme	88.6%	79.4%	1.3%	1.1%	4.5%	8.8%	0.8%	1.4%	2.4%	5.4%	3.1%	6.0%
Franklin	94.6%	90.2%	1.4%	1.0%	0.0%	1.4%	0.0%	2.6%	2.0%	2.4%	2.7%	5.0%
Griswold	90.2%	83.5%	1.5%	1.8%	0.9%	1.9%	2.5%	1.6%	2.8%	6.4%	3.4%	6.6%
Groton	73.7%	60.3%	8.1%	7.5%	3.0%	6.1%	3.5%	4.0%	7.5%	12.0%	7.8%	15.8%
Lebanon	93.9%	90.5%	1.1%	1.2%	0.4%	0.7%	1.4%	1.9%	2.0%	2.8%	2.2%	4.4%
Ledyard	82.3%	74.1%	2.5%	3.1%	1.8%	3.4%	6.9%	4.8%	4.5%	8.5%	4.0%	9.3%
Lisbon	93.7%	87.0%	0.2%	1.2%	0.8%	2.3%	1.2%	1.2%	3.8%	5.6%	0.6%	4.0%
Lyme	94.1%	93.6%	0.0%	0.2%	2.9%	1.6%	0.0%	0.9%	1.2%	0.9%	2.2%	3.0%
Montville	84.2%	70.5%	2.2%	2.8%	1.9%	7.4%	3.7%	4.8%	4.9%	9.7%	5.9%	8.9%
New London	31.7%	23.4%	23.8%	18.2%	1.5%	1.8%	16.3%	19.9%	11.3%	14.3%	33.7%	46.8%
North Stonington	89.4%	85.8%	0.6%	1.0%	1.0%	1.8%	4.3%	2.2%	2.8%	6.3%	2.2%	5.3%
Norwich	69.0%	47.9%	9.3%	13.0%	2.0%	6.6%	6.1%	10.2%	8.0%	12.0%	10.7%	21.4%
Old Lyme	95.1%	89.3%	0.2%	0.7%	1.5%	3.1%	1.1%	1.0%	1.2%	3.1%	1.3%	4.3%

2000-2010 Child Race and Ethnicity % of Population cont.

Locality	White		Black		Asian		Other *		2+ Races ß		Hispanic ^	
	2000 < 18 %	2010 < 18 %	2000 < 18 %	2010 < 18 %	2000 < 18 %	2010 < 18 %	2000 < 18 %	2010 < 18 %	2000 < 18 %	2010 < 18 %	2000 < 18 %	2010 < 18 %
Preston	92.5%	82.6%	0.6%	1.0%	1.3%	2.1%	2.3%	3.7%	1.8%	7.0%	3.1%	5.8%
Salem	92.7%	86.3%	1.1%	1.3%	1.8%	3.8%	0.6%	0.8%	2.9%	4.9%	1.2%	3.4%
Sprague	91.8%	78.2%	0.6%	2.9%	2.1%	1.1%	1.7%	5.4%	2.7%	8.9%	1.9%	10.1%
Stonington	91.8%	86.7%	0.9%	1.0%	1.6%	2.8%	1.3%	1.6%	3.1%	4.9%	2.4%	4.3%
Voluntown	93.9%	89.6%	0.6%	0.5%	0.3%	0.7%	1.9%	1.4%	1.6%	6.4%	1.9%	2.8%
Waterford	86.2%	78.5%	2.5%	2.4%	3.5%	4.9%	1.9%	2.6%	3.4%	6.6%	3.9%	8.2%
Tolland Co.	**90.7%**	**84.2%**	**1.7%**	**2.5%**	**2.0%**	**3.3%**	**1.2%**	**1.5%**	**2.2%**	**5.2%**	**3.3%**	**6.4%**
Andover	94.3%	92.4%	0.7%	1.0%	0.5%	1.4%	1.6%	1.2%	1.4%	2.6%	2.4%	2.4%
Bolton	94.9%	87.6%	0.8%	1.2%	0.5%	1.9%	0.4%	0.2%	1.7%	4.3%	2.1%	5.8%
Columbia	94.5%	90.9%	0.2%	0.4%	0.9%	0.9%	1.1%	0.7%	1.4%	1.7%	3.1%	6.3%
Coventry	94.9%	90.3%	0.4%	1.7%	0.4%	0.9%	0.7%	1.2%	1.8%	2.9%	2.7%	4.4%
Ellington	93.9%	85.0%	1.0%	1.8%	1.6%	4.8%	0.8%	1.0%	1.6%	4.3%	1.9%	4.3%
Hebron	96.3%	92.3%	0.4%	0.3%	0.7%	1.5%	0.4%	0.5%	1.1%	2.3%	1.6%	3.8%
Mansfield	81.9%	74.9%	2.6%	2.4%	7.4%	8.7%	2.2%	2.3%	3.3%	5.9%	4.7%	9.2%
Somers	95.0%	91.6%	0.6%	0.7%	0.9%	1.1%	0.3%	1.0%	1.6%	2.9%	1.9%	3.7%
Stafford	94.2%	88.8%	0.5%	0.6%	1.0%	1.4%	1.3%	1.2%	1.2%	4.0%	2.9%	5.5%
Tolland	94.6%	89.9%	0.7%	1.2%	1.2%	3.0%	0.8%	0.9%	1.6%	2.3%	1.8%	3.5%
Union	98.7%	89.4%	0.0%	0.6%	0.0%	0.6%	0.0%	1.8%	1.3%	2.9%	0.0%	7.1%
Vernon	80.3%	67.6%	5.5%	8.5%	3.5%	5.1%	2.3%	3.6%	4.4%	7.2%	6.6%	13.1%
Willington	93.3%	88.7%	0.8%	0.4%	1.6%	2.1%	0.6%	0.7%	1.4%	3.5%	2.5%	6.7%
Windham Co.	**83.6%**	**76.6%**	**1.5%**	**1.6%**	**0.9%**	**1.1%**	**6.1%**	**7.2%**	**3.4%**	**5.8%**	**11.2%**	**16.4%**
Ashford	92.5%	86.6%	0.7%	1.0%	0.7%	0.6%	0.9%	2.6%	2.5%	4.7%	3.3%	7.6%
Brooklyn	95.2%	89.5%	0.6%	0.9%	0.6%	1.2%	0.8%	0.8%	1.2%	3.1%	1.9%	5.0%
Canterbury	95.7%	91.2%	0.7%	1.1%	0.0%	0.8%	0.5%	0.8%	2.0%	3.6%	2.0%	3.5%
Chaplin	95.3%	84.8%	1.3%	2.8%	0.2%	0.4%	0.4%	3.0%	1.1%	5.6%	2.5%	7.7%
Eastford	95.3%	91.1%	0.0%	0.3%	0.5%	1.6%	0.5%	1.4%	1.9%	3.5%	3.3%	3.5%
Hampton	93.8%	90.9%	0.2%	0.3%	1.1%	1.1%	0.4%	2.2%	2.4%	3.3%	2.4%	4.1%
Killingly	88.3%	85.4%	1.8%	1.6%	1.8%	1.7%	2.1%	1.4%	3.8%	5.7%	4.2%	5.7%
Plainfield	90.9%	84.1%	1.0%	1.4%	0.7%	1.1%	1.8%	2.1%	2.6%	5.7%	4.3%	7.9%
Pomfret	94.0%	89.8%	0.6%	0.6%	1.1%	2.5%	0.8%	0.4%	2.1%	3.6%	2.5%	4.1%
Putnam	90.7%	86.2%	1.8%	1.4%	0.4%	1.3%	2.1%	1.7%	3.0%	5.1%	3.3%	5.9%
Scotland	95.0%	88.3%	0.2%	1.3%	0.7%	0.0%	0.7%	0.8%	1.6%	4.1%	2.5%	7.1%
Sterling	93.3%	92.8%	0.1%	0.7%	0.3%	0.9%	0.9%	1.3%	3.9%	3.0%	2.1%	2.3%
Thompson	95.7%	90.4%	0.9%	0.6%	0.5%	1.0%	0.8%	1.6%	1.6%	4.4%	1.0%	4.0%
Windham	45.8%	32.3%	3.8%	3.4%	1.1%	0.7%	26.3%	29.7%	7.0%	7.4%	45.8%	59.5%
Woodstock	95.7%	93.5%	0.1%	0.5%	0.5%	1.0%	0.9%	0.8%	2.0%	2.2%	1.6%	2.7%
Connecticut	**69.5%**	**61.2%**	**11.0%**	**10.9%**	**2.5%**	**4.1%**	**6.8%**	**8.0%**	**2.7%**	**4.4%**	**13.7%**	**19.6%**

CHAPTER TWO
ECONOMIC WELL-BEING

Child Poverty

Care 4 Kids – Child Enrollment

Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC)

Temporary Family Assistance – Child Recipients

Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) – Child Recipients

School Meals

Child Poverty

WHAT DOES THIS INDICATOR MEASURE?

The child poverty measure looks at children under the age of 18 who live at or below the federal poverty level (FPL) and children at or below 200% of the federal poverty level.

WHY IS THIS INDICATOR IMPORTANT?

Poverty is the single greatest threat to a child's well-being. According to the National Center for Children in Poverty, poverty can impede children's ability to learn and contribute to social, emotional, and behavioral problems. Poverty also can contribute to poor health and mental health.[2]

CHILD POVERTY AND FAMILY ECONOMIC SECURITY

As we have noted, much of Connecticut's poverty is concentrated in cities. Research shows that children who experience poverty when they are young and/or experience deep and persistent poverty are at greatest risk.

COMMENTARY

Connecticut has done much to blunt the recession's effects on children, yet we're still confronted by some troubling numbers. Among them: the percent of Connecticut children living in households that earn less than 200 percent of the federal poverty level (FPL) – a description that takes in not just the very poor, but also the working poor. The data collected by Kids Count shows that 25.3 percent of Connecticut children fell into this category between 2005-2009. During 2007-2011, the number rose to 26.7 percent, a total of nearly 116,000 Connecticut children.

We know that children of low-income families lag significantly behind their more affluent peers when it comes to academic, social, and even physical development. We also know that as adults, they may find severely limited opportunities in the workforce. It is estimated that each year a child spends in poverty costs society $11,800 in lost future productivity. Child-poverty experts from a wide range of disciplines and viewpoints agree that turning this situation around requires investments in: 1) policies that boost family incomes and earning potential; 2) education; 3) the income safety net; and 4) family structures and support.

Our state's investments so far in early childhood programs, jobs, the Earned Income Tax Credit, and supported housing represent a good start. Still, we must triple our efforts—in spite of the current budget constraints. Once the full cost of child poverty is understood, it becomes clear that the best investment portfolio we can present to the people of Connecticut is one that uses proven policies to protect all Connecticut children from poverty. The dividend will be an improved quality of life for everyone, a more competitive economy, and a state that lives by its values.

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Child Poverty

Locality	2000 Census Pop < 18	2000 Census < 100% FPL	2000 Census 100-200% FPL	2005-2009 ACS EST. pop < 18	2005-2009 ACS < 100% FPL	2005-2009 ACS 100-200% FPL	2007-2011 ACS EST. pop < 18	2007-2011 ACS < 100% FPL	2007-2011 ACS 100-200% FPL
Fairfield Co.	**223,382**	**8.5%**	**12.0%**	**224,073**	**8.9%**	**12.2%**	**224,862**	**10.0%**	**12.4%**
Bethel	4,899	1.3%	7.0%	4,277	6.0%	7.6%	4,387	5.6%	7.8%
Bridgeport	38,649	25.1%	26.3%	35,465	27.6%	29.3%	37,035	30.6%	28.5%
Brookfield	4,262	2.6%	3.2%	4,389	2.5%	0.4%	3,710	3.3%	1.7%
Danbury	15,918	9.0%	17.2%	16,742	8.6%	21.9%	16,766	11.4%	21.0%
Darien	6,337	1.8%	2.8%	7,407	3.0%	1.9%	7,557	6.0%	1.7%
Easton	2,076	2.0%	4.8%	2,104	1.0%	2.7%	2,194	0.0%	1.5%
Fairfield	13,476	3.0%	4.6%	13,765	3.1%	3.3%	14,978	3.3%	4.1%
Greenwich	15,419	4.2%	6.1%	16,784	3.3%	8.6%	16,603	3.1%	7.3%
Monroe	5,561	2.7%	6.5%	5,255	3.3%	3.6%	5,317	3.2%	5.0%
New Canaan	6,026	2.2%	3.3%	6,328	1.2%	3.4%		0.8%	6.1%
New Fairfield	4,143	1.5%	4.6%	3,920	3.6%	10.1%	3,789	0.8%	7.9%
Newtown	7,302	3.3%	4.0%	7,697	1.1%	3.6%	7,551	3.0%	6.5%
Norwalk	18,031	9.9%	16.2%	18,285	11.5%	15.0%	16,602	10.3%	13.0%
Redding	2,369	2.1%	5.6%	2,279	0.0%	1.8%	2,338	4.8%	1.4%
Ridgefield	7,228	1.7%	3.8%	7,346	1.3%	2.2%	7,340	0.8%	2.4%
Shelton	8,854	3.4%	7.9%	8,531	3.2%	6.4%	8,171	4.5%	7.7%
Sherman	1,010	2.1%	5.9%	976	3.8%	4.7%	910	2.5%	5.4%
Stamford	25,524	8.9%	17.1%	25,689	12.5%	14.9%	26,275	13.1%	17.0%
Stratford	11,400	5.8%	12.0%	11,067	2.9%	13.7%	10,897	5.4%	17.2%
Trumbull	8,896	2.4%	2.6%	8,928	2.9%	5.0%	9,216	2.4%	3.4%
Weston	3,334	1.6%	1.7%	3,255	0.6%	2.9%	3,466	1.5%	0.6%
Westport	7,115	2.9%	3.2%	7,901	3.8%	2.6%	7,703	3.4%	3.3%
Wilton	5,553	2.1%	2.3%	5,683	1.1%	1.7%	5,730	0.9%	1.2%
Hartford Co.	**207,321**	**13.2%**	**14.4%**	**202,305**	**14.5%**	**14.1%**	**203,039**	**15.6%**	**15.3%**
Avon	4,101	1.3%	5.8%	4,549	3.3%	3.2%	4,747	6.2%	3.0%
Berlin	4,455	1.2%	4.2%	4,540	11.6%	0.9%	4,232	12.2%	5.4%
Bloomfield	3,996	10.5%	11.9%	3,624	1.1%	10.0%	3,324	6.3%	10.5%
Bristol	13,691	9.1%	15.6%	12,875	11.1%	13.8%	12,873	11.9%	14.6%
Burlington	2,311	0.9%	5.8%	2,677	1.7%	2.8%	2,628	4.1%	0.6%
Canton	2,208	3.2%	6.8%	2,445	4.2%	5.4%	2,448	4.1%	3.5%
East Granby	1,246	0.6%	7.5%	1,201	0.9%	0.9%	1,228	3.3%	0.0%
East Hartford	11,848	16.0%	20.5%	11,178	24.0%	19.9%	11,450	25.1%	22.1%
East Windsor	2,129	3.1%	12.6%	2,282	4.6%	23.9%	2,412	4.8%	22.8%
Enfield	10,110	3.8%	15.3%	9,221	8.5%	12.1%	8,587	9.2%	11.2%
Farmington	5,670	3.2%	5.6%	5,793	5.7%	5.0%	5,579	2.7%	3.1%
Glastonbury	8,507	1.9%	6.8%	8,995	3.9%	5.2%	9,049	3.3%	6.9%
Granby	2,774	4.2%	7.0%	3,038	0.8%	1.6%	2,808	0.4%	2.5%
Hartford	35,624	41.3%	28.0%	32,943	42.8%	28.4%	32,722	44.5%	28.7%
Hartland	543	0.6%	14.7%	485	0.0%	9.3%	502	0.0%	11.6%
Manchester	12,276	11.6%	15.6%	12,088	11.2%	19.8%	12,380	11.7%	22.2%
Marlborough	1,521	0.0%	6.3%	1,778	2.1%	11.6%	1,657	0.0%	14.1%
New Britain	16,854	25.3%	25.5%	15,412	30.6%	24.2%	16,538	31.0%	29.6%
Newington	5,879	3.8%	7.7%	5,978	4.8%	9.2%	5,980	7.5%	11.2%
Plainville	3,597	5.0%	9.8%	3,695	7.8%	12.5%	3,669	10.0%	15.8%
Rocky Hill	3,486	2.5%	7.6%	3,574	2.4%	9.2%	4,029	4.1%	12.2%
Simsbury	6,789	1.6%	2.2%	6,851	1.3%	3.7%	6,550	1.4%	4.7%

Locality	2000 Census Pop < 18	2000 Census < 100% FPL	2000 Census 100-200% FPL	2005-2009 ACS EST. pop < 18	2005-2009 ACS < 100% FPL	2005-2009 ACS 100-200% FPL	2007-2011 ACS EST. pop < 18	2007-2011 ACS < 100% FPL	2007-2011 ACS 100-200% FPL
Hartford Co. *cont.*									
Southington	9,367	3.3%	8.5%	6,336	1.6%	6.1%	6,157	4.9%	6.8%
South Windsor	6,618	0.8%	3.3%	9,323	5.1%	6.4%	9,244	4.2%	6.7%
Suffield	2,986	3.0%	5.2%	2,985	1.9%	3.4%	3,178	0.5%	1.1%
West Hartford	13,829	4.7%	8.2%	13,842	4.6%	9.0%	14,575	5.9%	9.7%
Wethersfield	5,220	4.5%	8.6%	5,407	3.0%	11.5%	5,536	5.2%	11.4%
Windsor	6,850	4.4%	7.3%	6,514	3.9%	9.7%	6,480	5.2%	9.8%
Windsor Locks	2,836	5.2%	12.7%	2,676	6.5%	15.7%	2,477	9.1%	13.2%
Litchfield Co.	**43,866**	**4.8%**	**10.5%**	**41,430**	**5.8%**	**11.0%**	**40,477**	**6.7%**	**11.5%**
Barkhamsted	871	5.2%	10.8%	927	3.6%	6.6%	873	2.1%	3.3%
Bethlehem	835	0.0%	5.0%	733	1.6%	5.5%	707	2.1%	11.0%
Bridgewater	402	5.5%	3.5%	285	2.5%	6.0%	352	0.0%	22.2%
Canaan	250	5.6%	17.2%	212	12.3%	15.1%	190	9.5%	13.7%
Colebrook	357	0.6%	14.3%	401	3.0%	15.0%	298	6.7%	5.4%
Cornwall	337	3.0%	8.0%	280	4.6%	1.1%	347	25.4%	4.9%
Goshen	612	4.6%	4.1%	591	5.4%	8.1%	553	3.4%	8.3%
Harwinton	1,316	0.7%	4.6%	1,297	6.1%	6.9%	1,285	7.5%	3.7%
Kent	648	0.9%	14.2%	532	0.0%	27.6%	537	8.2%	13.6%
Litchfield	1,970	2.6%	9.0%	1,914	5.7%	11.8%	1,922	6.2%	9.3%
Morris	562	11.4%	7.1%	516	6.6%	6.6%	486	2.9%	6.8%
New Hartford	1,630	0.0%	4.5%	1,523	2.2%	3.3%	1,517	2.1%	2.4%
New Milford	7,276	3.2%	6.2%	6,964	1.2%	7.1%	6,631	4.2%	12.0%
Norfolk	396	5.6%	15.9%	389	2.3%	9.3%	324	6.2%	5.2%
North Canaan	770	3.1%	26.5%	701	19.0%	31.1%	630	21.4%	13.7%
Plymouth	2,945	3.2%	11.3%	2,820	6.7%	14.3%	2,761	7.5%	10.9%
Roxbury	486	4.1%	10.1%	479	1.0%	3.3%	441	0.0%	2.0%
Salisbury	831	11.7%	18.1%	567	6.3%	21.0%	808	6.3%	25.7%
Sharon	635	10.4%	6.5%	484	0.0%	11.8%	431	0.0%	22.0%
Thomaston	1,881	5.8%	11.2%	1,750	3.0%	10.2%	1,584	1.5%	9.2%
Torrington	7,988	8.8%	16.2%	7,521	13.9%	16.4%	7,504	15.1%	18.3%
Warren	286	6.3%	6.3%	337	3.0%	19.9%	359	6.4%	12.0%
Washington	795	2.9%	5.2%	611	0.0%	12.6%	610	5.2%	10.7%
Watertown	5,248	1.0%	9.5%	5,088	2.7%	4.2%	4,817	2.3%	4.1%
Winchester	2,437	10.7%	14.5%	2,412	10.3%	21.6%	2,368	4.6%	22.5%
Woodbury	2,102	5.2%	7.0%	2,096	2.8%	4.8%	2,142	4.3%	6.8%
Middlesex Co.	**35,051**	**4.1%**	**9.5%**	**35,008**	**6.5%**	**8.2%**	**34,806**	**7.1%**	**9.6%**
Chester	826	0.0%	11.3%	791	2.1%	0.0%	879	3.0%	5.5%
Clinton	3,233	5.2%	4.8%	2,832	3.0%	7.3%	2,791	4.2%	12.5%
Cromwell	2,697	3.9%	5.2%	2,738	5.7%	7.1%	2,826	2.5%	6.7%
Deep River	1,095	4.7%	12.1%	988	9.0%	13.3%	893	0.0%	26.0%
Durham	1,809	0.4%	5.4%	1,943	2.2%	0.6%	1,926	1.9%	2.0%
East Haddam	2,026	2.1%	11.4%	2,035	4.0%	10.1%	2,044	10.3%	9.2%
East Hampton	2,773	2.7%	11.0%	2,864	5.1%	3.0%	2,740	3.4%	2.9%
Essex	1,351	1.0%	1.6%	1,415	0.0%	4.2%	1,244	2.1%	6.4%
Haddam	1,764	4.6%	0.3%	1,763	0.7%	7.4%	2,056	5.9%	8.5%
Killingworth	1,616	0.0%	4.2%	1,841	0.0%	1.8%	1,684	0.0%	4.2%
Middlefield	1,027	0.8%	8.7%	1,077	0.0%	9.1%	1,082	1.3%	17.7%

Child Poverty cont.

Locality	2000 Census Pop < 18	2000 Census < 100% FPL	2000 Census 100-200% FPL	2005-2009 ACS EST. pop < 18	2005-2009 ACS < 100% FPL	2005-2009 ACS 100-200% FPL	2007-2011 ACS EST. pop < 18	2007-2011 ACS < 100% FPL	2007-2011 ACS 100-200% FPL
Middlesex Co. *cont.*									
Middletown	9,042	7.7%	15.6%	9,116	13.0%	14.5%	9,211	15.2%	12.2%
Old Saybrook	2,208	1.9%	12.1%	1,991	7.9%	8.6%	1,898	6.0%	18.1%
Portland	2,209	4.8%	7.8%	2,270	10.2%	2.6%	2,134	6.3%	2.0%
Westbrook	1,375	4.1%	10.2%	1,344	5.7%	11.1%	1,398	7.2%	12.7%
New Haven Co.	**198,584**	**13.3%**	**15.5%**	**192,330**	**15.6%**	**15.9%**	**191,092**	**16.3%**	**15.8%**
Ansonia	4,478	12.6%	20.5%	4,418	18.1%	18.0%	4,593	19.4%	19.4%
Beacon Falls	1,292	9.8%	6.3%	1,319	4.3%	17.3%	1,377	5.1%	13.7%
Bethany	1,382	4.1%	9.0%	1,398	5.4%	10.9%	1,402	7.4%	10.4%
Branford	5,845	4.6%	10.1%	5,543	7.3%	9.1%	5,106	8.3%	10.8%
Cheshire	6,982	2.7%	2.7%	6,906	2.6%	3.1%	6,749	1.6%	2.1%
Derby	2,676	10.1%	10.5%	2,562	19.8%	12.6%	2,619	26.8%	13.0%
East Haven	6,178	5.3%	13.1%	5,925	9.4%	8.5%	5,656	13.2%	11.2%
Guilford	5,411	3.7%	5.0%	5,688	3.0%	6.0%	5,276	2.6%	4.6%
Hamden	11,616	9.3%	9.5%	11,572	8.7%	13.6%	11,649	6.3%	15.2%
Madison	5,004	0.9%	1.4%	5,151	2.3%	3.7%	4,737	1.7%	3.2%
Meriden	14,576	17.6%	22.7%	13,997	27.6%	18.3%	14,492	23.9%	21.7%
Middlebury	1,566	2.8%	7.1%	1,719	0.6%	5.8%	1,736	1.4%	4.4%
Milford	11,556	4.2%	7.8%	11,757	5.2%	7.1%	11,269	4.2%	9.5%
Naugatuck	8,282	10.2%	14.6%	7,751	9.6%	22.0%	7,143	10.8%	16.7%
New Haven	30,577	32.6%	26.6%	27,481	31.8%	25.2%	28,752	35.7%	23.3%
North Branford	3,565	1.2%	12.0%	3,174	0.0%	10.8%	3,024	1.2%	19.4%
North Haven	5,107	2.1%	8.5%	5,323	6.1%	7.9%	5,019	6.8%	6.0%
Orange	3,255	1.9%	3.1%	3,358	0.0%	6.9%	3,239	1.0%	6.0%
Oxford	2,667	3.0%	6.1%	3,114	3.7%	4.1%	3,029	1.6%	6.2%
Prospect	2,127	0.8%	1.6%	2,202	5.4%	5.9%	1,883	3.1%	5.1%
Seymour	3,708	5.6%	11.3%	3,358	3.8%	10.2%	3,523	2.1%	8.3%
Southbury	4,203	2.6%	4.6%	3,881	1.8%	7.2%	3,811	2.8%	5.7%
Wallingford	10,221	5.3%	9.3%	9,572	7.9%	11.6%	9,310	6.7%	11.1%
Waterbury	27,932	23.9%	26.1%	28,001	32.1%	27.5%	28,090	31.7%	24.6%
West Haven	11,954	12.0%	19.5%	11,208	14.7%	22.8%	11,771	14.5%	23.3%
Wolcott	3,944	3.1%	7.3%	3,710	1.8%	9.1%	3,718	2.5%	8.4%
Woodbridge	2,480	3.1%	5.5%	2,242	1.1%	1.9%	2,119	2.7%	6.6%
New London Co.	**61,860**	**8.2%**	**16.1%**	**58,494**	**8.9%**	**14.4%**	**58,909**	**10.6%**	**15.3%**
Bozrah	544	5.5%	22.8%	508	5.9%	29.9%	593	8.6%	19.9%
Colchester	4,268	2.6%	7.4%	4,194	4.2%	10.7%	4,118	3.3%	11.4%
East Lyme	3,976	3.1%	8.4%	3,519	2.0%	4.6%	3,626	2.5%	6.1%
Franklin	444	2.3%	9.2%	408	2.2%	0.0%	453	2.0%	9.9%
Griswold	2,732	6.7%	11.4%	2,217	3.7%	12.3%	2,266	6.6%	13.2%
Groton	9,709	8.3%	25.4%	9,007	9.3%	14.9%	8,851	9.5%	19.8%
Lebanon	1,782	2.0%	11.7%	1,963	0.0%	32.0%	1,756	0.0%	30.6%
Ledyard	4,094	4.8%	8.7%	4,131	1.5%	9.6%	3,865	2.9%	7.2%
Lisbon	1,042	2.7%	12.5%	1,012	5.4%	7.7%	1,009	3.9%	10.9%
Lyme	408	0.0%	12.5%	517	1.5%	20.9%	536	3.2%	12.9%
Montville	4,239	5.0%	14.2%	4,182	4.9%	11.8%	4,077	7.0%	12.7%
New London	5,633	23.8%	30.5%	5,075	23.0%	32.1%	5,279	27.6%	27.8%
North Stonington	1,216	6.3%	12.5%	1,183	1.2%	10.3%	1,097	8.8%	15.9%
Norwich	8,512	14.8%	22.8%	7,762	22.8%	21.7%	8,998	24.5%	22.0%
Old Lyme	1,737	5.4%	10.2%	1,571	2.1%	4.8%	1,520	2.3%	8.2%
Preston	1,039	2.4%	7.5%	1,035	20.5%	16.7%	970	23.2%	13.9%
Salem	1,139	1.3%	4.4%	1,147	1.2%	0.6%	994	1.4%	1.4%
Sprague	748	5.1%	27.9%	548	20.1%	14.4%	567	18.0%	6.9%
Stonington	3,855	5.7%	6.9%	3,996	5.8%	6.7%	3,848	6.5%	8.1%
Voluntown	662	5.7%	8.3%	558	2.7%	13.4%	588	3.4%	9.9%
Waterford	4,081	5.7%	8.6%	3,961	2.4%	5.7%	3,898	2.3%	7.3%
Tolland Co.	**31,198**	**4.9%**	**10.4%**	**30,581**	**5.8%**	**9.2%**	**30,606**	**6.8%**	**9.6%**
Andover	814	2.8%	3.9%	736	0.0%	5.2%	745	8.2%	8.2%
Bolton	1,304	1.4%	6.6%	1,229	4.3%	11.5%	1,074	0.0%	13.3%
Columbia	1,297	6.0%	2.1%	1,161	2.6%	8.0%	1,192	2.3%	8.4%
Coventry	3,119	2.9%	16.1%	2,953	5.7%	3.9%	2,810	4.1%	3.8%
Ellington	3,234	4.1%	6.5%	3,516	5.0%	8.4%	3,879	4.6%	8.2%
Hebron	2,592	0.6%	6.6%	2,719	3.3%	6.2%	2,784	2.7%	4.2%
Mansfield	2,729	6.9%	13.4%	2,716	11.6%	12.4%	2,826	10.0%	14.1%
Somers	2,117	3.5%	7.2%	2,269	10.4%	3.2%	2,319	6.3%	2.0%
Stafford	2,852	7.8%	18.6%	2,236	3.4%	15.1%	2,449	3.8%	16.3%
Tolland	3,689	2.4%	3.9%	4,001	2.1%	8.6%	4,060	2.3%	8.7%
Union	152	5.9%	14.5%	106	2.8%	9.4%	209	135.4%	6.2%
Vernon	6,071	8.5%	15.7%	5,956	8.6%	12.8%	5,257	12.8%	14.8%
Willington	1,228	5.3%	2.6%	983	1.8%	11.1%	1,002	4.8%	10.5%
Windham Co.	**26,909**	**10.9%**	**18.7%**	**26,220**	**14.8%**	**20.8%**	**26,306**	**15.3%**	**16.9%**
Ashford	1,059	6.1%	11.5%	1,103	5.7%	25.6%	917	6.2%	27.5%
Brooklyn	1,673	6.2%	13.0%	1,750	5.4%	19.5%	1,756	10.9%	20.3%
Canterbury	1,211	5.2%	6.5%	1,097	3.6%	6.8%	1,002	0.0%	0.0%
Chaplin	542	0.9%	11.8%	560	6.8%	22.5%	542	8.5%	18.6%
Eastford	416	11.3%	10.1%	393	10.7%	8.7%	359	10.3%	7.5%
Hampton	444	1.4%	14.4%	439	3.9%	5.5%	356	9.3%	7.3%
Killingly	4,047	9.1%	21.6%	3,630	13.7%	29.6%	3,814	11.2%	17.5%
Plainfield	3,821	9.6%	23.7%	3,721	6.8%	14.5%	3,750	17.1%	10.2%
Pomfret	1,016	3.9%	4.0%	1,073	10.2%	19.9%	1,053	5.6%	7.1%
Putnam	2,122	15.1%	16.3%	2,120	25.2%	19.0%	2,216	19.6%	21.4%
Scotland	432	5.8%	11.6%	484	1.9%	23.6%	417	1.9%	15.8%
Sterling	853	4.3%	18.3%	856	18.2%	11.9%	1,082	15.4%	11.6%
Thompson	2,206	6.6%	24.3%	2,093	11.2%	22.8%	2,094	5.0%	18.1%
Windham	5,158	23.8%	24.8%	5,004	33.3%	32.1%	5,072	34.0%	29.4%
Woodstock	1,909	5.8%	13.4%	1,897	6.0%	1.8%	1,876	4.5%	1.8%
CONNECTICUT	**828,171**	**10.4%**	**13.7%**	**810,441**	**11.7%**	**13.6%**	**810,097**	**12.7%**	**14.0%**

Key

ACS American Community Survey (5 year estimates)
FPL Federal Poverty Level

Care 4 Kids – Child Care Subsidy Program

WHAT DOES THIS INDICATOR MEASURE?

The Care 4 Kids Child Care Subsidy Program indicator reports the number of children enrolled in the program by town in 2005, 2009, and 2012.

WHY IS THIS INDICATOR IMPORTANT?

Research shows that providing child care subsidies to both married and single mothers increases labor force participation and duration in the labor force compared to mothers who do not receive child care assistance.[3]

CARE 4 KIDS AND FAMILY ECONOMIC SECURITY

Working families with young children living in poverty pay 32% of their monthly family income on childcare, nearly five times more than families at 200% of poverty or higher. For single mothers, up to 41% of their monthly income can be spent on childcare. A childcare subsidy provides much needed support to families on their path to economic security.[4]

COMMENTARY

Not surprisingly, according to the 2012 Care 4 Kids data the highest numbers of families enrolled in Care 4 Kids are in Connecticut's largest urban centers: Bridgeport (2,151), Hartford (2,513), New Haven (2,144) and Waterbury (1,802). And in fact, the number of enrollees in each of these four cities is more than double the next highest town's number of enrollees–New Britain at 985.

What is surprising is that in Connecticut, there are only six towns that do not have any families receiving Care 4 Kids. This tells us that there are families across Connecticut making less than 50% of the State Median Income, the threshold for being eligible for Care 4 Kids, and that families everywhere in our state struggle to afford childcare in order to work.

In some of Connecticut's outer ring suburbs, the number of families enrolled in Care 4 Kids is also high – 359 enrollees in Hamden and 202 children in West Hartford. And although a much smaller number, there are families enrolled in Care 4 Kids in some of the nation's wealthiest towns which happen to be in Connecticut, New Canaan (10), Darien (5), Westport (7), and Greenwich (86).

Care 4 Kids is a vital program that allows families the opportunity to work. Care 4 Kids funding for families whose earnings increase so they are making above 50% of the SMI is scheduled for elimination. Current law allows families to continue receiving Care 4 Kids until their income reaches 75% of SMI. This proposal creates a dangerous cliff that, as the data shows, will have negative consequences for families in nearly all of Connecticut's cities and towns.

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Care 4 Kids — Child Enrollment

Locality	SFY 2005	SFY 2009	SFY 2012
Fairfield Co.	**3,550**	**3,104**	**4,630**
Bethel	34	48	63
Bridgeport	1,946	1,640	2151
Brookfield	21	13	29
Danbury	278	261	557
Darien	3	1	5
Easton	0	1	4
Fairfield	50	36	66
Greenwich	27	23	86
Monroe	16	15	31
New Canaan	3	5	10
New Fairfield	19	17	33
Newtown	19	15	25
Norwalk	382	347	515
Redding	1	2	3
Ridgefield	4	7	15
Shelton	72	66	129
Sherman	0	0	4
Stamford	413	368	517
Stratford	232	200	339
Trumbull	11	15	38
Weston	1	3	0
Westport	15	11	7
Wilton	3	10	3
Hartford Co.	**9,408**	**6,764**	**7244**
Avon	16	11	7
Berlin	27	30	60
Bloomfield	203	157	182
Bristol	553	414	421
Burlington	11	10	11
Canton	12	14	16
East Granby	5	18	12
East Hartford	882	664	777
East Windsor	81	80	106
Enfield	2	333	364
Farmington	44	43	44
Glastonbury	66	57	65
Granby	3	8	10
Hartford	4,195	2,548	2513
Hartland	2	1	3
Manchester	737	544	554
Marlborough	8	7	13
New Britain	1,547	968	985
Newington	81	76	128
Plainville	76	73	81
Rocky Hill	39	24	63
Simsbury	23	23	29
South Windsor	34	44	47
Southington	128	106	158

Locality	SFY 2005	SFY 2009	SFY 2012
Hartford Co. *cont.*			
Suffield	41	24	24
West Hartford	213	141	202
Wethersfield	97	71	86
Windsor	221	207	90
Windsor Locks	61	68	193
Litchfield Co.	**706**	**553**	**724**
Barkhamsted	3	16	12
Bethlehem	2	2	6
Bridgewater	0	0	0
Canaan	32	4	15
Colebrook	1	0	0
Cornwall	5	0	2
Goshen	0	0	6
Harwinton	3	8	10
Kent	5	2	6
Litchfield	10	5	7
Morris	0	0	1
New Hartford	16	2	8
New Milford	76	78	89
Norfolk	7	4	10
North Canaan	18	0	14
Plymouth/Terryville	73	33	46
Roxbury	3	1	0
Salisbury	10	4	2
Sharon	0	2	4
Thomaston	19	23	37
Torrington	270	232	277
Warren	2	2	0
Washington	5	3	1
Watertown	56	55	76
Winchester	82	71	82
Woodbury	8	6	13
Middlesex Co.	**663**	**498**	**639**
Chester	8	3	8
Clinton	33	25	32
Cromwell	37	31	58
Deep River	11	10	8
Durham	5	6	7
East Haddam	15	13	10
East Hampton	16	18	33
Essex	6	9	11
Haddam	19	12	15
Killingworth	9	6	7
Middlefield	3	1	4
Middletown	453	324	383
Old Saybrook	19	15	19
Portland	28	14	30
Westbrook	1	11	14

Locality	SFY 2005	SFY 2009	SFY 2012
New Haven Co.	**8,964**	**5,999**	**7363**
Ansonia	215	167	269
Beacon Falls	10	17	9
Bethany	6	2	10
Branford	79	87	88
Cheshire	25	29	39
Derby	114	65	148
East Haven	198	170	170
Guilford	34	26	34
Hamden	344	248	359
Madison	13	10	11
Meriden	935	664	785
Middlebury	3	7	8
Milford	122	92	130
Naugatuck	252	181	227
New Haven	3,132	1,823	2144
North Branford	18	30	30
North Haven	37	34	55
Orange	5	11	9
Oxford	14	9	15
Prospect	6	6	15
Seymour	38	40	63
Southbury	11	10	15
Wallingford	209	151	251
Waterbury	2,459	1,561	1802
West Haven	644	520	619
Wolcott	34	31	49
Woodbridge	7	8	9
New London Co.	**1,435**	**1,280**	**1,694**
Bozrah	7	4	9
Colchester	53	39	74
East Lyme	46	24	41
Franklin	0	2	3
Griswold	48	41	75
Groton	214	196	203
Lebanon	24	15	18
Ledyard	12	35	62
Lisbon	16	12	5
Lyme	1	0	3
Montville	61	74	67
New London	360	297	432
North Stonington	10	4	11
Norwich	464	418	496
Old Lyme	10	6	10
Preston	7	7	13
Salem	2	1	12
Sprague	22	25	18
Stonington	47	28	79
Voluntown	3	15	5
Waterford	28	37	58

Locality	SFY 2005	SFY 2009	SFY 2012
Tolland Co.	**488**	**371**	**577**
Andover	5	3	12
Bolton	5	8	2
Columbia	6	9	10
Coventry	46	19	20
Ellington	21	27	42
Hebron	5	10	21
Mansfield	21	25	37
Somers	31	10	27
Stafford	54	36	71
Tolland	9	15	30
Union	0	0	0
Vernon	277	203	284
Willington	8	6	21
Windham Co.	**821**	**616**	**792**
Ashford	26	9	16
Brooklyn	12	25	57
Canterbury	10	21	11
Chaplin	6	2	4
Eastford	1	0	1
Hampton	1	5	5
Killingly	150	105	159
Plainfield	70	53	99
Pomfret	9	4	9
Putnam	65	67	95
Scotland	0	0	2
Sterling	20	21	11
Thompson	38	35	17
Windham	407	259	294
Woodstock	6	10	12
CONNECTICUT	**26,035**	**19,185**	**23,663**

Key SFY State Fiscal Year

Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC)
Federal & Connecticut

WHAT DOES THIS INDICATOR MEASURE?

The Federal EITC measures the number and percent of tax filers receiving the EITC in 2009 and 2010 and the total dollar amount claimed. The Connecticut EITC measures the number of tax filers who received the EITC in 2011 and the total dollar amount claimed.

WHY IS THIS INDICATOR IMPORTANT?

The Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) is a tax credit for low- and moderate-income working people. It encourages and rewards work as well as offsetting federal payroll and income taxes.

EITC AND FAMILY ECONOMIC SECURITY

Studies have found that the EITC encourages work, reduces poverty, helps families meet basic needs, and improves children's achievement in school and likely increases their earnings as adults.

COMMENTARY

2012 marked the first year we can evaluate the Connecticut Earned Income Tax Credit, passed by the legislature with the strong backing of Gov. Dannel Malloy in 2011 and applied to that tax year. The CT-EITC is 30 percent of the federal EITC, and available to all federal EITC filers.

Connecticut's Department of Revenue Services provided CT-EITC data for 2011, but IRS data lags a year behind, so direct comparisons are not possible. 178,885 tax filers claimed and successfully received the CT-EITC in 2012. The average credit was $601, with credits totaling over $109 million.

197,690 tax filers received the federal EITC in 2011. It appears that more than 15,000 federal EITC recipients did not receive the state EITC, and maybe more, since the number of federal EITC filers generally rises from year to year. There may be several reasons, including that some of those eligible for the CT EITC did not file a state tax return because they did not know about the credit, and/or that CT DRS screening tools flagged incorrect or fraudulent CT EITC returns. CAHS and other advocates are working with DRS regarding its CT EITC screening and subsequent requirements, to help ensure that all eligible filers receive the CT EITC.

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Earned Income Tax Credit 2009-2011

Locality	2009 Federal # Tax Filers	2009 Federal # Rcvg EITC	2009 Federal % Rcvg EITC	2009 Federal Total EITC $ Claimed	2010 Federal # Tax Filers	2010 Federal # Rcvg EITC	2010 Federal % Rcvg EITC	2010 Federal Total EITC $ Claimed	2011 State # Rcvg State EITC	2011 State Total State EITC $ Claimed
Fairfield Co.	**377,541**	**43,404**	**11.5%**	**$85,619,217**	**384,563**	**44,179**	**11.5%**	**$87,515,716**	**40,216**	**$24,312,965**
Bethel	8,323	670	8.0%	$1,139,900	8481	653	7.7%	$1,116,459	584	$312,134
Bridgeport	56,507	16,656	29.5%	$37,142,875	58246	16902	29.0%	$37,902,683	15703	$10,815,388
Brookfield	7,508	390	5.2%	$566,504	7618	395	5.2%	$610,488	356	$164,726
Danbury	33,271	4,598	13.8%	$8,946,230	33737	4626	13.7%	$9,272,510	4234	$2,552,100
Darien	6,884	199	2.9%	$258,784	7091	215	3.0%	$288,162	180	$66,146
Easton	2,924	104	3.6%	$147,889	2940	93	3.2%	$117,001	80	$26,099
Fairfield	22,433	1,155	5.1%	$1,881,555	22822	1190	5.2%	$1,937,477	1004	$509,151
Georgetown*	132	13	9.8%	$14,666	119	8	6.7%	$16,122		
Greenwich	22,589	1,461	6.5%	$2,541,876	23118	1487	6.4%	$2,482,957	1218	$603,597
Monroe	8,503	403	4.7%	$701,351	8577	426	5.0%	$673,874	372	$164,833
New Canaan	6,708	189	2.8%	$269,908	6798	197	2.9%	$250,422	176	$69,570
New Fairfield	6,073	322	5.3%	$541,740	6128	333	5.4%	$574,417	298	$142,685
Newtown	11,139	549	4.9%	$809,275	11323	545	4.8%	$809,585	483	$227,222
Norwalk	37,523	4,654	12.4%	$8,827,544	38325	4620	12.1%	$8,892,536	4338	$2,524,165
Redding	3,634	121	3.3%	$148,129	3616	115	3.2%	$149,439	109	$51,100
Ridgefield	9,490	321	3.4%	$393,682	9540	305	3.2%	$438,108	255	$97,018
Shelton	18,687	1,213	6.5%	$2,133,713	18810	1252	6.7%	$2,130,101	1129	$575,332
Sherman	1,566	84	5.4%	$171,087	1575	87	5.5%	$150,811	74	$38,391
Stamford	53,827	6,205	11.5%	$11,643,996	55415	6534	11.8%	$12,347,189	5842	$3,353,810
Stratford	24,448	2,770	11.3%	$5,377,374	24706	2834	11.5%	$5,351,202	2610	$1,512,380
Trumbull	15,441	712	4.6%	$1,131,123	15634	766	4.9%	$1,189,099	671	$300,070
Weston	3,463	102	2.9%	$147,214	3412	89	2.6%	$117,627	72	$31,908
Westport	9,685	335	3.5%	$423,360	9775	325	3.3%	$442,486	278	$108,243
Wilton	6,783	178	2.6%	$259,442	6757	182	2.7%	$254,961	150	$66,897
Hartford Co.	**407,420**	**55,773**	**13.7%**	**$111,779,596**	**411,814**	**55,819**	**13.6%**	**$112,776,618**	**51,322**	**$31,514,725**
Avon	8101	273	3.4%	$380,783	8197	250	3.0%	$344,021	235	$103,091
Berlin	9775	511	5.2%	$767,723	9835	547	5.6%	$795,117	471	$218,801
Bloomfield	10513	1296	12.3%	$2,213,407	10481	1242	11.9%	$2,151,761	1222	$628,247
Bristol	29032	3587	12.4%	$6,899,258	29176	3580	12.3%	$6,850,966	3290	$1,924,733
Burlington	4113	190	4.6%	$302,668	4075	182	4.5%	$269,623	178	$77,848
Canton	4594	262	5.7%	$361,442	4652	282	6.1%	$385,239	237	$99,829
East Granby	2423	127	5.2%	$236,405	2444	130	5.3%	$208,476	133	$67,678
East Hartford	24360	5156	21.2%	$10,747,113	24729	5195	21.0%	$10,971,646	4905	$3,123,053
East Windsor	5553	603	10.9%	$1,073,526	5593	551	9.9%	$954,065	553	$294,053
Enfield	20590	2057	10.0%	$3,712,981	20644	2084	10.1%	$3,640,589	1855	$996,367
Farmington	11784	616	5.2%	$913,313	11956	629	5.3%	$961,519	558	$251,353
Glastonbury	15368	758	4.9%	$1,294,987	15498	772	5.0%	$1,233,508	709	$357,731
Granby	5055	231	4.6%	$361,356	5081	230	4.5%	$376,717	197	$86,832
Hartford	47240	17322	36.7%	$39,407,549	48519	17319	35.7%	$40,184,460	16121	$11,200,838
Hartland	773	52	6.7%	$90,631	776	53	6.8%	$93,159	50	$23,052
Manchester	28604	3852	13.5%	$7,401,339	29079	3949	13.6%	$7,484,645	3546	$2,097,721
Marlborough	2823	125	4.4%	$221,890	2849	136	4.8%	$236,182	130	$62,905
New Britain	30578	7961	26.0%	$17,674,230	30958	7922	25.6%	$17,979,380	7299	$4,995,156
Newington	15527	1153	7.4%	$1,787,010	15615	1140	7.3%	$1,785,756	979	$480,811
Plainville	9047	843	9.3%	$1,343,632	9051	811	9.0%	$1,272,334	754	$367,443
Rocky Hill	9756	644	6.6%	$921,584	9839	632	6.4%	$877,231	527	$255,095
Simsbury	10354	440	4.2%	$657,848	10398	441	4.2%	$675,329	401	$190,056

Earned Income Tax Credit 2009-2011 cont.

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Hartford Co. *cont.*										
South Windsor	12382	630	5.1%	$1,052,012	12473	612	4.9%	$996,042	559	$301,058
Southington	20206	1382	6.8%	$2,154,171	20454	1407	6.9%	$2,139,347	1273	$610,247
Suffield	6272	329	5.2%	$480,097	6347	341	5.4%	$496,186	286	$131,932
West Hartford	28282	2255	8.0%	$3,997,281	28644	2226	7.8%	$3,981,428	2010	$1,087,544
Wethersfield	13251	944	7.1%	$1,477,136	13323	982	7.4%	$1,512,378	857	$432,009
Windsor	14597	1532	10.5%	$2,714,783	14633	1529	10.4%	$2,756,331	1428	$740,394
Windsor Locks	6467	642	9.9%	$1,133,441	6495	645	9.9%	$1,163,183	559	$308,848
Litchfield Co.	**86,748**	**8,572**	**9.9%**	**$14,686,597**	**87,025**	**8,510**	**9.8%**	**$14,542,861**	**7,614**	**$4,024,507**
Barkhamsted	1944	119	6.1%	$181,777	1953	121	6.2%	$218,656	112	$55,518
Bethlehem	1674	122	7.3%	$193,251	1693	117	6.9%	$187,234	110	$56,719
Bridgewater	808	36	4.5%	$39,588	771	28	3.6%	$30,521	24	$10,722
Canaan	575	62	10.8%	$106,807	604	69	11.4%	$123,782	220	$119,533
Colebrook	308	23	7.5%	$30,417	297	19	6.4%	$37,407	20	$9,006
Cornwall	1130	78	6.9%	$153,246	1127	97	8.6%	$171,015	55	$31,802
Goshen	1253	99	7.9%	$154,754	1304	97	7.4%	$160,344	91	$41,882
Harwinton	2577	140	5.4%	$224,235	2602	147	5.6%	$196,540	133	$60,882
Kent	1293	117	9.0%	$196,150	1242	115	9.3%	$195,877	104	$48,048
Litchfield	3808	278	7.3%	$462,466	3742	249	6.7%	$404,402	245	$111,824
Morris	1062	93	8.8%	$155,578	1057	82	7.8%	$131,868	85	$38,114
New Hartford	3209	200	6.2%	$263,536	3226	209	6.5%	$268,489	189	$83,870
New Milford	12388	998	8.1%	$1,689,550	12530	995	7.9%	$1,714,594	933	$487,690
Norfolk	782	69	8.8%	$92,047	763	64	8.4%	$89,389	68	$30,741
North Canaan	1582	217	13.7%	$419,992	1559	214	13.7%	$409,265	34	$21,945
Plymouth	5771	572	9.9%	$999,932	5840	566	9.7%	$970,601	548	$284,345
Roxbury	962	59	6.1%	$90,807	942	56	5.9%	$79,661	48	$20,003
Salisbury	1615	144	8.9%	$235,264	1624	152	9.4%	$224,555	119	$54,087
Sharon	1022	109	10.7%	$179,213	1017	108	10.6%	$175,592	65	$32,875
Thomaston	3679	348	9.5%	$579,807	3719	371	10.0%	$587,870	338	$178,467
Torrington	17023	2587	15.2%	$4,668,364	16990	2572	15.1%	$4,694,748	2182	$1,268,240
Warren**									27	$13,050
Washington	1835	147	8.0%	$238,965	1834	150	8.2%	$214,531	126	$56,332
Watertown	10387	849	8.2%	$1,429,108	10464	861	8.2%	$1,357,891	782	$376,295
Winchester	5470	829	15.2%	$1,517,801	5532	770	13.9%	$1,473,858	722	$421,177
Woodbury	4591	277	6.0%	$383,942	4593	281	6.1%	$424,171	234	$111,340
Middlesex Co.	**76,150**	**6,131**	**8.1%**	**$10,304,946**	**77,004**	**6,230**	**8.1%**	**$10,529,224**	**5,650**	**$2,924,943**
Chester	1746	147	8.4%	$211,803	1793	145	8.1%	$224,412	134	$59,328
Clinton	6196	490	7.9%	$793,058	6308	492	7.8%	$767,355	445	$216,168
Cromwell	6973	426	6.1%	$676,606	7010	425	6.1%	$671,623	377	$190,714
Deep River	2196	191	8.7%	$305,344	2211	199	9.0%	$330,749	176	$80,771
Durham	3302	135	4.1%	$182,355	3335	135	4.0%	$212,352	116	$50,486
East Haddam	3880	266	6.9%	$439,024	3945	266	6.7%	$469,859	227	$119,491
East Hampton	6065	375	6.2%	$594,842	6046	369	6.1%	$550,727	355	$168,229
Essex	3118	177	5.7%	$283,099	3148	189	6.0%	$330,780	176	$95,185
Haddam	3850	193	5.0%	$294,563	3884	194	5.0%	$296,623	191	$90,366
Killingworth	2866	139	4.8%	$202,152	2872	131	4.6%	$160,205	122	$40,461
Middlefield	2053	117	5.7%	$206,658	2081	114	5.5%	$197,787	124	$63,036
Middletown	21268	2594	12.2%	$4,743,186	21623	2700	12.5%	$4,985,516	2408	$1,373,399

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Middlesex Co. *cont.*										
Old Saybrook	4926	317	6.4%	$501,475	4962	294	5.9%	$448,435	305	$139,039
Portland	4470	299	6.7%	$508,902	4528	313	6.9%	$520,405	276	$143,476
Westbrook	3241	265	8.2%	$361,879	3258	264	8.1%	$362,396	218	$94,794
New Haven Co.	**377,333**	**54,015**	**14.3%**	**$109,055,198**	**381,884**	**54,096**	**14.2%**	**$109,357,741**	**48,836**	**$30,207,484**
Ansonia	8597	1551	18.0%	$3,076,789	8803	1628	18.5%	$3,217,483	1450	$899,213
Beacon Falls	2779	203	7.3%	$369,836	2873	195	6.8%	$319,282	162	$87,786
Bethany	2413	101	4.2%	$173,437	2402	105	4.4%	$170,409	119	$51,246
Branford	13928	1007	7.2%	$1,549,452	14137	1107	7.8%	$1,666,450	911	$423,358
Cheshire	12082	602	5.0%	$909,385	12116	615	5.1%	$883,965	512	$232,747
Derby	5972	833	13.9%	$1,652,280	5967	826	13.8%	$1,661,088	737	$444,577
East Haven	13949	1671	12.0%	$3,124,832	13920	1727	12.4%	$3,269,104	1421	$800,316
Guilford	9654	486	5.0%	$636,344	9802	513	5.2%	$700,104	450	$181,699
Hamden	26277	2761	10.5%	$5,114,412	26433	2758	10.4%	$4,973,872	2469	$1,345,711
Madison	7757	328	4.2%	$479,669	7868	312	4.0%	$417,317	286	$109,324
Meriden	27635	5238	19.0%	$10,859,188	27750	5106	18.4%	$10,783,763	4700	$3,034,484
Middlebury	3330	181	5.4%	$302,322	3387	163	4.8%	$226,136	137	$67,270
Milford	25795	1807	7.0%	$2,808,803	26080	1818	7.0%	$2,885,536	1655	$793,565
Naugatuck	14714	1932	13.1%	$3,810,906	14802	1904	12.9%	$3,719,233	1811	$1,079,927
New Haven	47507	12960	27.3%	$28,244,876	48726	12764	26.2%	$27,585,279	11631	$7,773,996
North Branford	6893	395	5.7%	$621,822	6913	400	5.8%	$620,844	367	$187,315
North Haven	11463	686	6.0%	$1,006,437	11583	725	6.3%	$1,091,720	630	$292,574
Orange	6438	275	4.3%	$412,484	6392	285	4.5%	$431,971	226	$94,042
Oxford	5544	295	5.3%	$448,619	5634	282	5.0%	$398,324	249	$122,260
Prospect	4411	266	6.0%	$436,226	4442	274	6.2%	$463,545	257	$128,003
Seymour	7694	674	8.8%	$1,201,655	7797	678	8.7%	$1,202,122	609	$313,899
Southbury	8954	384	4.3%	$548,248	9006	363	4.0%	$517,920	324	$133,577
Wallingford	21754	1631	7.5%	$2,735,345	21879	1629	7.4%	$2,662,880	1473	$741,176
Waterbury	45636	12652	27.7%	$28,678,917	46645	12798	27.4%	$29,727,818	11610	$8,080,376
West Haven	24489	4336	17.7%	$8,519,993	24744	4328	17.5%	$8,509,113	3916	$2,423,405
Wolcott	7655	617	8.1%	$1,105,769	7779	625	8.0%	$1,007,476	595	$307,020
Woodbridge	4013	143	3.6%	$227,152	4004	168	4.2%	$244,987	129	$58,618
New London Co.	**125,464**	**16,123**	**12.9%**	**$31,336,818**	**126,473**	**16,094**	**12.7%**	**$31,090,305**	**13,911**	**$8,321,160**
Bozrah	1255	115	9.2%	$191,371	1234	126	10.2%	$185,342	88	$46,523
Colchester	7372	576	7.8%	$953,293	7460	584	7.8%	$1,012,289	498	$282,699
East Lyme	8348	575	6.9%	$945,812	8492	594	7.0%	$899,654	522	$258,929
Franklin	884	58	6.6%	$95,704	878	56	6.4%	$103,516	48	$32,037
Griswold	7554	904	12.0%	$1,634,245	7565	918	12.1%	$1,575,577	721	$388,327
Groton	13663	2254	16.5%	$4,581,692	13631	2258	16.6%	$4,527,943	1569	$979,895
Lebanon	3280	309	9.4%	$512,092	3270	294	9.0%	$525,215	258	$138,393
Ledyard	7168	592	8.3%	$1,026,124	7231	607	8.4%	$1,019,757	556	$304,570
Lisbon	87	15	17.2%	$31,938	85	14	16.5%	$23,642	125	$70,452
Lyme**									40	$17,230
Montville	8767	946	10.8%	$1,767,318	8772	960	10.9%	$1,735,849	866	$482,511
Mystic*	6395	430	6.7%	$687,669	6538	445	6.8%	$668,416		
New London	11892	3024	25.4%	$6,783,782	11981	3009	25.1%	$6,614,159	2730	$1,836,111
North Stonington	2519	192	7.6%	$294,409	2483	175	7.0%	$294,957	157	$84,231
Norwich	18616	3834	20.6%	$8,024,357	18743	3833	20.5%	$8,090,829	3432	$2,204,366

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New London Co. *cont.*										
Old Lyme	4429	269	6.1%	$400,538	4544	241	5.3%	$360,618	168	$75,729
Preston	2245	193	8.6%	$326,525	2263	182	8.0%	$309,483	171	$81,911
Salem	1898	121	6.4%	$194,646	1930	122	6.3%	$197,689	103	$52,415
Sprague	1431	199	13.9%	$404,049	1488	192	12.9%	$402,299	184	$117,433
Stonington	6672	609	9.1%	$1,015,321	6699	577	8.6%	$997,930	857	$427,902
Voluntown	1251	118	9.4%	$211,584	1292	123	9.5%	$200,412	120	$64,350
Waterford	9738	790	8.1%	$1,254,349	9894	784	7.9%	$1,344,729	698	$375,146
Tolland Co.	**63,857**	**5,082**	**8.0%**	**$8,351,430**	**64,217**	**5,087**	**7.9%**	**$8,378,011**	**4,384**	**$2,278,936**
Andover	1529	118	7.7%	$159,870	1542	128	8.3%	$178,905	88	$44,151
Bolton	2442	157	6.4%	$245,452	2445	139	5.7%	$208,560	116	$58,681
Columbia	2608	167	6.4%	$250,604	2612	157	6.0%	$271,588	121	$66,864
Coventry	5760	400	6.9%	$709,401	5861	414	7.1%	$673,641	388	$192,223
Ellington	7183	429	6.0%	$597,935	7348	408	5.6%	$641,777	366	$185,248
Hebron	4222	206	4.9%	$307,995	4197	223	5.3%	$314,451	205	$96,289
Mansfield	5857	475	8.1%	$776,601	5830	461	7.9%	$734,278	391	$198,678
Somers	4383	310	7.1%	$422,396	4424	293	6.6%	$423,643	234	$117,132
Stafford	6019	660	11.0%	$1,096,117	6030	689	11.4%	$1,121,564	542	$289,368
Tolland	6619	265	4.0%	$456,000	6680	276	4.1%	$398,989	267	$116,351
Union **									9	$2,936
Vernon	14537	1704	11.7%	$3,021,968	14538	1696	11.7%	$3,104,983	1472	$828,441
Willington	2698	191	7.1%	$307,091	2710	203	7.5%	$305,632	185	$82,574
Windham Co.	**51,052**	**7,758**	**15.2%**	**$15,105,943**	**51,523**	**7,675**	**14.9%**	**$14,808,637**	**6,952**	**$4,116,855**
Ashford	2111	209	9.9%	$378,666	2136	224	10.5%	$379,741	187	$90,800
Brooklyn	3387	402	11.9%	$728,362	3411	411	12.0%	$709,703	396	$206,780
Canterbury	2375	219	9.2%	$335,761	2404	254	10.6%	$358,277	221	$106,778
Chaplin	1073	120	11.2%	$222,828	1071	124	11.6%	$219,597	101	$48,536
Eastford	696	68	9.8%	$121,680	692	77	11.1%	$122,201	55	$29,565
Hampton	1118	94	8.4%	$166,917	1131	97	8.6%	$140,641	81	$38,100
Killingly	8029	1318	16.4%	$2,463,959	8097	1262	15.6%	$2,417,954	1155	$682,252
Plainfield	6751	1034	15.3%	$1,988,224	6797	1037	15.3%	$2,002,265	948	$555,518
Pomfret	1894	149	7.9%	$264,020	1875	144	7.7%	$267,095	149	$73,360
Putnam	4171	701	16.8%	$1,362,082	4272	694	16.2%	$1,355,404	627	$359,008
Scotland	324	26	8.0%	$42,413	326	22	6.7%	$41,696	32	$13,867
Sterling	1455	192	13.2%	$357,857	1440	179	12.4%	$365,680	169	$97,200
Thompson	4294	473	11.0%	$841,630	4329	473	10.9%	$830,399	398	$228,191
Windham	9773	2457	25.1%	$5,360,399	9947	2415	24.3%	$5,136,876	2210	$1,473,060
Woodstock	3601	296	8.2%	$471,145	3595	262	7.3%	$461,108	223	$113,840
CONNECTICUT	**1,565,565**	**196,858**	**12.6%**	**$386,239,745**	**1,584,503**	**197,690**	**12.5%**	**$388,999,113**	**178,885**	**$107,701,575**

Key

Some locations listed are not official towns, but areas within or between towns. They are listed because they are recorded in the Brookings Institute data file.and are noted by an asterisk

* Not an official CT town. Numbers combine individuals from mulitple towns

** Town Data not available from source

Temporary Family Assistance

WHAT DOES THIS INDICATOR MEASURE?

Temporary Family Assistance (TFA) measures the annual number of children receiving cash assistance through the family welfare program in Connecticut towns.

WHY IS THIS INDICATOR IMPORTANT?

Under the welfare reform legislation of 1996, TFA replaced the old welfare programs known as the Aid to Families with Dependent Children (AFDC) program, the Job Opportunities and Basic Skills Training (JOBS) program, and the Emergency Assistance (EA) program. Instead, states now receive TFA as a block grant each year.

TFA AND FAMILY ECONOMIC SECURITY

The TFA participation rate provides us with information on one specific population of children in poverty. There is a time limit to receive TFA, however, so this number doesn't reflect those who were on TFA but are no longer eligible due to the time limit.

COMMENTARY

The data shows a very slight increase, 5.16%, in the number of children in families receiving cash assistance in the Temporary Family Assistance program between the 2009 state fiscal year and the 2010 state fiscal year. This is one of the rare times that there has been any increase since welfare reform was adopted in 1997.

Connecticut was in the grip of a severe recession during these years. The surprise is that the increase was only 5.16%. The small increase reflects the very restrictive rules in Connecticut's family welfare program for families in which the parents are considered able to work.

Generally, such families are limited to 33 months of assistance. This means that many families had used up their lifetime eligibility for assistance before the recession hit and could not turn to TFA for assistance. Nationally, TFA programs were unresponsive to the recession; Connecticut's program was one of the least able to respond with help for families in need.

It is notable that the parts of the state with the most concentrated poverty, Hartford, New Haven and Windham counties, show very small increases in children receiving TFA assistance, while Fairfield County's numbers jumped up.

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Temporary Family Assistance – Child Recipients

Locality	SFY 2009	SFY 2010
Fairfield Co.	**4,084**	**4,743**
Bethel	23	39
Bridgeport	2,498	2,752
Brookfield	9	10
Danbury	304	371
Darien	2	3
Easton		0
Fairfield	37	42
Greenwich	41	61
Monroe	14	18
New Canaan	7	5
New Fairfield	16	23
Newtown	21	31
Norwalk	378	464
Redding	4	5
Ridgefield	4	10
Shelton	58	68
Sherman	1	2
Stamford	414	543
Stratford	223	247
Trumbull	21	36
Weston	1	5
Westport	6	7
Wilton	2	1
Hartford Co.	**9,146**	**9,250**
Avon	6	10
Berlin	16	17
Bloomfield	110	112
Bristol	522	571
Burlington	2	6
Canton	5	9
East Granby	4	5
East Hartford	701	727
East Windsor	51	62
Enfield	241	223
Farmington	26	24
Glastonbury	38	38
Granby	5	11
Hartford	4,663	4,547
Hartland	2	1
Manchester	500	522
Marlborough	13	8
New Britain	1,580	1,705
Newington	44	42
Plainville	55	45
Rocky Hill	19	24
Simsbury	21	17
South Windsor	21	18

Locality	SFY 2009	SFY 2010
Hartford Co. *cont.*		
Southington	83	90
Suffield	15	17
West Hartford	176	165
Wethersfield	38	42
Windsor	141	129
Windsor Locks	48	63
Litchfield Co.	**551**	**640**
Barkhamsted	7	4
Bethlehem	4	9
Bridgewater		1
Canaan		1
Colebrook		9
Cornwall		
Goshen	3	5
Harwinton	2	4
Kent		2
Litchfield	8	15
Morris	4	5
New Hartford	1	5
New Milford	56	65
Norfolk	8	6
North Canaan	12	6
Plymouth	55	49
Roxbury		
Salisbury	1	1
Sharon	4	2
Thomaston	15	14
Torrington	245	298
Warren	1	1
Washington	3	4
Watertown	45	40
Winchester	68	81
Woodbury	9	13
Middlesex Co.	**468**	**528**
Chester	5	5
Clinton	31	32
Cromwell	21	29
Deep River	1	1
Durham		2
East Haddam	12	8
East Hampton	21	28
Essex	3	4
Haddam	6	6
Killingworth	5	4
Middlefield	2	1
Middletown	319	359
Old Saybrook	9	15

Locality	SFY 2009	SFY 2010
New Haven Co. *cont.*		
Portland	28	24
Westbrook	5	10
Ansonia	206	202
Beacon Falls	7	13
Bethany	6	3
Branford	45	52
Cheshire	20	22
Derby	103	114
East Haven	148	178
Guilford	38	42
Hamden	283	292
Madison	7	7
Meriden	985	1,004
Middlebury	12	7
Milford	114	144
Naugatuck	177	194
New Haven	3,084	3,036
North Branford	19	23
North Haven	34	35
Orange	4	3
Oxford	13	11
Prospect	14	17
Seymour	49	6
Southbury	12	13
Wallingford	93	116
Waterbury	2,852	2,922
West Haven	499	488
Wolcott	29	30
Woodbridge	3	4
New London Co.	**1,679**	**1,876**
Bozrah	8	7
Colchester	34	48
East Lyme	34	34
Franklin	3	1
Griswold	60	75
Groton	206	250
Lebanon	11	12
Ledyard	29	28
Lisbon	16	17
Lyme		
Montville	62	72
New London	494	514
North Stonington	8	7
Norwich	540	607
Old Lyme	6	8

Locality	SFY 2009	SFY 2010
New London Co. *cont.*		
Preston	14	18
Salem	13	11
Sprague	28	35
Stonington	65	76
Voluntown	5	8
Waterford	43	48
Tolland Co.	**380**	**437**
Andover	0	4
Bolton	17	15
Columbia	2	13
Coventry	25	21
Ellington	15	26
Hebron	4	8
Mansfield	20	21
Somers	12	9
Stafford	57	54
Tolland	14	17
Union	0	1
Vernon	204	238
Willington	10	10
Windham Co.	**951**	**1,013**
Ashford	8	20
Brooklyn	40	34
Canterbury	19	22
Chaplin	9	11
Eastford	0	1
Hampton	4	3
Killingly	133	139
Plainfield	112	120
Pomfret	5	9
Putnam	107	94
Scotland	4	4
Sterling	19	19
Thompson	32	34
Windham	454	496
Woodstock	5	7
CONNECTICUT	**26,115**	**27,465**

Key SFY State Fiscal Year

Supplement Nutrition Assistance Program – Child Recipients

WHAT DOES THIS INDICATOR TELL US?

The Supplement Nutrition Assistance (SNAP) indicator reports the number of children under age 18 in Connecticut who received SNAP.

WHY IS THIS INDICATOR IMPORTANT?

SNAP is the only federal program that provides assistance to households based solely on financial need. The population of children who receive SNAP would likely be hungry without the subsidy.

SUPPLEMENTAL NUTRITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM AND FAMILY ECONOMIC SECURITY

SNAP provides many households with their only major financial resource for food. It also acts as a cash supplement for families by freeing up other money for the purchase of non-food items.

COMMENTARY

The Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) recipient numbers are fairly clear—there are across the board increases, both nationwide and in Connecticut. The number of households receiving SNAP assistance in the state has more than doubled from 2005 to 2010, and the trend line shows no signs of slowing down.

The increase for child recipients has been more modest, climbing 18% from 110,374 to 131,130. The largest increases have been in mostly rural counties, specifically in Tolland (74%) and Litchfield (51%) counties. Of the urban counties, Fairfield County (26%) saw the largest jump.

It would be easy to blame the increase on the great recession, slow economic growth and unemployment. A big part of this big jump on caseload, however, isn't from more people falling into poverty, but from expanded eligibility within the program. In 2009, the American Reinvestment and Recovery Act (ARRA – the stimulus bill) gave states the opportunity to raise the income limit for SNAP benefits from 135% of the Federal Poverty Line to 185%. This increased the number of SNAP eligible individuals in Connecticut by more than 200,000, opening the doors to the program to more families in need.

Although the Department of Social Services has struggled to cope with the additional demand, the SNAP program has actually worked as intended, serving as a critical piece of the nation's safety net and proving a crucial income support in trying times.

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Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) – Child Recipients

Locality	SFY 2005	SFY 2010
Fairfield Co.	**19,338**	**24,338**
Bethel	99	216
Bridgeport	12,193	13,356
Brookfield	27	99
Danbury	1,311	2,391
Darien	8	26
Easton	4	7
Fairfield	186	331
Greenwich	251	357
Monroe	27	77
New Canaan	19	25
New Fairfield	41	101
Newtown	59	134
Norwalk	1,742	2,215
Redding	7	27
Ridgefield	21	48
Shelton	263	410
Sherman	8	23
Stamford	1,995	2,823
Stratford	937	1,307
Trumbull	80	263
Weston	0	16
Westport	43	66
Wilton	17	20
Hartford Co.	**37,101**	**41,940**
Avon	24	62
Berlin	85	132
Bloomfield	375	606
Bristol	2,012	2,545
Burlington	33	37
Canton	32	99
East Granby	28	55
East Hartford	2,662	3,410
East Windsor	219	508
Enfield	820	1,036
Farmington	100	131
Glastonbury	136	265
Granby	38	44
Hartford	19,106	18,967
Hartland	11	12
Manchester	1,892	2,647
Marlborough	26	43
New Britain	6,795	7,393
Newington	251	376
Plainville	232	336
Rocky Hill	68	177
Simsbury	43	50
South Windsor	83	176
Southington	383	471

Locality	SFY 2005	SFY 2010
Hartford Co. *cont.*		
Suffield	64	97
West Hartford	730	986
Wethersfield	233	314
Windsor	446	654
Windsor Locks	174	311
Litchfield Co.	**2,488**	**3,765**
Barkhamsted	21	45
Bethlehem	15	39
Bridgewater	2	7
Canaan	32	15
Colebrook	9	7
Cornwall	7	23
Goshen	18	23
Harwinton	22	36
Kent	17	45
Litchfield	39	78
Morris	19	19
New Hartford	22	46
New Milford	202	371
Norfolk	5	13
North Canaan	29	51
Plymouth	197	281
Roxbury	4	6
Salisbury	14	23
Sharon	22	16
Thomaston	55	127
Torrington	1,109	1,621
Warren	1	2
Washington	16	25
Watertown	185	325
Winchester	397	458
Woodbury	29	63
Middlesex Co.	**1,993**	**2,630**
Chester	10	26
Clinton	89	134
Cromwell	73	115
Deep River	56	39
Durham	19	28
East Haddam	49	51
East Hampton	73	135
Essex	23	36
Haddam	42	40
Killingworth	17	26
Middlefield	13	23
Middletown	1,328	1,682
Old Saybrook	46	107
Portland	130	122
Westbrook	25	66

Locality	SFY 2005	SFY 2010
New Haven Co.	**36,689**	**41,132**
Ansonia	1,040	1,172
Beacon Falls	42	67
Bethany	2	6
Branford	236	250
Cheshire	71	141
Derby	494	547
East Haven	569	841
Guilford	55	83
Hamden	1,017	1,303
Madison	56	57
Meriden	4,016	4,354
Middlebury	15	44
Milford	523	641
Naugatuck	846	1,227
New Haven	13,644	13,050
North Branford	52	114
North Haven	134	157
Orange	16	30
Oxford	57	91
Prospect	41	41
Seymour	195	294
Southbury	36	68
Wallingford	362	625
Waterbury	10,810	12,879
West Haven	2,225	2,864
Wolcott	123	149
Woodbridge	12	37
New London Co.	**7,137**	**9,407**
Bozrah	25	36
Colchester	170	271
East Lyme	100	158
Franklin	8	18
Griswold	301	419
Groton	965	1,220
Lebanon	58	108
Ledyard	159	212
Lisbon	40	95
Lyme	5	11
Montville	277	395
New London	2,100	2,541
North Stonington	49	54
Norwich	2,278	2,823
Old Lyme	10	47
Preston	30	68
Salem	14	40
Sprague	111	125
Stonington	270	484
Voluntown	31	51
Waterford	136	231

Locality	SFY 2005	SFY 2010
Tolland Co.	**1,409**	**2,454**
Andover	9	30
Bolton	12	38
Columbia	20	79
Coventry	84	193
Ellington	73	139
Hebron	38	55
Mansfield	128	197
Somers	34	62
Stafford	155	396
Tolland	34	75
Union	4	6
Vernon	778	1,098
Willington	40	86
Windham Co.	**4,219**	**5,464**
Ashford	67	91
Brooklyn	71	229
Canterbury	64	93
Chaplin	47	58
Eastford	9	23
Hampton	23	26
Killingly	785	841
Plainfield	482	774
Pomfret	37	49
Putnam	369	538
Scotland	14	18
Sterling	54	90
Thompson	163	243
Windham	2,001	2,300
Woodstock	33	91
Connecticut	110,374	131,130
Thompson	215	309
Windham	2,218	2,726
Woodstock	61	127
CONNECTICUT	**113,673**	**156,020**

Key

SFY State Fiscal Year

Source Connecticut Department of Social Services

School Meals

WHAT DOES THIS INDICATOR TELL US?

School meals reports the number of children under age 18 in Connecticut who are eligible for free/reduced-price lunches and the percent they represent of the total child population of the state.

WHY IS THIS INDICATOR IMPORTANT?

This indicator is based on household income, providing complete meals based on free, reduced, and paid rates. The majority of school districts participate, giving some insights into where Connecticut towns stand based on household income.

SCHOOL MEALS AND FAMILY ECONOMIC SECURITY

Schools meals are provided by the National School Lunch Program, a program that school districts, not individual families, apply to. The school district is able to calculate a district wide need, giving a more complete picture of household income than TFA with individual application and approval processes.

COMMENTARY

Subsidized school meal eligibility is based on household income; therefore, eligibility rates directly reflect the financial situation or hardship of Connecticut families with children. Since 2006, eligibility for free or reduced-price (F/R) school meals has increased 7.6% across Connecticut, reflecting an increased need for food assistance for families. Differences are observed across counties with New London County experiencing the largest increase, with a growth of 10.12%, and Tolland County showing the smallest with a 4.59% increase in eligibility.

While urban centers like Hartford, New Haven, and Bridgeport continue to have the highest rates of F/R school meal eligibility, suburban communities like Manchester and East Hartford are trending upward to levels closer to cities like Norwalk and Stamford. The dramatic increases in eligibility of all counties shows that the need for food assistance has grown in all communities regardless of socio-economic make-up. This is seen specifically in the higher eligibility rates observed in New London and Litchfield Counties, two counties with varying economies.

If a child is in a family receiving SNAP benefits, they are automatically eligible for free school meals. The 2009 adoption of categorical eligibility for SNAP/Food Stamps raised the income eligibility limit for SNAP from 130% to 185% of the FPL and made the program more accessible to more families, in turn creating increases in the number of families eligible for free school meals.

Additionally, the Connecticut State Department of Education and the Connecticut Department of Social Services have placed additional efforts behind improving the method by which families receiving SNAP benefits are automatically certified for free school meals. Referred to as Direct Certification, this process has been improved among agencies and enforced in communities, resulting in an increased number of students categorized as eligible for free school meals.

Overall increases in eligibility may be related to the decreased economic conditions of families as well as administrative efforts to improve the method by which families are considered eligible for free school meals.

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School Meals

School District	SY2006-2007 # Eligible F/RPL	SY2006-2007 % Eligible F/RPL	SY2006-2007 Avg # Brkfst Srvd Daily	SY2008-2009 # Eligible F/RPL	SY2008-2009 % Eligible F/RPL	SY2008-2009 Avg # Brkfst Srvd Daily	SY2010-2011 # Eligible F/RPL	SY2010-2011 % Eligible F/RPL
Fairfield Co. **	**36,749**	**25.5%**	**10,674**	**38,493**	**26.8%**	**12,013**	**44,732**	**32.3%**
Bethel SD	234	7.2%	*	339	11.0%	2	407	13.9%
Bridgeport SD	20,161	94.9%	7,093	20,100	98.3%	9,003	19,844	98.8%
Brookfield SD	90	3.0%	*	81	2.7%	0	165	5.7%
Danbury SD	2,955	30.4%	1,163	2,954	29.4%	1,231	4,657	45.0%
Darien SD	87	1.9%	*	79	1.7%	0	59	1.2%
Easton SD	4	0.4%	*	17	1.5%	0	16	1.5%
Fairfield SD	569	6.0%	21	694	7.0%	19	918	9.1%
Greenwich SD	700	7.8%	15	926	10.4%	82	1,166	13.2%
Monroe SD	142	3.3%	*	210	5.2%	132	280	7.5%
New Canaan SD	0	0.0%	*	0	0.0%	0		0.0%
New Fairfield SD	185	6.0%	*	185	6.1%	0	264	9.0%
Newtown SD	138	2.4%	27	216	3.9%	42	323	6.0%
Norwalk SD	2,453	22.8%	733	3,269	30.4%	775	4,769	43.2%
Redding SD	14	1.1%	*	10	0.8%	0	28	2.3%
Ridgefield SD	58	1.0%	*	78	1.4%	0	111	2.0%
Shelton SD	555	9.8%	92	716	12.9%	75	853	16.1%
Sherman SD	0	0.0%	*	9	2.0%	0	27	6.6%
Stamford SD	5,781	38.4%	1,201	6,453	43.4%	0	7,405	48.5%
Stratford SD	2,223	30.2%	329	1,771	24.3%	651	2,747	37.8%
Trumbull SD	266	3.8%	*	235	3.4%	0	425	6.3%
Weston SD	15	0.6%	*	16	0.6%	0	45	1.8%
Westport SD	93	1.7%	*	101	1.8%	0	173	3.0%
Wilton SD	26	0.6%	*	34	0.8%	0	50	1.2%
Hartford Co. **	**41,008**	**29.2%**	**13,042**	**48,946**	**35.8%**	**15,590**	**48,947**	**36.9%**
Avon SD	82	2.3%	*	113	3.2%	0	190	5.4%
Berlin SD	190	5.8%	*	226	7.0%	0	274	8.8%
Bloomfield SD	987	44.1%	228	997	46.2%	357	1,032	47.0%
Bristol SD	2,700	29.9%	474	3,238	36.7%	773	3,423	40.0%
Canton SD	60	3.5%	52	60	3.4%	20	110	6.2%
East Granby SD	12	1.3%	*	11	1.2%	0	31	3.5%
East Hartford SD	3,777	49.4%	1,326	4,415	61.0%	1,633	3,905	59.0%
East Windsor SD	300	19.7%	*	391	27.2%	0	456	34.3%
Enfield SD	1,516	23.4%	162	1,670	26.5%	206	1,684	29.2%
Farmington SD	208	4.9%	*	263	6.3%	0	315	7.8%
Glastonbury SD	259	3.8%	40	379	5.5%	34	498	7.3%
Granby SD	77	3.4%	*	86	3.8%	0	164	7.3%
Hartford SD	15,697	70.3%	7,401	20,059	92.9%	6,878	18,947	90.7%
Hartland SD	2	0.9%	*	0	0.0%	0	6	2.7%
Manchester SD	2,450	34.6%	564	2,982	43.5%	885	3,297	50.5%
Marlborough SD	22	3.4%	*	31	4.6%	0	42	6.2%
New Britain SD	6,856	62.7%	1,789	7,532	72.4%	3,793	7,311	72.7%
Newington SD	685	14.9%	*	710	15.7%	0	746	16.9%
Plainville SD	469	17.8%	*	531	21.1%	0	552	22.8%
Rocky Hill SD	159	6.2%	*	166	6.4%	0	266	10.3%
Simsbury SD	192	3.8%	*	257	5.2%	0	318	6.7%
South Windsor SD	288	5.7%	56	281	5.9%	90	367	8.1%

School District	SY2006-2007 # Eligible F/RPL	SY2006-2007 % Eligible F/RPL	SY2006-2007 Avg # Brkfst Srvd Daily	SY2008-2009 # Eligible F/RPL	SY2008-2009 % Eligible F/RPL	SY2008-2009 Avg # Brkfst Srvd Daily	SY2010-2011 # Eligible F/RPL	SY2010-2011 % Eligible F/RPL
Hartford Co. *cont.*								
Southington SD	536	7.7%	*	514	7.5%	0	680	10.0%
Suffield SD	118	4.5%	25	119	4.6%	11	226	9.0%
West Hartford SD	1,442	14.3%	216	1,801	17.9%	219	1,898	18.6%
Wethersfield SD	400	10.4%	88	512	13.4%	91	628	16.6%
Windsor SD	1,133	27.3%	470	1,096	27.6%	453	1,015	28.1%
Windsor Locks SD	391	20.5%	150	506	27.4%	147	566	31.7%
Litchfield Co.**	**3,307**	**15.3%**	**338**	**3,811**	**18.4%**	**359**	**4,592**	**23.1%**
Barkhamsted SD	19	5.3%	*	25	6.9%	0	24	7.0%
Canaan SD	11	10.9%	*	8	9.4%	0	8	9.3%
Colebrook SD	16	13.2%	*	13	11.2%	0	16	14.3%
Cornwall SD	7	5.4%	*	11	9.0%	0	13	11.3%
Kent SD	29	10.7%	*	31	10.9%	0	37	12.9%
Litchfield SD	61	4.8%	*	135	11.2%	0	110	9.4%
New Hartford SD	21	3.4%	*	39	6.3%	0	35	5.8%
New Milford SD	435	8.6%	111	499	10.2%	89	744	15.7%
Norfolk SD	12	6.8%	*	21	13.4%	0	10	7.5%
North Canaan SD	84	22.8%	*	60	17.8%	0	77	24.2%
Plymouth SD	268	14.0%	*	344	18.6%	0	453	26.2%
Salisbury SD	31	10.0%	*	28	8.8%	0	32	10.3%
Sharon SD	35	15.2%	*	29	14.8%	0	37	18.8%
Thomaston SD	165	13.0%	*	164	13.5%	0	172	15.3%
Torrington SD	1,365	28.1%	94	1,493	32.2%	136	1,918	42.6%
Watertown SD	422	12.0%	*	484	14.5%	0	511	16.1%
Winchester SD	326	30.4%	133	427	43.0%	134	395	41.9%
Middlesex Co./ **	**2,629**	**15.9%**	**530**	**3,166**	**17.6%**	**615**	**3,751**	**21.2%**
Chester SD	16	4.8%	*	20	6.3%	0	29	10.5%
Clinton SD	166	7.8%	*	245	11.8%	0	276	13.6%
Cromwell SD	210	10.5%	*	264	13.1%	0	297	14.7%
Deep River SD	43	11.4%	*	55	15.6%	0	53	15.1%
East Haddam SD			*	124	8.7%	1	160	12.0%
East Hampton SD	162	7.8%	*	151	7.3%	0	224	11.4%
Essex SD	18	3.3%	*	25	4.2%	0	37	6.3%
Middletown SD	1,654	32.6%	511	1,879	36.6%	584	2,175	41.9%
Old Saybrook SD	122	7.7%	*	152	9.4%	11	208	13.3%
Portland SD	143	9.9%	*	162	11.3%	0	191	13.6%
Westbrook SD	95	9.6%	19	89	9.2%	19	101	10.7%

Key

F/RPL	Free or Reduced Price Lunch
SY	School Year
*	no program in district
**	county state, and special category totals are calculated by author

School District	SY2006-2007 # Eligible F/RPL	SY2006-2007 % Eligible F/RPL	SY2006-2007 Avg # Brkfst Srvd Daily	SY2008-2009 # Eligible F/RPL	SY2008-2009 % Eligible F/RPL	SY2008-2009 Avg # Brkfst Srvd Daily	SY2010-2011 # Eligible F/RPL	SY2010-2011 % Eligible F/RPL
New Haven Co. **	**46,128**	**38.5%**	**18,068**	**48,072**	**40.8%**	**20,720**	**50,847**	**44.7%**
Ansonia SD	1,300	47.7%	887	1,480	54.6%	870	1,581	60.4%
Bethany SD	11	2.0%	*	15	2.7%	0	23	4.5%
Branford SD	446	12.4%	40	614	17.6%	188	631	18.8%
Cheshire SD	172	3.3%	*	268	5.4%	5	278	5.8%
Derby SD	629	43.1%	171	690	47.2%	177	740	50.6%
East Haven SD	1,018	27.2%	409	1,171	32.7%	417	1,431	42.3%
Guilford SD	137	3.6%	*	207	5.5%	0	235	6.4%
Hamden SD	1,762	28.2%	795	2,038	33.6%	805	2,212	37.5%
Madison SD	71	1.9%	*	80	2.2%	0	128	3.6%
Meriden SD	5,116	57.7%	784	5,084	59.0%	1,078	5,514	66.6%
Milford SD	1,062	14.2%	688	1,177	16.1%	667	1,085	15.6%
Naugatuck SD	1,573	31.0%	236	1,784	37.0%	264	1,758	38.9%
New Haven SD	15,414	76.9%	9,491	14,481	73.4%	11,399	14,810	77.8%
North Branford SD	242	9.9%	*	242	10.1%	0	312	13.6%
North Haven SD	271	6.8%	91	330	8.7%	85	315	8.8%
Orange SD	49	3.5%	*	46	3.5%	0	36	2.8%
Oxford SD	90	5.7%	*	121	6.0%	0	178	8.1%
Seymour SD	351	12.8%	119	441	17.2%	129	560	23.2%
Wallingford SD	539	7.8%	*	670	9.9%	0	769	11.8%
Waterbury SD	12,837	70.5%	3,119	13,717	74.9%	3,309	14,123	79.8%
West Haven SD	2,604	38.7%	1,239	2,933	47.1%	1,269	3,566	57.6%
Wolcott SD	414	14.2%	*	456	16.0%	59	531	19.4%
Woodbridge SD	20	2.5%	*	27	3.6%	0	31	4.3%
New London Co. **	**7,996**	**21.4%**	**4,194**	**9,488**	**26.0%**	**4,679**	**10,636**	**31.5%**
Bozrah SD	70	25.6%	9	33	12.9%	8	43	18.4%
Colchester SD	205	6.3%	177	330	10.4%	187	350	11.4%
East Lyme SD	153	4.8%	*	188	6.0%	0	298	9.9%
Franklin SD	15	6.3%	*	20	8.9%	0	29	13.1%
Griswold SD	423	19.1%	157	573	27.1%	178	594	29.6%
Groton SD	1,435	27.4%	226	1,515	29.5%	254	1,752	35.3%
Lebanon SD	125	8.1%	136	189	12.3%	138	171	12.2%
Ledyard SD	190	6.5%	42	217	7.9%	37	335	12.8%
Lisbon SD	94	15.4%	62	74	13.2%	48	103	19.3%
Montville SD	493	16.7%	246	592	21.3%	300	748	28.4%
New London SD	1,946	65.7%	1,085	2,174	70.4%	1,334	2,586	85.1%
North Stonington SD	129	15.9%	135	125	15.7%	119	136	17.1%
Norwich SD	1,931	48.8%	1,441	2,516	64.1%	3,754	2,630	70.1%
Preston SD	57	11.4%	*	61	12.5%	0	67	15.6%
Salem SD	24	4.5%	*	33	6.3%	0	33	7.2%
Sprague SD	82	24.3%	48	126	35.6%	63	149	40.2%
Stonington SD	269	10.5%	249	334	13.3%	229	214	8.7%
Voluntown SD	106	34.1%	*	61	19.9%	8	51	16.3%
Waterford SD	249	8.4%	179	327	11.4%	271	347	12.4%

School District	SY2006-2007 # Eligible F/RPL	SY2006-2007 % Eligible F/RPL	SY2006-2007 Avg # Brkfst Srvd Daily	SY2008-2009 # Eligible F/RPL	SY2008-2009 % Eligible F/RPL	SY2008-2009 Avg # Brkfst Srvd Daily	SY2010-2011 # Eligible F/RPL	SY2010-2011 % Eligible F/RPL
Tolland Co.**	**2,329**	**11.5%**	**742**	**2,451**	**12.4%**	**786**	**9,472**	**48.6%**
Andover SD	24	7.0%	*	22	6.6%	0	39	11.7%
Bolton SD	57	6.2%	*	55	6.4%	0	101	11.3%
Columbia SD	23	3.6%	*	42	7.3%	0	59	10.9%
Coventry SD	217	10.6%	137	236	12.1%	115	311	17.1%
Ellington SD	112	4.4%	*	157	6.0%	0	229	8.4%
Hebron SD	40	3.3%	*	44	3.8%	0	55	4.8%
Mansfield SD	200	15.0%	126	220	17.2%	143	306	23.1%
Somers SD	83	4.8%	*	92	5.4%	0	86	5.3%
Stafford SD	403	20.7%	187	482	25.3%	170	509	27.5%
Tolland SD	129	4.1%	*	141	4.5%	0	138	4.5%
Union SD	4	5.8%	*	2	2.6%	0	3	3.7%
Vernon SD	972	25.7%	292	899	25.1%	358	1,202	33.5%
Willington SD	65	10.9%	*	59	10.4%	0	93	18.2%
Windham Co. **	**5,778**	**34.2%**	**2,092**	**6,216**	**38.2%**	**2,163**	**6,341**	**40.8%**
Ashford SD	82	15.6%	*	92	19.0%	0	109	22.9%
Brooklyn SD	187	18.3%	81	206	21.0%	95	218	23.0%
Canterbury SD	72	13.2%	40	107	17.9%	47	110	21.0%
Chaplin SD	44	20.9%	*	40	22.5%	0	50	26.7%
Eastford SD	23	13.3%	*	20	10.8%	0	17	9.6%
Hampton SD	15	9.1%	12	25	16.8%	13	26	18.7%
Killingly SD	937	33.8%	270	1,044	38.6%	335	1,087	42.2%
Plainfield SD	854	30.5%	276	847	31.3%	244	975	37.4%
Pomfret SD	48	8.9%	27	49	9.1%	21	59	11.5%
Putnam SD	592	44.2%	321	665	53.4%	380	732	56.9%
Scotland SD	33	17.3%	*	44	23.2%	0	17	11.9%
Sterling SD	106	22.2%	*	145	28.3%	73	154	32.0%
Thompson SD	320	21.2%	122	341	24.6%	95	382	30.2%
Windham SD	2,382	64.8%	944	2,490	71.6%	859	2,358	75.5%
Woodstock SD	83	8.6%	*	101	10.9%	0	47	4.3%
Reg School**	**1,298**	**4.3%**	**0**	**1,491**	**5.0%**	**10**	**1,999**	**6.9%**
Charter/Magnet**	**2,135**	**59.6%**	**1,130**	**2,376**	**57.3%**	**1,427**	**2,997**	**66.9%**
RESCs+ **	**2,584**	**38.2%**	**621**	**2,951**	**38.5%**	**785**	**3333**	**44.2%**
Tech Schools**	**3,206**	**32.0%**	**996**	**3,510**	**34.2%**	**1,207**	**1292**	**17.0%**
Dept of Children & Families**	**247**	**100.0%**	**497**			**402**		
Other**	**618**	**15.1%**		**508**	**12.5%**	**0**	**646**	**17.0%**
CONNECTICUT **	**156,945**	**27.4%**	**54,431**	**171,479**	**30.3%**	**60,755**	**185,606**	**34.9%**

CHAPTER THREE
EDUCATION

Prekindergarten Experience

Connecticut Mastery Test Scores – 4Th Graders

Connecticut Academic Performance Scores – 10Th Graders

High School Graduation Rate

Prekindergarten Experience

District	% of Kindergartners with Pre K Experience		
	SY 2006-2007	SY 2008-2009	SY 2010-2011
Fairfield Co.			
Bethel SD	87.3%	75.4%	76.8%
Bridgeport SD	63.3%	65.9%	61.7%
Brookfield SD	96.2%	81.2%	82.7%
Danbury SD	65.0%	69.4%	77.8%
Darien SD	97.5%	93.9%	95.1%
Easton SD	82.4%	100.0%	96.3%
Fairfield SD	94.7%	97.1%	94.5%
Greenwich SD	94.1%	94.0%	92.1%
Monroe SD	90.5%	85.3%	94.8%
New Canaan SD	99.2%	97.9%	98.6%
New Fairfield SD	90.1%	91.5%	94.3%
Newtown SD	89.6%	93.0%	96.3%
Norwalk SD	88.0%	83.2%	86.7%
Redding SD	98.5%	99.1%	93.8%
Ridgefield SD	88.6%	89.7%	86.3%
Shelton SD	85.5%	83.5%	85.4%
Sherman SD	93.6%	93.5%	75.9%
Stamford SD	80.3%	80.8%	73.8%
Stratford SD	68.1%	69.3%	82.2%
Trumbull SD	90.4%	93.6%	91.1%
Weston SD	99.0%	92.8%	98.7%
Westport SD	96.3%	98.6%	96.8%
Wilton SD	98.8%	98.1%	98.6%
Hartford Co.			
Avon SD	82.2%	86.4%	83.8%
Berlin SD	87.8%	94.2%	93.3%
Bloomfield SD	82.6%	87.6%	87.2%
Bristol SD	86.9%	87.1%	83.1%
Canton SD	91.5%	85.9%	94.1%
East Granby SD	89.3%	84.1%	81.5%
East Hartford SD	47.3%	68.4%	72.1%
East Windsor SD	76.0%	82.4%	97.8%
Enfield SD	73.1%	74.5%	65.0%
Farmington SD	91.2%	84.1%	84.4%
Glastonbury SD	94.1%	94.0%	92.7%
Granby SD	96.5%	90.2%	93.6%
Hartford SD	67.0%	33.8%	72.2%
Hartland SD	81.8%	62.5%	77.3%
Manchester SD	67.6%	65.9%	62.2%
Marlborough SD	79.8%	89.8%	91.8%
New Britain SD	60.8%	75.6%	76.7%
Newington SD	79.9%	83.2%	90.9%
Plainville SD	77.7%	91.8%	87.1%
Rocky Hill SD	94.7%	79.0%	83.1%
Simsbury SD	91.9%	93.4%	91.7%
South Windsor SD	81.5%	75.0%	79.8%

District	% of Kindergartners with Pre K Experience		
	SY 2006-2007	SY 2008-2009	SY 2010-2011
Hartford Co. *cont.*			
Southington SD	81.9%	86.6%	79.6%
Suffield SD	89.0%	96.2%	89.7%
West Hartford SD	84.6%	89.6%	91.1%
Wethersfield SD	92.0%	86.5%	82.7%
Windsor Locks SD	58.7%	64.2%	48.9%
Windsor SD	82.2%	87.0%	87.2%
Litchfield Co.**			
Barkhamsted SD	94.2%	91.2%	77.6%
Canaan SD	77.8%	66.7%	90.9%
Colebrook SD	78.6%	81.3%	85.7%
Cornwall SD	85.7%	66.7%	80.0%
Kent SD	90.6%	87.2%	87.9%
Litchfield SD	77.2%	87.8%	75.0%
New Hartford SD	87.6%	96.9%	85.1%
New Milford SD	75.9%	74.0%	81.1%
Norfolk SD	88.9%	100.0%	86.7%
North Canaan SD	36.8%	80.0%	65.8%
Plymouth SD	81.6%	93.1%	87.3%
Salisbury SD	82.8%	100.0%	80.0%
Sharon SD	30.8%	90.5%	78.3%
Thomaston SD	71.4%	62.9%	58.1%
Torrington SD	75.0%	77.6%	79.1%
Watertown SD	70.6%	88.9%	93.3%
Winchester SD	68.6%	82.2%	78.4%
Middlesex Co. **			
Chester SD	95.3%	96.9%	97.0%
Clinton SD	72.1%	96.1%	89.7%
Cromwell SD	86.3%	87.6%	96.2%
Deep River SD	46.4%	100.0%	93.8%
East Haddam SD	86.0%	79.2%	87.7%
East Hampton SD	89.9%	91.2%	86.0%
Essex SD	84.1%	94.3%	96.4%
Middletown SD	83.5%	83.1%	83.8%
Old Saybrook SD	94.8%	93.9%	95.1%
Portland SD	92.3%	95.1%	96.4%
Westbrook SD	83.6%	81.8%	81.8%
New Haven Co.**			
Ansonia SD	62.0%	64.3%	88.1%
Bethany SD	94.3%	90.1%	88.7%
Branford SD	86.0%	90.8%	87.6%
Cheshire SD	99.1%	95.3%	91.9%
Derby SD	72.0%	67.4%	63.0%
East Haven SD	69.9%	77.3%	68.3%
Guilford SD	83.2%	88.5%	88.3%
Hamden SD	84.3%	88.6%	82.4%
Madison SD	94.7%	97.0%	96.3%
Meriden SD	83.2%	76.0%	78.2%

District	% of Kindergartners with Pre K Experience		
	SY 2006-2007	SY 2008-2009	SY 2010-2011
New Haven Co. *cont.*			
Milford SD	81.5%	83.3%	81.2%
Naugatuck SD	77.0%	73.8%	72.1%
New Haven SD	62.6%	73.9%	72.4%
North Branford SD	94.9%	95.8%	93.7%
North Haven SD	85.5%	91.2%	93.5%
Orange SD	97.6%	100.0%	98.7%
Oxford SD	94.5%	89.7%	94.3%
Seymour SD	75.2%	79.0%	67.1%
Wallingford SD	85.3%	86.5%	77.7%
Waterbury SD	60.1%	63.4%	59.7%
West Haven SD	72.2%	65.7%	61.7%
Wolcott SD	91.6%	86.1%	79.3%
Woodbridge SD	89.1%	91.0%	80.0%
New London Co. **			
Bozrah SD	80.8%	68.2%	77.4%
Colchester SD	82.3%	93.1%	89.1%
East Lyme SD	92.6%	90.2%	92.0%
Franklin SD	94.7%	89.5%	100.0%
Griswold SD	88.5%	92.5%	90.2%
Groton SD	76.1%	78.1%	81.7%
Lebanon SD	87.8%	89.8%	95.7%
Ledyard SD	77.6%	75.5%	71.5%
Lisbon SD	91.9%	98.0%	87.8%
Montville SD	75.5%	75.3%	70.7%
New London SD	60.4%	68.2%	76.7%
North Stonington SD	87.5%	92.1%	83.3%
Norwich SD	80.7%	72.1%	77.2%
Preston SD	72.7%	51.0%	38.7%
Salem SD	72.5%	88.6%	52.9%
Sprague SD	77.8%	77.5%	85.4%
Stonington SD	86.4%	80.2%	79.1%
Voluntown SD	84.8%	92.9%	84.4%
Waterford SD	64.0%	85.0%	83.7%
Tolland Co. **			
Andover SD	69.4%	76.2%	92.9%
Bolton SD	83.3%	58.3%	91.5%
Columbia SD	88.5%	84.0%	88.5%
Coventry SD	62.8%	76.3%	80.0%
Ellington SD	67.9%	74.2%	75.7%
Hebron SD	97.1%	97.3%	93.8%
Mansfield SD	80.4%	90.7%	81.8%
Somers SD	88.6%	90.6%	96.0%
Stafford SD	72.0%	96.7%	87.1%
Tolland SD	68.1%	49.3%	55.7%
Union SD	77.8%	76.9%	100.0%
Vernon SD	76.1%	80.1%	73.6%
Willington SD	83.3%	75.0%	82.4%

Prekindergarten Experience

District	% of Kindergartners with Pre K Experience		
	SY 2006-2007	SY 2008-2009	SY 2010-2011
Windham Co. **			
Ashford SD	94.3%	91.7%	95.8%
Brooklyn SD	87.5%	96.3%	89.7%
Canterbury SD	70.9%	85.2%	84.8%
Chaplin SD	76.2%	95.5%	70.0%
Eastford SD	55.0%	85.7%	82.6%
Hampton SD	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
Killingly SD	72.6%	64.4%	75.3%
Plainfield SD	65.8%	79.4%	78.9%
Pomfret SD	80.9%	88.1%	78.7%
Putnam SD	67.8%	79.4%	48.4%
Scotland SD	88.0%	84.2%	100.0%
Sterling SD	76.2%	65.2%	65.4%
Thompson SD	75.9%	44.0%	44.8%
Windham SD	79.9%	84.2%	76.5%
Woodstock SD	94.7%	90.9%	73.2%
Regional School Districts	**90.4%**	**90.2%**	**92.2%**
Magnet/Charter	**83.3%**	**79.9%**	**84.8%**
CONNECTICUT ALL	**79.3%**	**79.7%**	**80.2%**

Key

*	Average percentages for counties are not calculated by the Connecticut State Department of Education.
RESC	Regional Education Services Center
SY	School year

WHAT DOES THIS INDICATOR TELL US?

Prekindergarten experience reports the percentage of kindergartners who had a preschool experience as identified by a parent at the time of kindergarten registration. Currently, the way that a preschool experience is defined is left open to the interpretation of the parent and/or the school and how the experience is characterized in a kindergarten entry form.

WHY IS THIS INDICATOR IMPORTANT?

There is substantial evidence that an achievement gap between Connecticut's wealthiest income and low-income children exists even before kindergarten and is substantially impacted by that child's birth-five experience, including preschool experience.[6]

PREKINDERGARTEN EXPERIENCE AND FAMILY ECONOMIC SECURITY

The benefits of a preschool experience are directly linked to the quality of that program. For many families in Connecticut, accessing high quality preschool is unobtainable because of a variety of reasons including costs, transportation, employment and other familial demands.

COMMENTARY

Extensive research has shown that providing at-risk children with a high-quality preschool experience is key to ensuring that these children enter kindergarten with the same level of skills and preparedness as their more advantaged peers. For this reason, we should be concerned that stark disparities continue to persist between our poorest and wealthiest school districts in the percentage of kindergartners with preschool experience. The most recent year of data here, from School Year 2010-2011, shows that 94.9% of kindergartners in District Reference Group (DRG) A (Connecticut's wealthiest school districts) reported having a preschool experience, compared to only 69.5% of kindergartners in DRG I (Connecticut's highest-need districts).

But what is equally concerning is what this statistic does not tell us. It does not tell us whether those children who do report having a preschool experience were in an accredited or non-accredited program, nor the level or type of educational experience of their teachers. It does not tell us whether these children attended preschool for one year or two; whether they attended a single program or multiple programs; nor whether their attendance was continuous or fractured. It does not tell us how many days per week they attended nor the length of their school day. It does not tell us whether the preschool offered any kind of wraparound services nor whether the children took advantage of such services. It is critical that we collect better data on each of these factors in order to understand which preschool experiences are most successful at readying children for school, especially if we are considering expanding our subsidized preschool services, so that we can make the wisest investments possible.

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Connecticut Mastery Test

WHAT DOES THIS INDICATOR TELL US?

Connecticut Mastery Test measures the total number of 4th grade students tested in each town, the number who met goal, and the percentage who met goal based on the total number of 4th graders who took the test statewide.

WHY IS THIS INDICATOR IMPORTANT?

The 4th Grade Mastery Test gives a good indication of where children stand academically on their reading, writing and mathematics skills by town and how certain towns fair against each other. 4th grade achievement is a good predictor of life long success.

CONNECTICUT MASTERY TEST AND FAMILY ECONOMIC SECURITY

Connecticut ranks amongst the highest states on our 4th grade test scores, but when you look at test data by town, the scores tells a very different story. The test scores shine a light on Connecticut's extremely large achievement gap, which is stark in the state's cities and across towns.

COMMENTARY

The overall results from the Connecticut Mastery Test (CMT) and the Connecticut Academic Performance Test (CAPT) indicate signs of progress, but a deeper dive into the data tells a different story. When we disaggregate these results, they reveal large and persistent student achievement gaps in Connecticut. These gaps are evident on both state and national achievement tests. For example, the 2011 National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP) shows that Connecticut's low-income and minority students score nearly three grade levels behind their white and middle class peers.

In the past few years, some urban districts in Connecticut have made some progress towards raising student achievement and shrinking these gaps. However, data from NAEP, CMT, and CAPT make clear that over the last five years, we have not made enough progress. In fact, at our current rate of improvement, it will take 40 to 60 years to close the gaps at the elementary and middle school levels, and more than 100 years to close the gaps at the high school level. We must accelerate the pace of improvement to ensure a bright future for children and for our state. We can't wait 100 years. We can't even wait 10 years. We must close the gap by 2020.

Make no mistake - closing the gap by 2020 will require a tremendous amount of hard work every day and every year. It will require bold and systemic change. And it will take a shared commitment to making reform work. Defining our path forward will not be comfortable or easy, but a challenge like this always seems impossible – until it's done.

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Connecticut Mastery Test Scores – 4th Graders

	SY 2008-2009			SY 2010-2011		
District	Total Tested	# Met Goals	% Met Goals	Total Tested	# Met Goals	% Met Goal
Fairfield Co. **	**10,513**	**6,940**	**66%**	**10,526**	**7000**	**67%**
Bethel SD	203	167	82%	231	173	75%
Bridgeport SD	1,478	365	25%	1,470	381	26%
Brookfield SD	218	176	81%	205	157	77%
Danbury SD	694	355	51%	716	374	52%
Darien SD	359	317	88%	366	312	85%
Easton SD	129	107	83%	120	102	85%
Fairfield SD	804	631	79%	815	657	81%
Greenwich SD	661	526	80%	693	558	81%
Monroe SD	268	239	89%	230	208	90%
New Canaan SD	330	302	92%	301	277	92%
New Fairfield SD	209	157	75%	209	152	73%
Newtown SD	409	344	84%	400	335	84%
Norwalk SD	748	382	51%	738	405	55%
Redding SD	153	130	85%	140	113	81%
Ridgefield SD	412	340	83%	382	314	82%
Shelton SD	430	295	69%	392	288	74%
Sherman SD	43	32	74%	45	40	89%
Stamford SD	1,043	575	55%	1,071	580	54%
Stratford SD	505	315	62%	493	309	63%
Trumbull SD	490	404	82%	506	398	79%
Weston SD	191	163	85%	211	175	83%
Westport SD	412	346	84%	459	390	85%
Wilton SD	324	272.16	84%	333	302	91%
Hartford Co. **	**9,573**	**5,509**	**58%**	**9,376**	**5595**	**60%**
Avon SD	272	236	87%	272	245	90%
Berlin SD	221	167	76%	230	176	77%
Bloomfield SD	161	73	45%	131	58	44%
Bristol SD	579	388	67%	600	309	52%
Canton SD	125	102	82%	129	105	81%
East Granby SD	63	47	75%	75	53	71%
East Hartford SD	507	166	33%	514	195	38%
East Windsor SD	100	55	55%	98	49	50%
Enfield SD	426	249	59%	392	254	65%
Farmington SD	305	272	89%	268	222	83%
Glastonbury SD	484	363	75%	518	401	77%
Granby SD	145	111	77%	164	125	76%
Hartford SD	1,434	304	21%	1,340	382	29%
Hartland SD	26	23	89%	21	19	91%
Manchester SD	485	285	59%	448	255	57%
Marlborough SD	90	68	76%	102	86	84%
New Britain SD	746	170	23%	721	184	26%
Newington SD	288	197	68%	276	186	67%
Plainville SD	164	115	70%	169	111	66%
Rocky Hill SD	195	145	74%	175	129	74%
Simsbury SD	374	302	81%	359	305	85%
Southington SD	481	359	75%	453	351	78%
South Windsor SD	343	249	73%	297	217	73%
Suffield SD	180	124	69%	195	159	82%
West Hartford SD	722	541	75%	781	607	78%

District	SY 2008-2009 Total Tested	# Met Goals	% Met Goals	SY 2010-2011 Total Tested	# Met Goals	% Met Goal
Hartford Co. *cont.*						
Wethersfield SD	254	172	68%	274	181	66%
Windsor SD	280	158	56%	258	157	61%
Windsor Locks SD	123	68	55%	116	74	64%
Litchfield Co. **	**1,583**	**1,001**	**63%**	**1,417**	**876**	**62%**
Barkhamsted SD	52	41	0.788	53	43	81%
Canaan SD	*			*		
Colebrook SD	21	16	0.762	*		
Cornwall SD	*			*		
Kent SD	29	19	66%	32	20	63%
Litchfield SD	92	69	75%	78	61	78%
New Hartford SD	95	82	86%	88	75	85%
New Milford SD	317	181	57%	217	63	29%
Norfolk SD	24	16	67%	26	17	65%
North Canaan SD	37	28	76%	39	26	67%
Plymouth SD	123	71	58%	116	78	67%
Salisbury SD	43	33	77%	26	25	96%
Sharon SD	-			26	13	50%
Thomaston SD	81	47	58%	82	50	61%
Torrington SD	337	196	58%	310	209	67%
Watertown SD	236	148	63%	223	144	65%
Winchester SD	96	54	56%	101	52	52%
Middlesex Co.**	**1,425**	**945**	**66%**	**1,411**	**993**	**70%**
Chester SD	42	30	71%	41	34	83%
Clinton SD	148	100	68%	144	99	69%
Cromwell SD	159	108	68%	160	113	71%
Deep River SD	43	28	65%	54	39	72%
East Haddam SD	102	72	71%	87	66	76%
East Hampton SD	162	105	65%	148	107	72%
Essex SD	81	55	68%	71	56	79%
Middletown SD	408	250	61%	419	252	60%
Old Saybrook SD	93	61	66%	103	88	85%
Portland SD	117	87	74%	126	92	73%
Westbrook SD	70	49	70%	58	47	81%
New Haven Co.**	**8,507**	**4,562**	**54%**	**8,024**	**4450**	**55%**
Ansonia SD	205	111	54%	196	102	52%
Bethany SD	80	58	73%	77	63	82%
Branford SD	266	171	64%	222	134	60%
Cheshire SD	365	284	78%	349	247	71%
Derby SD	106	44	42%	107	52	49%
East Haven SD	262	141	54%	226	92	41%
Guilford SD	266	214	81%	269	218	81%
Hamden SD	407	222	55%	358	210	59%
Madison SD	274	230	84%	244	222	91%
Meriden SD	611	264	43%	608	282	46%
Milford SD	548	372	68%	550	363	66%
Naugatuck SD	332	166	50%	335	175	52%
New Haven SD	1,268	379	30%	1,197	405	34%
North Branford SD	186	97	52%	151	94	62%
North Haven SD	268	175	65%	238	160	67%

District	SY 2008-2009 Total Tested	# Met Goals	% Met Goals	SY 2010-2011 Total Tested	# Met Goals	% Met Goal
New Haven Co. *cont.*	**467**	**227**	**0.486**			
Orange SD	178	139	78%	185	161	87%
Oxford SD	184	120	65%	176	119	68%
Seymour SD	184	111	60%	209	115	55%
Wallingford SD	466	337	72%	462	309	67%
Waterbury SD	1,304	479	37%	1,120	448	40%
West Haven SD	467	227	0.486	450	248	55%
Wolcott SD	198	152	77%	192	142	74%
Woodbridge SD	82	70	85%	103	89	86%
New London Co.**	**2,668**	**1,639**	**61%**	**2,701**	**1778**	**66%**
Bozrah SD	27	18	67%	20	17	85%
Colchester SD	202	148	73%	229	160	70%
East Lyme SD	196	158	81%	200	154	77%
Franklin SD	21	21	100%	20	18	90%
Griswold SD	127	78	61%	131	77	59%
Groton SD	360	209	58%	347	221	64%
Lebanon SD	98	67	68%	93	58	62%
Ledyard SD	172	117	68%	164	121	74%
Lisbon SD	54	38	70%	53	32	60%
Montville SD	191	124	65%	195	114	59%
New London SD	221	70	32%	298	214	72%
North Stonington SD	74	57	77%	49	45	92%
Norwich SD	374	146	39%	363	148	41%
Preston SD	36	21	58%	43	29	67%
Salem SD	39	28	72%	53	43	81%
Sprague SD	36	17	47%	36	27	75%
Stonington SD	180	135	75%	172	123	72%
Voluntown SD	26	16	62%	33	26	79%
Waterford SD	234	171	73%	202	151	75%
Tolland Co.**	**1,628**	**1,137**	**70%**	**1,506**	**1073**	**71%**
Andover SD	43	33	77%	34	32	94%
Bolton SD	55	47	86%	54	36	67%
Columbia SD	66	36	55%	57	40	70%
Coventry SD	151	116	77%	114	84	74%
Ellington SD	205	152	74%	212	154	73%
Hebron SD	157	129	82%	142	121	85%
Mansfield SD	120	91	76%	130	98	75%
Somers SD	111	73	66%	124	80	65%
Stafford SD	157	88	56%	125	72	58%
Tolland SD	242	188	78%	213	173	81%
Union SD			*	*		
Vernon SD	270	155	57%	250	151	60%
Willington SD	51	29	57%	51	32	63%
Windham Co.***	**1,218**	**656**	**54%**	**1,252**	**692**	**55%**
Ashford SD	48	35	73%	48	23	48%
Brooklyn SD	101	62	61%	103	62	60%
Canterbury SD	55	26	47%	62	39	63%
Chaplin SD	27	17	63%	20	13	65%
Eastford SD	24	17	71%	23	16	70%
Hampton SD	*			*		

District	SY 2008-2009 Total Tested	# Met Goals	% Met Goals	SY 2010-2011 Total Tested	# Met Goals	% Met Goal
Windham Co. *cont.*	**82**	**50**	**61%**			
Killingly SD	168	96	57%	188	109	58%
Plainfield SD	205	114	56%	199	101	51%
Pomfret SD	59	40	68%	54	46	85%
Putnam SD	79	40	51%	94	44	47%
Scotland SD	*			*		
Sterling SD	44	22	50%	37	22	60%
Thompson SD	110	71	65%	103	67	65%
Windham SD	216	66	31%	225	74	33%
Woodstock SD	82	50	61%	96	76	79%
Regional Schools***	**1,483**	**1,097**	**74%**	**1,496**	**1148**	**77%**
Charter/Magnet***	**237**	**101**	**43%**	**239**	**101**	**42%**
RESCs + ***	**322**	**180**	**56%**	**329**	**215**	**65%**
CONNECTICUT	**41,045**	**18,686**	**46%**	**38,449**	**24,031**	**63%**

Key

***	County and special category totals and average percentages have been calculated by the authors
RESC	Regional Education Service Center
SY	School Year
*	No data available
%	Percentages are rounded to the nearest whole number

Connecticut Academic Performance Test

WHAT DOES THIS INDICATOR TELL US?

The Connecticut Academic Performance Test, or simply the CAPT, is a state-mandated standardized test administered by the Connecticut State Board of Education that all public school students in Connecticut must take during their sophomore year in high school.

WHY IS THIS INDICATOR IMPORTANT?

In the CAPT, students are not compared to one another in terms of performance; rather, student scores are compared to performance standards related to specific learning outcomes or skills. State goals have been set for the areas of Mathematics, Reading Across the Disciplines, Writing Across the Disciplines, and Science.

CONNECTICUT ACADEMIC PERFORMANCE TEST AND FAMILY ECONOMIC SECURITY

The CAPT is the only assessment required of all public high school students in Connecticut. Therefore, it is an important accountability measure. CAPT results highlight Connecticut's extremely large achievement gap, which is stark in the State's cities and across towns.

COMMENTARY

While statewide CAPT reading test results improved from 2006 to 2011, in 2011, less than half of Connecticut's tenth graders were reading at goal level. Across Connecticut, the percentages of students reaching goal varied tremendously from a low of 9% in New London to a high of 87% in Westport.

The state's three largest cities had dismal percentages of students achieving goal. Bridgeport and Hartford each have only 11% of students reading at goal while New Haven has only slightly more (16%) students reading at goal.

In the next ring of cities (besides New London), Waterbury is marginally better at 14%; other second tier city results are somewhat higher with Stamford at 34% and Norwalk at 40%. Inner ring suburban students reading at goal varies with East Hartford at 18%, Groton 31% and Manchester 32%.

From the 2011 CAPT data, student achievement issues are not limited to the state's urban centers or even its inner ring suburbs. Suburban and rural towns like East Windsor (29%) and Putnam (31%) each have low percentages of students reaching the CAPT reading goal.

The CAPT data shows that too many of Connecticut's high school students are not reading well enough to succeed in college or career.

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Connecticut Academic Performance Test Scores – 10th Graders

District	SY 2002-2003 Total Tested	SY 2002-2003 # Met Goal	SY 2002-2003 % Met Goal	SY 2007-2008 Total Tested	SY 2007-2008 # Met Goal	SY 2007-2008 % Met Goal	SY 2010-2011*** Total Tested	SY 2010-2011*** # Met Goal	SY 2010-2011*** % Met Goal
Fairfield Co.	**8,356**	**2,326**	**28%**	**10,635**	**3,692**	**35%**	**9,795**	**5,154**	**53%**
Bethel SD	222	72	32%	280	113	40%	229	133	58%
Bridgeport SD	925	42	5%	1,511	48	3%	907	95	11%
Brookfield SD	214	76	36%	270	132	49%	234	175	75%
Danbury SD	637	79	12%	713	126	18%	717	167	23%
Darien SD	252	132	52%	292	179	61%	322	266	83%
Fairfield SD	502	159	32%	702	381	54%	696	440	63%
Greenwich SD	559	224	40%	686	273	40%	687	460	67%
Monroe SD	289	88	30%	297	137	46%	296	170	57%
New Canaan SD	246	94	38%	300	209	70%	350	287	82%
New Fairfield SD	232	84	36%	264	131	50%	264	158	60%
Newtown SD	348	131	38%	426	190	45%	437	293	67%
Norwalk SD	674	120	18%	836	145	17%	760	301	40%
Ridgefield SD	343	197	57%	438	306	70%	416	337	81%
Shelton SD	378	111	29%	426	124	29%	369	173	47%
Stamford SD	894	115	13%	1,090	196	18%	1,102	375	34%
Stratford SD	525	102	19%	581	112	19%	503	180	36%
Trumbull SD	416	148	36%	572	276	48%	536	329	61%
Weston SD	136	54	40%	218	151	69%	199	169	85%
Westport SD	311	162	52%	412	265	64%	456	398	87%
Wilton SD	253	136	54%	311	198	64%	315	248	79%
Hartford Co.	**8,876**	**2,149**	**24%**	**10,520**	**2,981**	**28%**	**9,221**	**4,181**	**45%**
Avon SD	205	95	46%	277	153	55%	263	191	73%
Berlin SD	232	62	27%	240	91	38%	252	150	60%
Bloomfield SD	183	8	4%	191	7	4%	163	16	10%
Bristol SD	660	113	17%	630	191	30%	600	214	36%
Canton SD	105	51	49%	134	89	66%	124	86	69%
East Granby SD	53	19	36%	49	23	47%	66	34	52%
East Hartford SD	475	47	10%	616	51	8%	470	83	18%
East Windsor SD	107	23	22%	115	26	23%	84	24	29%
Enfield SD	521	77	15%	488	77	16%	427	151	35%
Farmington SD	289	131	45%	359	204	57%	324	247	76%
Glastonbury SD	438	191	44%	480	232	48%	547	376	69%
Granby SD	138	50	36%	182	95	52%	191	135	71%
Hartford SD	992	17	2%	1,485	51	3%	1,133	121	11%
Manchester SD	492	83	17%	486	108	22%	418	133	32%
New Britain SD	519	51	10%	787	45	6%	548	94	17%
Newington SD	323	102	32%	393	147	37%	356	197	55%
Plainville SD	203	36	18%	228	64	28%	192	88	46%
Rocky Hill SD	173	42	24%	200	68	34%	173	94	54%
Simsbury SD	362	212	59%	422	290	69%	393	317	81%
South Windsor SD	317	128	40%	511	164	32%	374	247	66%
Southington SD	488	145	30%	404	165	41%	441	251	57%
Suffield SD	176	66	38%	215	105	49%	212	128	60%
West Hartford SD	675	245	36%	785	335	43%	788	539	68%
Wethersfield SD	261	78	30%	319	111	35%	250	139	56%
Windsor SD	355	59	17%	378	61	16%	130	46	35%
Windsor Locks SD	134	18	13%	146	28	19%	302	80	27%
Litchfield Co.	**1,159**	**285**	**25%**	**1,016**	**346**	**34%**	**1,148**	**496**	**43%**
Litchfield SD	104	36	35%	112	57	51%	92	54	59%
New Milford SD	347	111	32%	422	172	41%	357	191	54%
Plymouth SD	120	25	21%	141	25	18%	117	48	41%
Thomaston SD	71	18	25%	99	30	30%	78	27	35%
Torrington SD	294	47	16%	+			254	65	26%
Watertown SD	223	48	22%	242	62	26%	250	111	44%
Winchester SD *									
Middlesex Co.	**966**	**244**	**25%**	**1,149**	**368**	**32%**	**1,114**	**547**	**49%**
Clinton SD	140	43	31%	159	46	29%	128	73	57%
Cromwell SD	122	23	19%	140	59	42%	137	69	50%
East Haddam SD	77	18	23%	120	33	28%	96	44	46%
East Hampton SD	117	40	34%	144	51	35%	136	93	68%
Middletown SD	268	51	19%	294	54	18%	332	91	27%
Old Saybrook SD	109	37	34%	125	72	58%	130	83	64%
Portland SD	65	17	26%	94	23	24%	79	52	66%
Westbrook SD	68	15	22%	73	30	41%	76	42	55%
New Haven Co.	**6,891**	**1,374**	**20%**	**8,517**	**1,737**	**20%**	**7,300**	**2,566**	**35%**
Ansonia SD	169	17	10%	174	23	13%	180	38	21%
Branford SD	269	83	31%	321	114	36%	267	130	49%
Cheshire SD	344	150	44%	418	197	47%	362	237	66%
Derby SD	91	9	10%	110	8	7%	69	15	22%
East Haven SD	308	35	11%	284	32	11%	204	53	26%
Guilford SD	278	96	35%	287	161	56%	271	212	78%
Hamden SD	452	97	22%	565	95	17%	437	128	29%
Madison SD	232	135	58%	303	174	57%	315	230	73%
Meriden SD	482	76	16%	607	53	9%	488	107	22%
Milford SD	511	127	25%	557	153	27%	482	191	40%
Naugatuck SD	365	57	16%	321	86	27%	270	96	36%
New Haven SD	1,048	47	5%	1,500	81	5%	1,086	174	16%
North Branford SD	152	47	31%	158	68	43%	166	93	56%
North Haven SD	252	88	35%	325	99	30%	273	132	48%
Oxford SD**							148	75	51%
Seymour SD	225	48	21%	211	49	23%	162	62	38%
Wallingford SD	476	127	27%	546	172	32%	523	275	53%
Waterbury SD	667	30	5%	1,144	69	6%	1,030	140	14%
West Haven SD	386	60	16%	459	47	10%	363	75	21%
Wolcott SD	184	45	25%	227	56	25%	204	103	51%

Key

*	Most or all HS students in these towns attend endowed and incorporated academies; Norwich students attend Norwich Free Academy, Winchester students attend Gilber School and Woodstock students attend Woodstock Academy
**	Results only available at a regional level for certain years
***	SY2010-SY2011 scores are for the reading across the curriculum component only and cannot be directly compared to prior years which represent a summary of all four components.
SY	School Year

Connecticut Academic Performance Test Scores – 10th Graders cont.

District	SY 2002-2003 Total Tested	SY 2002-2003 # Met Goal	SY 2002-2003 % Met Goal	SY 2007-2008 Total Tested	SY 2007-2008 # Met Goal	SY 2007-2008 % Met Goal	SY 2010-2011 Total Tested	SY 2010-2011 # Met Goal	SY 2010-2011 % Met Goal
New London Co.	**2,135**	**584**	**27%**	**2,444**	**674**	**28%**	**2,206**	**1,003**	**45%**
Colchester SD	213	47	22%	246	62	25%	238	108	45%
East Lyme SD	279	128	46%	317	150	47%	289	206	71%
Griswold SD	184	19	10%	201	38	19%	169	56	33%
Groton SD	308	91	30%	344	69	20%	306	94	31%
Lebanon SD	134	32	24%	145	36	25%	117	67	57%
Ledyard SD	261	63	24%	269	75	28%	213	113	53%
Lisbon SD**									
Montville SD	197	56	28%	233	61	26%	173	70	41%
New London SD	134	8	6%	189	5	3%	214	19	9%
North Stonington SD	63	27	43%	56	22	39%	53	34	64%
Norwich SD *									
Stonington SD	161	44	27%	203	78	38%	195	92	47%
Waterford SD	201	69	34%	241	78	32%	239	144	60%
Tolland Co.	**1,178**	**331**	**28%**	**1,192**	**449**	**38%**	**1,151**	**601**	**52%**
Bolton SD	84	38	45%	66	30	45%	79	53	67%
Coventry SD	131	29	22%	134	45	34%	130	71	55%
Ellington SD	188	69	37%	194	102	53%	201	116	58%
Somers SD	137	40	29%	146	68	47%	142	85	60%
Stafford SD	137	38	28%	122	46	38%	120	70	58%
Tolland SD	195	53	27%	236	90	38%	241	126	52%
Vernon SD	306	64	21%	294	68	23%	238	80	34%
Windham Co.	**709**	**79**	**11%**	**1,073**	**131**	**12%**	**679**	**216**	**32%**
Killingly SD	232	25	11%	220	37	17%	164	62	38%
Plainfield SD	159	18	11%	239	26	11%	189	51	27%
Putnam SD	94	12	13%	100	9	9%	82	25	31%
Thompson SD	89	21	24%	100	10	10%	79	26	33%
Windham SD**				265	35	13%	165	52	32%
Woodstock SD *									
Charter/Magnet Sch	**135**	**3**	**2%**	**149**	**14**	**9%**	**135**	**29**	**21%**
Regional Schools				**3,288**	**1,534**	**47%**	**3,176**	**2,059**	**65%**
Regional Educ Ctrs				**141**	**28**	**20%**	**336**	**115**	**34%**
Unified Sch. Dist 2 DCF	**58**	**0**	**0%**	**77**	**0**	**0%**	**47**	**-**	**0%**
Voc-Tech Schools	**2,622**	**56**	**2%**	**2,559**	**273**	**11%**	**2,738**	**589**	**22%**
Other Schools (Academies)	**937**	**218**	**23%**	**1,027**	**261**	**25%**	**847**	**347**	**41%**
CONNECTICUT	**36,839**	**8,761**	**24%**	**43,790**	**12,504**	**29%**	**40,035**	**17,936**	**45%**

Graduation Rates

WHAT DOES THIS INDICATOR TELL US?

Graduation rate measures a 4-year high school graduation rate for school districts in Connecticut.

WHY IS THIS INDICATOR IMPORTANT?

In America's 50 largest cities, only 58% of students graduate from high school. Among the most common reasons cited for dropping out of school are academic struggle, economic reasons, family responsibilities, and youth crime. Academic struggle is the number one reason students leave school.[7]

GRADUATION RATES AND FAMILY ECONOMIC SECURITY

Students who are unable to complete high school comprise about half of the heads of households on welfare, and many of these households are headed by women who were teenage parents. Over a lifetime, students who are unable to finish high school earn an average of $200,000 less than their peers who graduate from high school and $800,000 less than their peers who graduate from college.[8]

COMMENTARY

This data primarily reflects the Connecticut discriminatory practice of dividing children up into schools based solely on their town of residence, which locks in socioeconomic segregation created by state housing policy and local exclusionary zoning.

The data does not fairly reflect what is happening in the Hartford region, where this practice of separating children by town of residence was found in 1996 to be the cause of the unconstitutional conditions in the Hartford schools. The data does not reflect scores or graduation rates of the large number of Hartford children attending suburban schools, or the large number of Hartford children attending magnet schools run by CREC, Goodwin College, or other school districts. More than 7,000 Hartford children are now attending integrated magnet or Open Choice schools.

Not only are children in these schools achieving higher scores and higher graduation rates, but a 2009 peer-reviewed study concluded that, on average, racially diverse magnet high schools in Hartford have "positive effects on both math and reading achievement, interdistrict magnet middle schools have positive effects on reading achievement" and that the schools are also associated with students having positive "multicultural attitudes and inclinations."[9]

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Graduation Rates

District	Graduates 2010	Non graduates 2010		Graduates 2011	Non Graduates 2011	
	4-Year Graduation Rate[1]	Still Enrolled[2]	Other[3]	4-Year Graduation Rate[1]	Still Enrolled[2]	Other[3]
Fairfield Co. **						
Bethel SD	91.8	3.4	4.9	92.8	5.6	1.6
Bridgeport SD	55.5	13.0	31.5	60.5	13.2	26.4
Brookfield SD	90.5	3.5	5.3	94.7	2.3	3.0
Danbury SD	74.7	9.6	15.8	77.2	9.9	12.9
Darien SD	94.0	1.1	4.9	95.7	2.1	2.1
Fairfield SD	91.9	3.0	5.2	93.3	4.0	2.7
Greenwich SD	89.7	4.1	6.1	94.5	4.1	1.4
Monroe SD	96.0	1.7	2.3	97.0	3.0	0.0
New Canaan SD	96.0	1.3	2.6	97.4	2.3	0.3
New Fairfield SD	92.7	3.1	4.2	90.9	5.0	3.7
Newtown SD	87.6	2.1	10.3	93.7	2.5	3.8
Norwalk SD	83.6	5.1	11.3	84.2	6.5	9.3
Ridgefield SD	96.5	1.2	2.3	96.1	2.5	1.4
Shelton SD	89.2	3.4	7.4	87.8	6.2	6.0
Stamford SD	82.2	7.0	10.8	85.3	7.7	7.0
Stratford SD	88.9	3.0	7.9	88.1	4.5	7.4
Trumbull SD	94.7	1.9	3.4	97.8	1.4	0.8
Weston SD	95.3	1.4	3.3	98.5	1.5	0.0
Westport SD	93.7	1.9	4.5	96.6	2.1	1.3
Wilton SD	94.4	2.2	3.4	97.7	2.0	0.3
Hartford Co. **						
Avon SD	91.7	4.0	4.3	95.7	3.5	0.8
Berlin SD	90.5	4.1	5.4	93.9	1.1	5.0
Bloomfield SD	76.7	10.0	12.8	74.3	14.4	11.2
Bristol SD	80.8	12.2	7.0	76.7	9.6	13.7
Canton SD	90.7	2.2	7.2	94.2	3.3	2.5
East Granby SD	90.2	0.0	9.8	96.1	1.3	2.6
East Hartford SD	74.0	7.8	18.1	79.6	8.7	11.7
East Windsor SD	86.5	6.3	7.2	81.7	8.6	9.7
Enfield SD	86.0	4.0	10.0	81.3	8.8	9.9
Farmington SD	91.7	1.9	6.1	94.7	1.2	4.1
Glastonbury SD	94.8	2.1	3.1	96.4	2.0	1.5
Granby SD	93.4	1.7	4.9	96.9	2.1	1.0
Hartford SD	59.8	12.9	27.3	63.2	11.4	25.3
Manchester SD	75.8	11.5	12.6	71.2	11.2	17.6
New Britain SD	55.7	19.0	25.3	51.3	19.1	29.6
Newington SD	85.2	8.1	6.7	83.8	9.9	6.3
Plainville SD	88.1	2.2	9.8	88.1	3.0	8.9

Graduation Rates cont.

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	4-Year Graduation Rate[1]	Still Enrolled[2]	Other[3]	4-Year Graduation Rate[1]	Still Enrolled[2]	Other[3]
Hartford Co. *cont.*						
Rocky Hill SD	89.6	5.2	5.2	91.0	1.7	7.3
Simsbury SD	94.8	3.3	1.9	95.0	3.1	2.0
South Windsor SD	92.4	2.6	5.1	90.8	3.8	5.4
Southington SD	87.4	7.1	5.5	90.5	6.0	3.5
Suffield SD	92.2	1.8	5.5	94.9	4.2	0.9
West Hartford SD	92.7	3.5	3.8	90.3	4.8	4.8
Wethersfield SD	85.5	5.1	9.5	91.1	3.9	4.9
Windsor SD	78.7	9.0	11.6	83.0	7.9	9.1
Windsor Locks SD	89.0	1.4	9.6	85.2	8.9	5.9
Litchfield Co.**						
Litchfield SD	93.8	1.8	4.4	93.7	2.1	4.2
New Milford SD	88.1	2.0	9.9	87.1	4.0	8.9
Plymouth SD	84.8	5.1	10.1	90.0	7.1	2.9
Thomaston SD	88.4	3.9	7.8	91.4	2.9	5.7
Torrington SD	77.6	8.7	13.7	77.4	7.1	15.5
Watertown SD	81.7	10.8	7.5	87.5	6.9	5.6
Middlesex Co.**						
Clinton SD	83.6	7.3	9.1	92.4	5.5	2.1
Cromwell SD	95.1	0.7	4.2	93.5	3.5	2.9
East Haddam SD	89.8	2.5	7.6	91.8	1.0	7.2
East Hampton SD	92.0	2.7	5.4	91.4	2.9	5.8
Middletown SD	79.4	11.5	9.0	76.9	10.6	12.6
Old Saybrook SD	93.0	3.1	3.9	92.7	3.3	4.1
Portland SD	87.8	2.0	10.2	83.5	2.1	14.4
Westbrook SD	94.7	0.0	5.3	94.7	1.3	4.0
New Haven Co.**						
Ansonia SD	72.5	10.5	17.0	69.1	12.2	18.6
Branford SD	89.9	4.1	6.0	93.7	2.8	3.5
Cheshire SD	93.9	3.4	2.7	94.9	3.5	1.6
Derby SD	73.2	11.6	15.2	71.2	12.8	16.0
East Haven SD	87.3	6.6	6.2	85.0	5.3	9.7
Guilford SD	95.1	2.8	2.1	94.5	1.8	3.7
Hamden SD	86.2	6.4	7.4	83.3	7.3	9.4
Madison SD	95.6	1.7	2.7	96.5	1.3	2.2
Meriden SD	77.6	10.3	12.0	69.8	8.6	21.6
Milford SD	86.9	6.1	7.0	87.8	8.1	4.1
Naugatuck SD	87.1	4.3	8.0	82.7	5.9	11.4
New Haven SD	62.5	10.1	27.1	63.9	11.0	25.1

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New Haven Co. *cont.*						
North Branford SD	84.9	4.1	11.0	93.8	1.0	5.1
North Haven SD	92.6	2.3	5.2	87.6	4.6	7.8
Oxford SD	92.9	3.6	3.6	94.8	1.9	3.2
Seymour SD	87.1	3.5	9.5	83.1	5.3	11.6
Wallingford SD	88.3	4.1	7.7	87.0	5.2	7.8
Waterbury SD	68.4	8.8	22.5	65.7	4.8	29.5
West Haven SD	77.2	6.0	16.5	68.0	7.0	25.0
Wolcott SD	91.0	5.0	4.1	92.5	3.5	4.0
New London Co.**						
Colchester SD	89.8	7.5	2.7	92.8	4.8	2.4
East Lyme SD	93.9	3.2	2.9	96.3	1.5	2.2
Griswold SD	78.0	7.2	14.8	81.0	7.0	12.0
Groton SD	78.9	3.6	17.3	80.7	3.3	16.1
Lebanon SD	90.0	2.3	7.7	92.5	1.3	6.3
Ledyard SD	86.5	3.4	10.2	89.8	4.3	6.0
Montville SD	88.2	4.4	7.4	84.9	3.9	11.2
New London SD	63.9	15.4	20.6	62.6	18.3	19.1
North Stonington SD	89.1	0.0	10.9	89.6	1.5	9.0
Norwich SD	28.6	19.0	47.6	24.1	31.0	44.8
Stonington SD	90.4	3.1	6.6	93.4	3.3	3.3
Waterford SD	93.8	3.1	3.1	91.2	2.6	6.3
Tolland Co.**						
Bolton SD	95.5	0.0	4.5	94.6	0.0	5.4
Coventry SD	86.1	9.3	4.7	90.2	5.2	4.6
Ellington SD	92.2	3.1	3.6	94.5	2.2	3.3
Somers SD	90.5	4.1	5.4	94.5	4.1	1.4
Stafford SD	74.4	14.0	10.9	75.6	11.9	12.6
Tolland SD	94.8	3.5	1.7	92.4	7.1	0.4
Vernon SD	76.7	7.6	15.4	81.7	6.6	11.7
Windham Co.**						
Killingly SD	67.5	9.3	23.2	70.7	6.6	22.7
Plainfield SD	71.7	7.8	20.1	85.7	5.7	8.7
Putnam SD	67.0	11.3	21.6	78.7	10.7	10.7
Thompson SD	80.2	3.6	16.2	88.4	1.1	10.5
Windham SD	62.8	15.7	21.4	61.0	17.2	21.7
Regional School Districts**						
Reg. School Dist. 1	83.8	4.5	11.7	83.3	5.8	10.9
Reg. School Dist. 4	89.0	0.7	10.3	88.3	1.8	9.9

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	4-Year Graduation Rate[1]	Still Enrolled[2]	Other[3]	4-Year Graduation Rate[1]	Still Enrolled[2]	Other[3]
Reg. Sch. Dist. *cont.*						
Reg. School Dist. 5	93.6	2.5	3.9	92.4	3.4	4.2
Reg. School Dist. 6	88.2	2.4	8.2	88.5	1.9	9.6
Reg. School Dist. 7	93.9	3.6	2.6	93.8	4.8	1.4
Reg. School Dist. 8	86.2	4.3	9.5	84.6	7.9	7.5
Reg. School Dist. 9	93.3	4.2	2.5	95.5	4.5	0.0
Reg. School Dist. 10	91.5	2.8	5.7	95.5	2.8	1.7
Reg. School Dist. 11	91.7	2.8	5.6	71.1	5.3	23.7
Reg. School Dist. 12	82.2	2.2	15.6	86.0	2.2	11.8
Reg. School Dist. 13	92.2	3.9	3.9	92.9	2.8	4.3
Reg. School Dist. 14	93.3	1.4	5.3	95.0	3.7	1.4
Reg. School Dist. 15	85.7	4.6	9.7	91.5	4.1	4.1
Reg. School Dist. 16	89.4	2.8	7.8	88.3	5.6	6.1
Reg. School Dist. 17	96.2	1.9	1.9	92.8	1.1	6.1
Reg. School Dist. 18	97.0	1.0	2.0	97.0	3.0	0.0
Reg. School Dist. 19	84.9	6.3	8.8	82.7	9.2	8.1
Charter/Magnet Schools**						
Amistad Academy				58.6	10.3	31.0
Common Ground High School	85.3	11.8	3.0	86.8	5.3	7.9
Explorations Inc.	66.7	20.8	12.5	52.9	23.5	23.5
Stamford Academy	48.8	36.5	14.6	36.4	41.8	21.8
The Bridge Acad.	61.9	16.6	21.4	85.7	10.7	3.6
RESCs/Voc-Tech/ USDistricts+ **						
Capitol Region Education Council	84.8	8.7	6.5	83.6	5.4	11.0
Eastern CT Reg. Ed. Service				74.6	8.5	16.9
CT Tech. High School System**	91.6	0.6	7.7	93.4	0.5	6.1
Unified School District #1				1.4	31.4	65.2
Unified School District #2	26.0	28.0	46.0	30.0	40.0	30.0
OTHER / Academies**						
Norwich Free Academy	83.2	3.9	10.9	81.3	3.8	14.9
The Gilbert School	88.0	3.4	8.5	77.3	10.7	12.0
Woodstock Academy	92.4	1.0	6.5	94.3	1.3	4.3
CONNECTICUT	**81.8**	**6.1**	**11.7**	**82.7**	**6.4**	**10.8**

Key

**	County totals are not calculated
*	The Cohort Count is determined at the end of the school year.
1	Four-year Graduation Rate is percentage of students who received a standard diploma within four years, including early and summer graduates out of the cohort.
2	Still Enrolled means students were still in school after four years.
3	Other category includes students who dropped out (including those who enrolled in a GED program), transferred to postsecondary education or have an unknown status.

CHAPTER FOUR
HEALTH

Late or No Prenatal Care

Low Birth Weight

Infant Mortality – (Ages Birth To One Year)

Husky A and B – (Ages Birth To 19) – Child Enrollment

Late or No Prenatal Care

Locality	SFY2007 Total Births	SFY2007 #	SFY2007 %	SFY 2009 Total Births	SFY 2009 #	SFY 2009 %
Fairfield County	**11,383**	**1,363**	**12.0%**	**10,868**	**1,401**	**12.9%**
Bethel	221	17	7.7%	181	25	13.8%
Bridgeport	2,327	427	18.3%	2,334	341	14.6%
Brookfield	151	10	6.6%	124	9	7.3%
Danbury	1,212	157	13.0%	1,178	241	20.5%
Darien	273	5	1.8%	243	29	11.9%
Easton	69	6	8.7%	56	3	*
Fairfield	611	37	6.1%	585	32	5.5%
Greenwich	604	23	3.8%	594	50	8.4%
Monroe	169	14	8.3%	156	7	4.5%
New Canaan	167	4	*	138	9	6.5%
New Fairfield	125	13	10.4%	85	8	9.4%
Newtown	240	18	7.5%	192	9	4.7%
Norwalk	1,271	237	18.6%	1,278	233	18.2%
Redding	64	4	*	47	3	*
Ridgefield	230	15	6.5%	191	12	6.3%
Shelton	327	17	5.2%	358	18	5.0%
Sherman	19	2	*	29	3	*
Stamford	1,948	270	13.9%	1,906	287	15.1%
Stratford	561	56	10.0%	523	46	8.8%
Trumbull	361	7	1.9%	285	14	4.9%
Weston	72	8	11.1%	71	2	*
Westport	194	13	6.7%	168	14	8.3%
Wilton	167	3	*	146	6	4.1%
Hartford County	**10,424**	**1,741**	**16.7%**	**10,053**	**1,377**	**13.7%**
Avon	128	15	11.7%	125	11	8.8%
Berlin	148	14	9.5%	144	14	9.7%
Bloomfield	181	31	17.1%	180	24	13.3%
Bristol	754	94	12.5%	649	63	9.7%
Burlington	99	7	7.1%	77	4	*
Canton	91	5	5.5%	86	3	*
East Granby	64	5	7.8%	59	4	*
East Hartford	766	154	20.1%	695	99	14.2%
East Windsor	124	16	12.9%	114	16	14.0%
Enfield	436	62	14.2%	443	39	8.8%
Farmington	222	22	9.9%	193	14	7.3%
Glastonbury	301	21	7.0%	282	18	6.4%
Granby	87	8	9.2%	88	5	5.7%
Hartford	2,140	597	27.9%	2,196	428	19.5%
Hartland	24	1	*	11	0	0.0%
Manchester	751	94	12.5%	789	104	13.2%
Marlborough	66	4	*	61	3	*
New Britain	1,172	242	20.6%	1,051	240	22.8%
Newington	309	29	9.4%	248	26	10.5%
Plainville	154	20	13.0%	174	25	14.4%
Rocky Hill	166	22	13.3%	169	14	8.3%
Simsbury	192	25	13.0%	207	11	5.3%
Southington	218	21	9.6%	225	23	10.2%
South Windsor	377	41	10.9%	383	39	10.2%
Suffield	99	7	7.1%	105	12	11.4%
West Hartford	658	79	12.0%	661	61	9.2%
Wethersfield	267	38	14.2%	252	21	8.3%
Windsor	295	56	19.0%	285	42	14.7%
Windsor Locks	135	11	8.1%	101	14	13.9%
Litchfield County	**1,806**	**132**	**7.3%**	**1,563**	**109**	**7.0%**
Barkhamsted	27	3	*	29	3	*
Bethlehem	20	1	*	25	1	*
Bridgewater	8	2	*	9	1	*
Canaan	13	2	*	8	1	*
Colebrook	14	0	0.0%	12	2	*
Cornwall	15	2	*	7	1	*
Goshen	22	1	*	22	0	0.0%
Harwinton	44	2	*	26	3	*
Kent	17	1	*	26	1	*
Litchfield	64	4	*	65	4	*
Morris	15	1	*	15	2	*
New Hartford	65	2	*	48	2	*
New Milford	303	22	7.3%	278	24	8.6%
Norfolk	15	0	0.0%	12	0	0.0%
North Canaan	39	0	0.0%	23	1	*
Plymouth	126	11	8.7%	93	4	*
Roxbury	10	0	0.0%	11	1	*
Salisbury	20	5	25.0%	20	3	*
Sharon	23	4	*	16	0	0.0%
Thomaston	72	4	*	62	2	*
Torrington	451	38	8.4%	391	35	9.0%
Warren	11	3	*	10	0	0.0%
Washington	17	3	*	16	0	0.0%
Watertown	201	12	6.0%	187	6	*
Winchester	122	6	4.9%	93	10	10.8%
Woodbury	72	3	*	59	2	*
Middlesex County	**1,710**	**145**	**8.5%**	**1,554**	**123**	**7.9%**
Chester	31	2	*	25	0	0.0%
Clinton	136	8	5.9%	132	9	6.8%
Cromwell	154	12	7.8%	156	14	9.0%
Deep River	49	6	12.2%	43	6	14.0%
Durham	80	10	12.5%	60	4	*
East Haddam	83	3	*	81	4	*
East Hampton	165	14	8.5%	116	4	*
Essex	52	3	*	41	0	0.0%
Haddam	77	5	6.5%	71	5	7.0%
Killingworth	53	2	*	30	4	*
Middlefield	45	3	*	19	0	0.0%
Middletown	543	60	11.0%	576	61	10.6%
Old Saybrook	68	6	8.8%	80	4	*
Portland	113	5	4.4%	82	4	*
Westbrook	61	6	9.8%	42	4	*
New Haven County	**10,530**	**1,587**	**15.1%**	**9,587**	**1,217**	**12.7%**
Ansonia	242	16	6.6%	224	14	6.3%
Beacon Falls	72	3	*	59	2	*
Bethany	46	0	0.0%	34	1	*
Branford	271	41	15.1%	212	20	9.4%
Cheshire	221	4	*	182	15	8.2%
Derby	168	14	8.3%	136	9	6.6%
East Haven	325	40	12.3%	271	27	10.0%
Guilford	170	7	4.1%	150	8	5.3%
Hamden	671	66	9.8%	636	71	11.2%
Madison	97	4	*	85	8	9.4%
Meriden	868	175	20.2%	862	150	17.4%
Middlebury	69	3	*	60	4	*
Milford	527	49	9.3%	464	38	8.2%
Naugatuck	405	36	8.9%	365	27	7.4%
New Haven	2,154	580	26.9%	2,054	430	20.9%
North Branford	105	8	7.6%	111	7	6.3%
North Haven	191	16	8.4%	169	7	4.1%
Orange	110	4	*	93	3	*
Oxford	140	4	*	103	7	6.8%
Prospect	88	5	5.7%	76	4	*
Seymour	180	8	4.4%	171	9	5.3%
Southbury	128	9	7.0%	96	6	6.3%
Wallingford	467	45	9.6%	434	46	10.6%
Waterbury	1,824	293	16.1%	1,678	186	11.1%
West Haven	792	148	18.7%	676	106	15.7%
Wolcott	140	6	4.3%	140	7	5.0%
Woodbridge	59	3	*	46	5	10.9%
New London County	**3,075**	**299**	**9.7%**	**2,842**	**237**	**8.3%**
Bozrah	16	1	*	15	2	*
Colchester	147	8	5.4%	160	9	5.6%
East Lyme	139	14	10.1%	131	6	4.6%
Franklin	17	0	0.0%	13	0	0.0%
Griswold	128	11	8.6%	124	12	9.7%
Groton	631	41	6.5%	594	50	8.4%
Lebanon	75	7	9.3%	66	6	9.1%
Ledyard	161	12	7.5%	145	8	5.5%
Lisbon	32	3	*	30	0	0.0%
Lyme	14	2	*	17	0	0.0%
Montville	180	14	7.8%	166	9	5.4%
New London	409	48	11.7%	364	33	9.1%
North Stonington	59	2	*	46	1	*
Norwich	534	98	18.4%	550	81	14.7%
Old Lyme	54	4	*	41	1	*
Preston	42	4	*	30	1	*
Salem	40	1	*	29	1	*
Sprague	44	7	15.9%	36	2	*
Stonington	156	13	8.3%	122	7	5.7%
Voluntown	30	0	0.0%	25	2	*
Waterford	167	9	5.4%	138	6	4.3%

Late or No Prenatal Care

Locality	SFY2007 Total Births	SFY2007 #	SFY2007 %	SFY 2009 Total Births	SFY 2009 #	SFY 2009 %
Tolland County	**1,345**	**138**	**10.3%**	**1,245**	**114**	**9.2%**
Andover	26	4	*	29	1	*
Bolton	39	3	*	30	2	*
Columbia	43	3	*	37	0	0.0%
Coventry	130	8	6.2%	118	5	4.2%
Ellington	151	11	7.3%	128	8	6.3%
Hebron	83	7	8.4%	79	7	8.9%
Mansfield	107	15	14.0%	101	9	8.9%
Somers	78	10	12.8%	66	6	9.1%
Stafford	121	13	10.7%	127	15	11.8%
Tolland	154	16	10.4%	138	11	8.0%
Union	8	2	*	11	0	0.0%
Vernon	344	41	11.9%	342	48	14.0%
Willington	61	5	8.2%	39	2	*
Windham County	**1,323**	**140**	**10.6%**	**1,162**	**123**	**10.6%**
Ashford	39	4	10.3%	29	2	*
Brooklyn	66	7	10.6%	69	8	11.6%
Canterbury	35	7	20.0%	37	4	*
Chaplin	30	2	*	20	3	*
Eastford	23	1	*	8	1	*
Hampton	27	3	*	12	1	*
Killingly	193	12	6.2%	193	16	8.3%
Plainfield	185	19	10.3%	147	16	10.9%
Pomfret	23	3	*	30	2	*
Putnam	116	23	19.8%	110	10	9.1%
Scotland	13	1	*	11	1	*
Sterling	52	5	9.6%	42	4	*
Thompson	85	7	8.2%	76	8	10.5%
Windham	373	43	11.5%	332	45	13.6%
Woodstock	63	3	*	46	2	*
CONNECTICUT	**41,596**	**5,545**	**13.3%**	**38,874**	**4,701**	**12.1%**

Key * Percentages for towns in which fewer than 5 incidents occurred during the reported time period are not calculated because of the unreliability of small numbers

WHAT DOES THIS INDICATOR TELL US?

Late or no prenatal care measures the number of births for which mothers received late or no prenatal care as a percentage of all live births in a town or county. Late prenatal care is defined as that which takes place after the first trimester of pregnancy. Percentages are calculated using the total number of births for which the status of prenatal care is known as the denominator.

WHY IS THIS INDICATOR IMPORTANT?

Mothers who receive late (defined as beginning in the third trimester of pregnancy) or no prenatal care are more likely to have babies with health problems. Mothers who do not receive prenatal care are three times more likely to give birth to a low-weight baby, and their baby is five times more likely to die.[10]

LATE OR NO PRENATAL CARE AND FAMILY ECONOMIC SECURITY

It can be financially challenging for a woman to obtain proper prenatal care. The cost of care and missed work time and pay make it hard for low-income women to take the recommended care of themselves during pregnancy.

COMMENTARY

Approximately 40,000 babies are born in Connecticut each year. In 2008 and 2009, this number dropped just under 40,000, paralleling a slight trend in lower birth rates nationally. Maternal and child health advocates are much less concerned with birth numbers than they are in birth outcomes. Birth outcomes such as gestational age at birth, birth weight, APGAR scores, and the need for acute neonatal interventions are critical indicators of maternal and infant health status. Birth outcomes are directly related to the amount and quality of prenatal care. Negative birth outcomes can be mitigated by mothers' access to and utilization of early and consistent perinatal care.

Not surprisingly, data from the Connecticut Department of Public Health show our urban areas have the highest rates of late or inadequate prenatal care. In 2007, the highest percentages of mothers with late or inadequate prenatal care were in Hartford (28%) and New Haven (27%) but in 2009, those numbers have improved considerably (20% and 21% respectively). New Britain's data show an average of 22% of mothers having late or inadequate prenatal care with little change year to year. New London's numbers have stabilized after a sharp decrease from 23% in 2001 to 13% in 2004.

It can be assumed that women who are not receiving early and adequate prenatal care are unlikely to be enrolled in perinatal education programs such as childbirth education, infant care, and breastfeeding classes. Women are likely unaware of these important educational programs if they are not connected to a healthcare provider where class offerings are displayed and discussed. Targeted outreach is needed, particularly in urban areas.

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Low Birth Weight

WHAT DOES THIS INDICATOR TELL US?

Low birth weight measures the number of births that are determined to be low birth weight and the percentage of all births that have low birth weight.

WHY IS THIS INDICATOR IMPORTANT?

Low birth weight is strongly associated with infant mortality, and the overall well-being of a society is reflected in the health of its infants. Low birth weight is the result of either premature birth (before 37 weeks gestation) or fetal growth restriction.

LOW BIRTH WEIGHT AND FAMILY ECONOMIC SECURITY

Women with low-incomes are at greater risk of having babies with a low birth weight because of their limited access to adequate healthcare and greater exposure to many of the risk factors associated with low birth weight.

COMMENTARY

In 2006, the state average of babies born with low birth weight (less than 5.5 pounds) was 8.1%. In that same year, counties higher than the average include New Haven County (8.5%) and Hartford County (9.2%). In 2006, the communities with the highest numbers of low birth weight babies include Hartford (294), Bridgeport (253), New Haven (205), Waterbury (180), Stamford (133) and New Britain (107).

In 2001, Connecticut's percentage of low birth weight babies was 6.9%. In 2004, it rose to 8% and remained at that percentage in 2005 and 2006. The total number of births in 2001 (42,341) was actually higher than in 2004 (38,631), 2005 (41,415), and 2006 (41,889). The Healthy People 2020 goal is to reduce low birth weight percentages to 7.8%

The Middlesex Family Advocacy Program in Middlesex Hospital's Maternal and Child Health Division has been successful in reducing the number of low birth weight babies. Middletown has a lower than state average percentage of low birth weight babies. In 2006, only 5% of babies were LBW, down from 8.3% in 2005. Perinatal outreach efforts may account for the positive change. The Middlesex United Way has been funding a Perinatal Case Manager position at Middlesex Hospital. The perinatal case manager has dedicated time to ensuring expectant mothers are connected to health insurance, prenatal care, and at least two additional perinatal services available in the community. During the 2009-2010 year, only one baby was born with a birth weight lower than 5.5, in fact, just under the threshold. Given the sociodemographics of Middletown, percentages closer to other urban areas are expected.

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Low Birth Weight

Locality	SFY 2007 #	SFY 2007 Total Births	SFY 2007 %	SFY 2008 #	SFY 2008 Total Births	SFY 2008 %	SFY 2009 #	SFY 2009 Total Births	SFY 2009 %
Fairfield Co.	**933**	**11,383**	**8.2%**	**800**	**10,889**	**7.3%**	**1,075**	**10,868**	**9.9%**
Bethel	11	221	5.0%	13	190	6.8%	12	181	6.6%
Bridgeport	246	2,327	10.6%	236	2,327	10.1%	275	2,334	11.8%
Brookfield	13	151	8.6%	13	138	9.4%	14	124	11.3%
Danbury	82	1,212	6.8%	77	1,230	6.3%	99	1,178	8.4%
Darien	13	273	4.8%	14	231	6.1%	13	243	5.3%
Easton	5	69	7.2%	3	49	*	2	56	*
Fairfield	49	611	8.0%	37	572	6.5%	48	585	8.2%
Greenwich	36	604	6.0%	39	571	6.8%	48	594	8.1%
Monroe	13	169	7.7%	7	150	4.7%	13	156	8.3%
New Canaan	12	167	7.2%	12	155	7.7%	10	138	7.2%
New Fairfield	7	125	5.6%	7	123	5.7%	6	85	7.1%
Newtown	26	240	10.8%	9	200	4.5%	19	192	9.9%
Norwalk	104	1,271	8.2%	78	1,245	6.3%	130	1,278	10.2%
Redding	1	64	1.6%	3	63	*	6	47	12.8%
Ridgefield	20	230	8.7%	7	182	3.8%	20	191	10.5%
Shelton	20	327	6.1%	24	357	6.7%	40	358	11.2%
Sherman	1	19	5.3%	0	23	0.0%	3	29	*
Stamford	162	1,948	8.3%	131	1,794	7.3%	185	1,906	9.7%
Stratford	58	561	10.3%	42	565	7.4%	59	523	11.3%
Trumbull	29	361	8.0%	21	322	6.5%	30	285	10.5%
Weston	1	72	1.4%	5	64	7.8%	1	71	*
Westport	9	194	4.6%	10	204	4.9%	21	168	12.5%
Wilton	15	167	9.0%	12	134	9.0%	21	146	14.4%
Hartford Co.	**1,154**	**10,424**	**11.1%**	**923**	**10,318**	**8.9%**	**1,001**	**10,053**	**10.0%**
Avon	9	128	7.0%	8	128	6.3%	16	125	12.8%
Berlin	15	148	10.1%	9	153	5.9%	15	144	10.4%
Bloomfield	39	181	21.5%	27	184	14.7%	28	180	15.6%
Bristol	63	754	8.4%	63	694	9.1%	52	649	8.0%
Burlington	11	99	11.1%	2	85	*	4	77	5.2%
Canton	3	91	3.3%	7	102	6.9%	6	86	7.0%
East Granby	0	64	0.0%	2	55	*	2	59	*
East Hartford	90	766	11.7%	84	766	11.0%	102	695	14.7%
East Windsor	13	124	10.5%	23	132	17.4%	6	114	5.3%
Enfield	45	436	10.3%	25	398	6.3%	31	443	7.0%
Farmington	27	222	12.2%	16	207	7.7%	14	193	7.3%
Glastonbury	23	301	7.6%	16	303	5.3%	13	282	5.6%
Granby	11	87	12.6%	5	104	4.8%	7	88	8.0%
Hartford	306	2,140	14.3%	249	2,153	11.6%	275	2,196	12.5%
Hartland	4	24	16.7%	0	18	0.0%	1	11	*
Manchester	73	751	9.7%	56	857	6.5%	98	789	12.4%
Marlborough	6	66	9.1%	3	61	*	3	61	*
New Britain	122	1,172	10.4%	120	1,083	11.1%	92	1,051	8.8%
Newington	52	309	16.8%	14	263	5.3%	22	248	8.9%
Plainville	18	154	11.7%	17	182	9.3%	15	174	8.6%
Rocky Hill	6	166	3.6%	12	190	6.3%	8	169	4.7%
Simsbury	17	192	8.9%	9	166	5.4%	21	207	10.1%
Southington	18	218	8.3%	29	406	7.1%	14	225	6.2%
South Windsor	50	377	13.3%	10	214	4.7%	36	383	9.4%

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Hartford Co. *cont.*									
Suffield	14	99	14.1%	2	102	*	7	105	6.7%
West Hartford	57	658	8.7%	55	653	8.4%	51	661	7.7%
Wethersfield	19	267	7.1%	21	250	8.4%	22	252	8.7%
Windsor	32	295	10.8%	32	299	10.7%	30	285	10.5%
Windsor Locks	11	135	8.1%	7	110	6.4%	10	101	9.9%
Litchfield Co.	**165**	**1,806**	**9.1%**	**129**	**1,719**	**7.5%**	**100**	**1,563**	**6.4%**
Barkhamsted	2	27	7.4%	2	21	*	0	29	0.0%
Bethlehem	0	20	0.0%	1	28	*	0	25	0.0%
Bridgewater	0	8	0.0%	0	8	0.0%	2	9	*
Canaan	3	13	23.1%	0	13	0.0%	1	8	*
Colebrook	0	14	0.0%	0	6	0.0%	0	12	*
Cornwall	1	15	6.7%	3	12	*	1	7	*
Goshen	4	22	18.2%	0	16	0.0%	1	22	*
Harwinton	0	44	0.0%	6	52	11.5%	3	26	11.5%
Kent	0	17	0.0%	4	27	*	0	26	0.0%
Litchfield	2	64	3.1%	2	52	*	0	65	0.0%
Morris	0	15	0.0%	0	7	0.0%	2	15	*
New Hartford	11	65	16.9%	3	50	*	1	48	*
New Milford	11	303	3.6%	22	309	7.1%	22	278	7.9%
Norfolk	1	15	6.7%	0	9	0.0%	0	12	0.0%
North Canaan	7	39	17.9%	1	23	*	0	23	0.0%
Plymouth	11	126	8.7%	9	130	6.9%	5	93	5.4%
Roxbury	1	10	10.0%	0	10	0.0%	1	11	*
Salisbury	3	20	15.0%	1	25	*	0	20	0.0%
Sharon	1	23	4.3%	0	12	0.0%	0	16	0.0%
Thomaston	5	72	6.9%	5	68	7.4%	3	62	*
Torrington	61	451	13.5%	24	412	5.8%	33	391	8.4%
Warren	0	11	0.0%	3	17	*	3	10	*
Washington	1	17	5.9%	2	20	*	2	16	*
Watertown	16	201	8.0%	19	191	9.9%	10	187	5.3%
Winchester	15	122	12.3%	14	128	10.9%	4	93	*
Woodbury	9	72	12.5%	8	73	11.0%	6	59	10.2%
Middlesex Co.	**165**	**1,710**	**9.6%**	**99**	**1,614**	**6.1%**	**122**	**1,554**	**7.9%**
Chester	1	31	3.2%	0	30	0.0%	0	25	0.0%
Clinton	7	136	5.1%	8	127	6.3%	7	132	5.3%
Cromwell	22	154	14.3%	12	153	7.8%	11	156	7.1%
Deep River	3	49	6.1%	0	39	0.0%	3	43	*
Durham	15	80	18.8%	2	61	*	4	60	*
East Haddam	8	83	9.6%	8	90	8.9%	6	81	7.4%
East Hampton	21	165	12.7%	16	156	10.3%	11	116	9.5%
Essex	3	52	5.8%	1	45	*	2	41	*
Haddam	3	77	3.9%	2	70	*	3	71	*
Killingworth	0	53	0.0%	1	48	*	2	30	*
Middlefield	1	45	2.2%	2	31	*	2	19	*
Middletown	54	543	9.9%	43	570	7.5%	58	576	10.1%
Old Saybrook	11	68	16.2%	1	70	*	8	80	10.0%
Portland	16	113	14.2%	1	73	*	2	82	*
Westbrook	0	61	0.0%	2	51	*	3	42	*

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New Haven Co.	**752**			**848**	**9,955**	**952**	**9,587**	**9.9%**	**9.9%**
Ansonia	16	242	6.6%	22	227	18	224	8.0%	8.0%
Beacon Falls	9	72	12.5%	3	56	1	59	*	*
Bethany	0	46	0.0%	3	38	1	34	*	*
Branford	29	271	10.7%	24	234	14	212	6.6%	6.6%
Cheshire	11	221	5.0%	13	206	15	182	8.2%	8.2%
Derby	16	168	9.5%	11	152	15	136	11.0%	11.0%
East Haven	32	325	9.8%	24	304	35	271	12.9%	12.9%
Guilford	19	170	11.2%	4	141	7	150	4.7%	4.7%
Hamden	61	671	9.1%	44	651	71	636	11.2%	11.2%
Madison	3	97	3.1%	5	104	3	85	*	*
Meriden	81	868	9.3%	77	925	84	862	9.7%	9.7%
Middlebury	6	69	8.7%	3	72	4	60	6.7%	6.7%
Milford	47	527	8.9%	37	481	38	464	8.2%	8.2%
Naugatuck	40	405	9.9%	20	346	31	365	8.5%	8.5%
New Haven	268	2,154	12.4%	234	2,117	225	2,054	11.0%	11.0%
North Branford	11	105	10.5%	11	127	14	111	12.6%	12.6%
North Haven	19	191	9.9%	10	188	2	169	1.2%	1.2%
Orange	1	110	0.9%	5	82	9	93	9.8%	9.8%
Oxford	8	140	5.7%	15	116	8	103	7.8%	7.8%
Prospect	9	88	10.2%	4	75	8	76	10.5%	10.5%
Seymour	16	180	8.9%	11	173	14	171	8.2%	8.2%
Southbury	6	128	4.7%	7	107	11	96	11.5%	11.5%
Wallingford	44	467	9.4%	22	428	33	434	7.6%	7.6%
Waterbury	203	1,824	11.1%	164	1,720	203	1,678	12.1%	12.1%
West Haven	76	792	9.6%	58	705	78	676	11.5%	11.5%
Wolcott	5	140	3.6%	11	133	8	140	5.7%	5.7%
Woodbridge	4	59	6.8%	6	47	2	46	*	*
New London Co.	**265**	**3,075**	**8.6%**	**215**	**2,983**	**243**	**2,825**	**8.6%**	**8.6%**
Bozrah	2	16	12.5%	0	20	0	15	0.0%	
Colchester	12	147	8.2%	6	144	12	160	7.5%	7.5%
East Lyme	16	139	11.5%	8	128	7	131	5.3%	5.3%
Franklin	0	17	0.0%	1	12	1	13	*	*
Griswold	16	128	12.5%	14	137	12	124	9.7%	9.7%
Groton	50	631	7.9%	48	645	46	594	7.7%	7.7%
Lebanon	8	75	10.7%	3	47	4	66	*	*
Ledyard	18	161	11.2%	11	171	14	145	9.7%	9.7%
Lisbon	0	32	0.0%	4	32	6	30	20.0%	20.0%
Lyme	3	14	21.4%	1	14	1	17	*	*
Montville	16	180	8.9%	6	184	14	166	8.4%	8.4%
New London	33	409	8.1%	35	383	34	364	9.3%	9.3%
North Stonington	5	59	8.5%	4	47	3	46		
Norwich	53	534	9.9%	46	556	65	550	11.8%	11.8%

Key

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SFY	State Fiscal Year

Low Birth Weight cont.

Locality	SFY 2007 #	SFY 2007 Total Births	SFY 2007 %	SFY 2008 #	SFY 2008 Total Births	SFY 2008 %	SFY 2009 #	SFY 2009 Total Births	SFY 2009 %
New London Co. *cont.*									
Old Lyme	1	54	1.9%	4	45	*	1	41	*
Preston	1	42	2.4%	1	31	*	3	30	*
Salem	3	40	7.5%	1	38	*	2	29	6.9%
Sprague	4	44	9.1%	1	33	*	1	36	*
Stonington	5	156	3.2%	9	134	6.7%	7	122	5.7%
Voluntown	2	30	6.7%	1	28	*	2	25	*
Waterford	17	167	10.2%	11	154	7.1%	8	138	5.8%
Tolland Co.	**123**	**1,345**	**9.1%**	**107**	**1,307**	**8.2%**	**96**	**1,245**	**7.7%**
Andover	0	26	0.0%	0	24	0.0%	1	29	*
Bolton	2	39	5.1%	7	35	20.0%	0	30	0.0%
Columbia	2	43	4.7%	3	39	*	0	37	0.0%
Coventry	7	130	5.4%	7	127	5.5%	5	118	4.2%
Ellington	13	151	8.6%	15	179	8.4%	7	128	5.5%
Hebron	7	83	8.4%	8	74	10.8%	4	79	5.1%
Mansfield	5	107	4.7%	6	93	6.5%	6	101	5.9%
Somers	9	78	11.5%	3	68	*	7	66	10.7%
Stafford	9	121	7.4%	5	123	4.1%	17	127	13.4%
Tolland	9	154	5.8%	16	143	11.2%	10	138	7.2%
Union	0	8	0.0%	1	6	*	4	11	*
Vernon	50	344	14.5%	34	357	9.5%	33	342	9.6%
Willington	10	61	16.4%	2	39	*	2	39	*
Windham Co.	**140**	**1,323**	**10.6%**	**92**	**1,301**	**7.1%**	**102**	**1,162**	**8.8%**
Ashford	3	39	7.7%	3	42	*	0	29	0.0%
Brooklyn	8	66	12.1%	4	88	*	5	69	7.2%
Canterbury	2	35	5.7%	2	33	*	1	37	*
Chaplin	5	30	16.7%	0	25	0.0%	0	20	0.0%
Eastford	2	23	8.7%	1	14	*	0	8	0.0%
Hampton	2	27	7.4%	1	15	*	2	12	
Killingly	13	193	6.7%	13	210	6.2%	26	193	13.5%
Plainfield	29	185	15.7%	10	183	5.5%	14	147	9.5%
Pomfret	0	23	0.0%	3	33	*	3	30	10.0%
Putnam	11	116	9.5%	6	130	4.6%	4	110	*
Scotland	2	13	15.4%	1	16	*	0	11	0.0%
Sterling	5	52	9.6%	2	40	*	0	42	0.0%
Thompson	9	85	10.6%	8	83	9.6%	2	76	*
Windham	43	373	11.5%	31	325	9.5%	41	332	12.3%
Woodstock	6	63	9.5%	7	64	10.9%	4	46	*
CONNECTICUT	**3436**	**28,050**	**12.2%**	**3,004**	**37,150**	**8.1%**	**3,450**	**36,078**	**9.6%**

Infant Mortality

WHAT DOES THIS INDICATOR TELL US?

Infant mortality measures the total number of infant deaths and infant death per 1,000 live births.

WHY IS THIS INDICATOR IMPORTANT?

Infant mortality is an international measure of how well a society ensures the health of its people, particularly its women and children. The World Health Organization defines infant mortality as the number of deaths occurring in the first year of life per 1,000 live births. The United States currently ranks 30th in infant mortality rates among all industrialized nations.[11]

INFANT MORTALITY AND FAMILY ECONOMIC SECURITY

Within the United States, disparities persist between populations. Infant mortality among African American babies is double, and in some places triple, the rate for whites. Despite decades of work to expand coverage and early access to prenatal care, the preterm birth rate in America remains high. Excess premature births and infant losses have enormous costs to our families, our health care system, our schools and our national prosperity.[12]

COMMENTARY

The rate of infant mortality as a whole declined from 1999 to 2002 and then spiked again around 2004 to 2006. Recent data from 2007-2009 show that most counties have increased since 2006 and continued to rise through the end of the recorded period.

Cities tend to have worse infant mortality outcomes, relative to suburbs. However, it is also useful to look at the data at a county level. The surrounding towns/suburbs sometimes have infant mortality rates proportionate to cities within the same counties. Therefore, it is valuable to look at trends on a county level. While Connecticut as a whole seems to remain relatively steady, counties like Hartford and New Haven have the highest infant mortality rates throughout the recorded time period.

The fact that the data show a rise in infant mortality in the most recent years captured is disconcerting. One would think that with technology improvements, a health indicator as basic as a thriving infant would not be a true health concern, but clearly it is.

This increase in infant mortality is important because it indicates that factors other than technological intervention contribute to Connecticut's public health. Social and behavioral indicators (e.g., poverty, drug use, chronic disease, etc.) need to be further examined to explain this pattern.

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Infant Mortality (Birth to One Year)

Locality	2002-2004 Total Deaths	2002-2004 Infant Death Rate/1000	2004-2006 Total Deaths	2004-2006 Infant Death Rate/1000	2007-2009 Total Deaths	2007-2009 Infant Death Rate/1000
Fairfield Co.	**173**	**4.8**	**149**	**4.2**	**152**	**4.6**
Bethel	4	*	4	*	3	*
Bridgeport	59	8.6	61	8.5	57	8.1
Brookfield	1	*	1	*	0	*
Danbury	8	2.4	15	4.4	15	4.1
Darien	3	*	1	*	4	*
Easton	0		1	*	1	*
Fairfield	13	6.3	11	5.5	6	3.3
Greenwich	2	*	3	*	3	*
Monroe	2	*	0		2	*
New Canaan	1	*	1	*	1	*
New Fairfield	3	*	2	*	0	*
Newtown	1	*	0		0	*
Norwalk	30	7.7	12	3.0	27	7.1
Redding	0		0		0	*
Ridgefield	2	*	1	*	2	*
Shelton	8	6.5	1	*	1	*
Sherman	2	*	2	*	0	*
Stamford	17	3.1	13	2.4	15	2.6
Stratford	12	7.1	13	7.7	7	4.2
Trumbull	3	*	5	4.5	2	*
Weston	0		0		0	*
Westport	2	*	2	*	2	*
Wilton	0		0		4	*
Hartford Co.	**199**	**6.3**	**220**	**7.0**	**214**	**6.9**
Avon	5	10.0	2	*	4	*
Berlin	3	*	3	*	1	*
Bloomfield	6	11.3	12	22.6	8	14.7
Bristol	10	4.6	16	7.1	15	7.1
Burlington	1	*	0		3	*
Canton	0		0		0	*
East Granby	0		1	*	0	*
East Hartford	18	9.1	19	9.2	25	11.2
East Windsor	4	*	2	*	2	*
Enfield	8	5.8	16	11.6	6	4.7
Farmington	5	7.4	1	*	2	*
Glastonbury	6	5.6	3	*	3	*
Granby	0		0		3	*
Hartford	57	8.8	66	10.1	67	10.3
Hartland	0		0		0	*
Manchester	21	10.0	20	9.2	10	4.2
Marlborough	0		1	*	1	*
New Britain	24	8.0	26	8.1	20	6.0
Newington	2	*	2	*	7	8.5
Plainville	0		2	*	5	9.8
Rocky Hill	1	*	2	*	1	*
Simsbury	2	*	0		2	*
South Windsor	3	*	4	*	1	*

Locality	2002-2004 Total Deaths	2002-2004 Infant Death Rate/1000	2004-2006 Total Deaths	2004-2006 Infant Death Rate/1000	2007-2009 Total Deaths	2007-2009 Infant Death Rate/1000
Hartford Co. *cont.*						
Southington	6	4.3	6	5.7	11	9.4
Suffield	0		4	*	2	*
West Hartford	10	4.7	6	2.9	5	2.5
Wethersfield	3	*	3	*	3	*
Windsor	4	*	3	*	7	8.0
Windsor Locks	0		0		0	*
Litchfield Co.	**21**	**3.7**	**20**	**3.6**	**25**	**4.9**
Barkhamsted	0		0		0	*
Bethlehem	0		0		0	*
Bridgewater	0		0		0	*
Canaan	0		0		0	*
Colebrook	0		0		0	*
Cornwall	0		0		0	*
Goshen	0		0		1	*
Harwinton	0		1	*	0	*
Kent	0		0		0	*
Litchfield	0		0		0	*
Morris	0		0		0	*
New Hartford	0		1	*	3	*
New Milford	5	4.9	7	6.7	7	7.8
Norfolk	0		0		0	*
North Canaan	0		0		0	*
Plymouth	2	*	2	*	1	*
Roxbury	0		0		0	*
Salisbury	1	*	0		1	*
Sharon	0		0		0	*
Thomaston	2	*	0		2	*
Torrington	6	5.0	2	*	5	4.0
Warren	0		0		0	*
Washington	0		0		1	*
Watertown	4	*	4	*	3	*
Winchester	1	*	3	*	1	*
Woodbury	0		0		0	*
Middlesex Co.	**29**	**5.3**	**18**	**3.5**	**22**	**4.5**
Chester	0		0		0	*
Clinton	2	*	2	*	0	*
Cromwell	3	*	3	*	3	*
Deep River	0		0		0	*
Durham	0		0		1	*
East Haddam	5	15.0	0		2	*
East Hampton	3	*	1	*	3	*
Essex	1	*	2	*	0	*
Haddam	2	*	1	*	1	*
Killingworth	0		1	*	0	*
Middlefield	0		0		0	*
Middletown	12	7.1	7	4.3	9	*
Old Saybrook	0		0		3	*

Locality	2002-2004 Total Deaths	2002-2004 Infant Death Rate/1000	2004-2006 Total Deaths	2004-2006 Infant Death Rate/1000	2007-2009 Total Deaths	2007-2009 Infant Death Rate/1000
Middlesex Co. *cont.*						
Portland	0		1	*	0	*
Westbrook	1	*	0		0	*
New Haven Co.	**214**	**7.0**	**213**	**7.0**	**218**	**7.2**
Ansonia	5	6.4	6	8.1	5	7.2
Beacon Falls	2	*	2	*	1	*
Bethany	0		0		0	*
Branford	0		2	*	4	*
Cheshire	1	*	2	*	1	*
Derby	1	*	1	*	1	*
East Haven	5	5.4	5	5.3	1	*
Guilford	0		0		0	*
Hamden	10	5.2	8	4.1	10	5.1
Madison	1	*	3	*	0	0.0
Meriden	18	7.3	17	6.8	13	4.9
Middlebury	1	*	0		0	0.0
Milford	6	3.6	9	5.6	8	5.4
Naugatuck	4	*	7	5.9	15	13.4
New Haven	69	11.7	81	13.1	75	11.8
North Branford	1	*	0		2	*
North Haven	3	*	1	*	1	*
Orange	2	*	0		2	*
Oxford	4	*	1	*	0	*
Prospect	0		2	*	2	*
Seymour	4	*	2	*	3	*
Southbury	2	*	1	*	3	*
Wallingford	8	5.7	5	3.7	3	*
Waterbury	48	9.8	35	7.1	46	8.8
West Haven	13	6.2	20	9.1	18	8.3
Wolcott	2	*	0		3	*
Woodbridge	3	*	3	*	1	*
New London Co.	**60**	**6.3**	**51**	**5.5**	**52**	**5.8**
Bozrah	0		1	*	0	*
Colchester	5	8.2	0		4	*
East Lyme	2	*	1	*	5	12.6
Franklin	0		0		0	*
Griswold	0		1	*	1	*
Groton	8	4.0	16	8.1	6	*
Lebanon	1	*	1	*	0	0.0
Ledyard	5	9.0	3	*	3	*
Lisbon	1	*	1	*	1	*
Lyme	0		0		0	*
Montville	2	*	2	*	2	*
New London	12	10.7	9	8.0	7	6.1
North Stonington	0		0		3	*
Norwich	8	5.1	11	7.0	13	7.9
Old Lyme	1	*	0		0	*
Preston	4	*	0		0	*

Locality	2002-2004 Total Deaths	2002-2004 Infant Death Rate/1000	2004-2006 Total Deaths	2004-2006 Infant Death Rate/1000	2007-2009 Total Deaths	2007-2009 Infant Death Rate/1000
New London Co. *cont.*						
Salem	1	*	1	*	1	*
Sprague	1	*	1	*	0	*
Stonington	2	*	0		2	*
Voluntown	1	*	0		1	*
Waterford	6	11.2	3	*	3	*
Tolland Co.	**21**	**4.9**	**18**	**4.3**	**10**	**3.9**
Andover	1	*	0		0	*
Bolton	0		0		1	*
Columbia	1	*	2	*	0	*
Coventry	0		0		0	*
Ellington	4	*	0		2	*
Hebron	0		0		0	*
Mansfield	3	*	3	*	0	*
Somers	2	*	0		2	*
Stafford	2	*	4	*	2	*
Tolland	3	*	2	*	3	*
Union	1	*	0		0	*
Vernon	4	*	6	5.5	9	8.6
Willington	0		1	*	0	*
Windham Co.	**18**	**4.6**	**28**	**7.1**	**19**	**5.0**
Ashford	0		0		0	*
Brooklyn	2	*	3	*	1	*
Canterbury	0		0		0	*
Chaplin	0		0		0	*
Eastford	0		2	*	1	*
Hampton	0		1	*	0	*
Killingly	2	*	5	7.5	5	8.4
Plainfield	4	*	5	9.0	2	*
Pomfret	0		0		0	*
Putnam	2	*	1	*	1	*
Scotland	0		1	*	1	*
Sterling	1	*	1	*	2	*
Thompson	2	*	1	*	3	*
Windham	5	4.9	7	7.1	3	*
Woodstock	0		1	*	0	*
CONNECTICUT	**735**	**5.8**	**717**	**5.7**	**714**	**6.0**

Key

* Percentages for towns in which fewer than 5 incidents occurred during the reported time period are not calculated because of the unreliability of small numbers

HUSKY A and B (Birth to 19) – Child Enrollment

Locality	Jan 1, 2008 Total A & B	Jan 1, 2010 Total A & B	Jan 1, 2012 Total A & B
Fairfield Co.	**49,411**	**56,719**	**64,774**
Bethel	713	822	938
Bridgeport	21,469	23,293	25,907
Brookfield	338	388	493
Danbury	5,979	6,909	8,294
Darien	107	137	189
Easton	59	63	90
Fairfield	937	1,239	1,516
Greenwich	1,036	1,272	1,635
Monroe	378	428	511
New Canaan	82	133	193
New Fairfield	369	417	493
Newtown	486	648	741
Norwalk	4,989	6,089	5,510
Redding	85	141	168
Ridgefield	181	239	295
Shelton	1,197	1,423	1,649
Sherman	103	116	136
Stamford	7,169	8,440	10,485
Stratford	2,792	3,250	3,930
Trumbull	618	872	1,043
Weston	44	76	114
Westport	204	221	291
Wilton	76	103	153
Hartford Co.	**66,289**	**72,716**	**79,348**
Avon	190	224	314
Berlin	433	523	572
Bloomfield	1,191	1,246	1,457
Bristol	4,421	4,958	5,597
Burlington	144	183	237
Canton	196	231	291
East Granby	118	163	195
East Hartford	5,757	6,528	7,278
East Windsor	620	784	784
Enfield	2,192	2,499	2,831
Farmington	541	591	672
Glastonbury	663	837	934
Granby	187	229	287
Hartford	24,522	25,672	26,018
Hartland	70	69	80
Manchester	4,409	5,079	5,524
Marlborough	119	160	194
New Britain	10,649	11,410	12,831
Newington	1,028	1,131	1,361
Plainville	878	962	1,103
Rocky Hill	430	512	607
Simsbury	361	440	546
South Windsor	610	751	808
Southington	1,373	1,541	1,790

Locality	Jan 1, 2008 Total A & B	Jan 1, 2010 Total A & B	Jan 1, 2012 Total A & B
Hartford Co. *cont.*			
Suffield	287	283	355
West Hartford	2,033	2,407	2,834
Wethersfield	781	891	1,106
Windsor	1,440	1,646	1,854
Windsor Locks	646	766	888
Litchfield Co.	**9,235**	**10,544**	**10,446**
Barkhamsted	143	178	182
Bethlehem	115	160	163
Bridgewater	26	38	31
Canaan	105	139	216
Colebrook	16	35	17
Cornwall	75	86	84
Goshen	96	125	135
Harwinton	169	194	205
Kent	121	132	145
Litchfield	375	369	372
Morris	88	102	110
New Hartford	153	195	235
New Milford	1,063	1,309	1,489
Norfolk	81	69	69
North Canaan	200	170	118
Plymouth	676	750	863
Roxbury	28	50	65
Salisbury	117	137	149
Sharon	115	117	129
Thomaston	343	418	441
Torrington	2,949	3,303	3,553
Warren	38	41	53
Washington	135	128	151
Watertown	799	977	1,078
Winchester	973	1,078	97
Woodbury	236	244	296
Middlesex Co.	**6,438**	**7,203**	**8,429**
Chester	88	105	152
Clinton	451	547	685
Cromwell	455	487	596
Deep River	223	236	272
Durham	125	124	168
East Haddam	233	290	338
East Hampton	407	413	472
Essex	170	210	234
Haddam	188	225	267
Killingworth	121	138	166
Middlefield	99	121	135
Middletown	2,994	3,299	3,781
Old Saybrook	352	421	459
Portland	307	343	413
Westbrook	225	244	291

Locality	Jan 1, 2008 Total A & B	Jan 1, 2010 Total A & B	Jan 1, 2012 Total A & B
New Haven Co.	**68,715**	**73,931**	**81,521**
Ansonia	1,953	2,173	3,195
Beacon Falls	216	231	241
Bethany	97	120	144
Branford	911	1,052	1,227
Cheshire	462	543	624
Derby	1,022	1,164	1,249
East Haven	1,919	2,071	2,265
Guilford	458	552	579
Hamden	2,898	3,195	3,661
Madison	257	322	393
Meriden	6,880	7,651	8,419
Middlebury	144	165	194
Milford	1,828	2,018	2,279
Naugatuck	2,260	2,616	2,851
New Haven	19,146	19,461	21,031
North Branford	394	472	544
North Haven	667	681	800
Orange	227	244	302
Oxford	286	314	378
Prospect	258	273	336
Seymour	750	858	1,018
Southbury	274	330	375
Wallingford	1,597	1,911	2,193
Waterbury	17,847	18,953	19,985
West Haven	5,256	5,743	6,261
Wolcott	599	698	782
Woodbridge	109	120	195
New London Co.	**15,972**	**18,014**	**20,619**
Bozrah	107	129	138
Colchester	651	782	882
East Lyme	486	578	705
Franklin	47	60	84
Griswold	735	947	1,014
Groton	1,750	2,032	2,341
Lebanon	338	335	379
Ledyard	551	648	856
Lisbon	186	190	210
Lyme	31	53	48
Montville	833	998	1,177
New London	3,470	3,774	4,201
North Stonington	211	222	219
Norwich	4,171	4,519	5,189
Old Lyme	150	201	232
Preston	156	195	224
Salem	117	134	167
Sprague	262	280	307
Stonington	881	976	1,186
Voluntown	131	133	160
Waterford	708	828	900

Locality	Jan 1, 2008 Total A & B	Jan 1, 2010 Total A & B	Jan 1, 2012 Total A & B
Tolland Co.	**5,117**	**5,990**	**6,748**
Andover	116	129	138
Bolton	103	150	160
Columbia	150	179	202
Coventry	452	530	605
Ellington	385	464	549
Hebron	215	234	266
Mansfield	475	550	624
Somers	213	245	296
Stafford	554	690	838
Tolland	318	386	406
Union	15	20	12
Vernon	1,931	2,194	2,421
Willington	190	219	231
Windham Co.	**9,145**	**10,067**	**11,198**
Ashford	234	284	301
Brooklyn	413	468	541
Canterbury	270	294	334
Chaplin	125	158	168
Eastford	55	63	82
Hampton	114	127	139
Killingly	1,391	1,594	1,827
Plainfield	1,240	1,427	1,645
Pomfret	152	165	184
Putnam	844	910	947
Scotland	78	62	58
Sterling	216	241	273
Thompson	405	478	552
Windham	3,371	3,533	3,826
Woodstock	237	263	321
CONNECTICUT	**230,322**	**255,184**	**283,083**

Key * Enrollment for Husky A only. Husky B too small to report

HUSKY Program A and B

WHAT DOES THIS INDICATOR MEASURE?

HUSKY A provides comprehensive health services, including preventive care, doctor visits, prescriptions, emergency care, hospital services, mental health and substance abuse treatment, and dental and eye care to low-income children. The HUSKY A indicator measures the number and percent of all children, under age 19, who are enrolled in HUSKY A.

WHY IS THIS INDICATOR IMPORTANT?

When health problems go untreated in young children, a host of negative, long-term outcomes can result. From healthy nutrition and frequent pre-natal care to regular well-child visits at important developmental points-in-time and dental care, expectant mothers and young children require specific interventions that are known to produce positive outcomes.

HUSKY A AND FAMILY ECONOMIC SECURITY

Many people have lost, or never had, employer-sponsored health benefits. Low-income families, who have higher rates of chronic illness and disability than upper-income families, are less likely to have adequate health care benefits. Without health insurance, a medical emergency or chronic condition needing ongoing treatment can threaten the household's financial security.

COMMENTARY

During the recent recession (officially March 2008 to January 2010) and the ensuing slow economic recovery, publicly-funded health insurance has been very important for Connecticut residents who lost their jobs or employment-based coverage. In fact, the HUSKY Program has done just what it is designed to do, that is, provide coverage for children and families in every town who are unable to obtain affordable coverage on the job or on their own. Moreover, Connecticut has been so successful that the state received a $5.2 million performance bonus from the federal government for increasing the number of children with Medicaid coverage.

Connecticut is currently facing significant budget deficits and rising program costs. Medicaid expenditures have gone up as enrollment has increased; however, children and adults who made up 76 percent of all Medicaid enrollees in FY2009 accounted for just 27 percent of Medicaid expenditures. Connecticut must look elsewhere in the budget for savings that will not disproportionately affect these low-income families. Furthermore, the state's investment in the HUSKY Program will pay off over time in terms of improved maternal health and birth outcomes, improved child health, and improved educational achievement.

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CHAPTER FIVE
FAMILY AND COMMUNITY

Teen Births (Ages 15 -17)

Substantiated Cases of Abuse and/or Neglect

Child Deaths (Ages 1 – 14)

Preventable Teen Deaths (Ages 15 – 19)

Teen Births

WHAT DOES THIS INDICATOR MEASURE?

The Teen Birth Rate is the average rate of births to girls ages 15-17. The rate is given per 1,000 girls.

WHY IS THIS INDICATOR IMPORTANT?

Births to teenagers are strongly linked to poverty and single parenthood. Teen mothers are much more likely to go on welfare than women who postpone childbearing.

TEEN BIRTH RATE AND FAMILY ECONOMIC SECURITY

Unless a teen mother has substantial financial, emotional and social support after the birth of her child, she and her baby are at risk of the negative effects of poverty a over the course of their lives. Nearly half of all women who become mothers before they are 18 years of age ever complete high school. This limits the mother's employment options, putting her at long-term risk of low-wage earnings.[13]

COMMENTARY

This data shows a continued trend that we have been seeing in the previous two to three years. There are a variety of factors contributing to the decline in teen pregnancy and births to teens. Studies, such as the Youth Risk Behavioral Study, show that teens are delaying the onset of sex, having fewer partners and using condoms more often.

Connecticut's school based health centers are also offering more reproductive health services on site, such as pregnancy and sexually transmitted disease testing as well as dispensing or prescribing contraception in some school districts. More teen women are getting intrauterine contraception (IUDs) and hormonal implants—and this trend will increase as more young people are covered by Medicaid expansion.

Teen Births (Ages 15–17)

Locality	SFY 2007 # of Births to Girls 15-17	SFY 2007 Rate per 1,000 girls 15-17	SFY 2009 # of Births to Girls 15-17	SFY 2009 Rate per 1,000 girls 15-17
Fairfield Co.	**185**	**11.5**	**166**	**10.2**
Bethel	1	*	1	*
Bridgeport	96	33.4	93	32.3
Brookfield	1	*	1	*
Danbury	20	15.8	11	8.6
Darien	0	0.0	0	0.0
Easton	0	0.0	1	*
Fairfield	3	*	1	*
Greenwich	5	0.0	1	*
Monroe	0	0.0	0	0.0
New Canaan	0	0.0	0	0.0
New Fairfield	0	0.0	0	0.0
Newtown	0	0.0	1	*
Norwalk	21	18.0	13	11.1
Redding	0	0.0	0	*
Ridgefield	0	0.0	0	*
Shelton	3	*	2	*
Sherman	0	0.0	0	*
Stamford	29	16.3	28	15.4
Stratford	5	*	11	12.5
Trumbull	1	*	0	*
Weston	0	0.0	1	*
Westport	0	0.0	1	*
Wilton	0	0.0	0	0.0
Hartford Co.	**278**	**16.0**	**264**	**15.1**
Avon	1	*	0	*
Berlin	0	0.0	0	*
Bloomfield	3	*	3	*
Bristol	10	8.6	8	6.9
Burlington	0	0.0	0	*
Canton	0	0.0	0	*
East Granby	1	*	0	*
East Hartford	21	22.7	15	16.2
East Windsor	3	*	1	*
Enfield	9	10.5	11	12.8
Farmington	0	0.0	1	*
Glastonbury	0	0.0	0	*
Granby	0	0.0	0	*
Hartford	121	42.2	116	40.7
Hartland	0	0.0	0	*
Manchester	10	9.9	14	13.8
Marlborough	0	0.0	0	*
New Britain	69	54.2	47	37.0
Newington	1	*	5	10.5
Plainville	2	*	5	18.1
Rocky Hill	0	0.0	3	*
Simsbury	0	0.0	0	0.0

Locality	SFY 2007 # of Births to Girls 15-17	SFY 2007 Rate per 1,000 girls 15-17	SFY 2009 # of Births to Girls 15-17	SFY 2009 Rate per 1,000 girls 15-17
Hartford Co. *cont.*				
South Windsor	2	*	1	*
Southington	0	0.0	6	4.4
Suffield	2	*	2	*
West Hartford	10	8.7	15	13.0
Wethersfield	3	0.0	4	*
Windsor	6	9.9	6	9.8
Windsor Locks	4	*	1	*
Litchfield Co.	**22**	**6.0**	**22**	**5.9**
Barkhamsted	0	0.0	0	0.0
Bethlehem	0	0.0	0	0.0
Bridgewater	0	0.0	0	0.0
Canaan	0	0.0	0	0.0
Colebrook	0	0.0	0	0.0
Cornwall	0	0.0	0	0.0
Goshen	0	0.0	0	0.0
Harwinton	0	0.0	0	0.0
Kent	0	0.0	0	0.0
Litchfield	0	0.0	1	*
Morris	1	*	0	0.0
New Hartford	1	*	1	*
New Milford	1	0.0	3	*
Norfolk	0	*	1	*
North Canaan	0	0.0	2	*
Plymouth	1	0.0	0	0.0
Roxbury	0	*	0	0.0
Salisbury	0	0.0	0	0.0
Sharon	0	0.0	0	0.0
Thomaston	0	0.0	0	0.0
Torrington	14	3.1	7	11.0
Warren	0	0.0	0	0.0
Washington	0	0.0	0	0.0
Watertown	1	0.0	1	*
Winchester	3	*	6	30.9
Woodbury	0	*	0	0.0
Middlesex Co.	**13**	**4.4**	**12**	**4.0**
Chester	0	0.0	0	0.0
Clinton	0	0.0	0	0.0
Cromwell	1	*	1	*
Deep River	0	0.0	2	*
Durham	1	*	0	0.0
East Haddam	0	0.0	0	0.0
East Hampton	2	*	0	0.0
Essex	1	*	0	0.0
Haddam	0	0.0	0	0.0
Killingworth	0	0.0	0	0.0
Middlefield	7	103.0	0	0.0

Locality	SFY 2007 # of Births to Girls 15-17	SFY 2007 Rate per 1,000 girls 15-17	SFY 2009 # of Births to Girls 15-17	SFY 2009 Rate per 1,000 girls 15-17
Middlesex Co. *cont.*				
Middletown	0	0.0	7	9.6
Old Saybrook	1	*	0	0.0
Portland	0	0.0	2	*
Westbrook	0	0.0	0	0.0
New Haven Co.	**293**	**18.2**	**225**	**11.8**
Ansonia	3	*	3	*
Beacon Falls	0	0.0	2	*
Bethany	0	0.0	1	*
Branford	3	*	2	*
Cheshire	0	0.0	1	*
Derby	2	*	3	*
East Haven	10	20.5	3	*
Guilford	1	*	0	0.0
Hamden	9	9.2	9	9.1
Madison	0	*	0	0.0
Meriden	30	26.7	24	21.3
Middlebury	0	0.0	0	0.0
Milford	3	*	4	*
Naugatuck	6	8.5	8	11.4
New Haven	105	44.6	73	31.2
North Branford	0	0.0	0	0.0
North Haven	1	*	0	0.0
Orange	2	*	0	0.0
Oxford	0	0.0	0	0.0
Prospect	1	*	0	0.0
Seymour	0	0.0	1	*
Southbury	1	*	0	0.0
Wallingford	7	8.7	0	0.0
Waterbury	81	39.8	79	38.8
West Haven	27	30.2	12	13.3
Wolcott	1	*	0	0.0
Woodbridge	0	0.0	0	0.0
New London Co.	**44**	**8.1**	**37**	**6.4**
Bozrah	0	0.0	0	0.0
Colchester	0	0.0	1	*
East Lyme	1	*	0	0.0
Franklin	0	0.0	0	0.0
Griswold	4	*	1	*
Groton	7	11.0	5	8.4
Lebanon	0	0.0	0	0.0
Ledyard	3	*	0	0.0
Lisbon	0	0.0	0	0.0
Lyme	0	0.0	0	0.0
Montville	2	*	4	*
New London	9	17.9	11	24.7
North Stonington	0	0.0	0	0.0

Locality	SFY 2007 # of Births to Girls 15-17	SFY 2007 Rate per 1,000 girls 15-17	SFY 2009 # of Births to Girls 15-17	SFY 2009 Rate per 1,000 girls 15-17
New London Co. *cont.*				
Norwich	13	17.8	11	15.0
Old Lyme	0	0.0	0	0.0
Preston	1	*	0	0.0
Salem	0	0.0	0	0.0
Sprague	1	*	1	*
Stonington	1	*	1	*
Voluntown	0	0.0	0	0.0
Waterford	2	*	2	*
Tolland Co.	**14**	**5.3**	**11**	**2.3**
Andover	0	0.0	0	0.0
Bolton	0	0.0	0	0.0
Columbia	0	0.0	0	0.0
Coventry	0	0.0	2	6.6
Ellington	1	*	0	0.0
Hebron	1	*	0	0.0
Mansfield	1	*	1	*
Somers	0	0.0	0	0.0
Stafford	3	*	2	*
Tolland	0	0.0	0	0.0
Union	0	0.0	0	0.0
Vernon	8	15.9	6	11.7
Willington	0	0.0	0	0.0
Windham Co.	**37**	**15.1**	**29**	**10.3**
Ashford	2	*	0	0.0
Brooklyn	2	*	2	*
Canterbury	1	*	0	0.0
Chaplin	2	*	1	*
Eastford	0	0.0	0	0.0
Hampton	0	0.0	1	*
Killingly	6	16.9	2	*
Plainfield	0	0.0	1	*
Pomfret	0	0.0	0	0.0
Putnam	3	*	3	*
Scotland	0	0.0	1	*
Sterling	1	*	2	*
Thompson	1	*	1	*
Windham	19	47.2	15	37.2
Woodstock	0	0.0	0	0.0
CONNECTICUT	**886**	**13.3**	**766**	**10.5**

Key

* Percentages for towns in which fewer than five incidents occurred are not calculated because of the unreliability of small numbers

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These methods are longer lasting, reversible and much more reliable than methods that require daily use or compliance.

There is some closing of the disparity between the birth rates of white teens and their Black/African-American and Latino counterparts—but there is still a large gap. In particular, Latina teen birth rates are often the highest.

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Substantiated Abuse and Neglect

WHAT DOES THIS INDICATOR MEASURE?

Substantiated abuse and neglect measures the rate per 1,000 children under the age of 18 where there has been a substantiated case of abuse or neglect.

WHY IS THIS INDICATOR IMPORTANT?

Children who experience abuse and neglect are at far greater risk of negative outcomes, including the close to 30% who will later abuse their own children, continuing the cycle of abuse.[14]

SUBSTANTIATED ABUSE AND NEGLECT AND FAMILY ECONOMIC SECURITY

Poverty is the single best predictor of child abuse and neglect. In addition, those who experience abuse and neglect as children are much more likely to experience a host of lifelong challenges, including poverty, in their adulthoods.[15]

COMMENTARY

Overall, the trend line for substantiated abuse and neglect has decreased since 2000. While there was a slight increase from 2008 to 2010 there has been a 40% decrease since 2000 and a 15% decrease since 2005.

From 2005–2010 the large cities (Hartford, Bridgeport, New Haven) experienced a 9% reduction, while the secondary cities (Norwalk, Waterbury, Stamford, New London, New Britain) experienced a 17% reduction. Inner-ring suburbs (East Hartford, Manchester, Groton, Bloomfield) saw an increase of

24%. This is the only data set not consistent with the overall trend and further review is needed as this was not a comprehensive listing of suburban cities. This finding is a surprise as there are no obvious reasons why substantiated abuse and neglect would trend higher in suburbs but lower in larger and secondary cities.

This indicator needs to be watched closely as we move from a network of services utilizing congregate care programs to one utilizing community based services. With the dramatic systems change we are experiencing we need to watch closely all indicators that will tell us whether or not the systems change is working.

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Substantiated Cases of Abuse and/or Neglect

	SFY 2005		SFY 2010	
Locality	Sub. Cases	Rate/1,000	Sub. Cases	Rate/1,000
Fairfield Co.	**1,795**	**7.8**	**1,907**	**8.3**
Bethel	17	3.3	40	7.9
Bridgeport	861	21.8	782	20.1
Brookfield	11	2.5	11	2.4
Danbury	172	10.1	197	11.4
Darien	12	1.8	*	
Easton	*		*	
Fairfield	51	3.7	54	4.0
Greenwich	66	4.2	34	2.1
Monroe	*		18	3.2
New Canaan	*		14	2.2
New Fairfield	13	3.0	23	5.4
Newtown	16	2.0	21	2.7
Norwalk	123	6.6	229	12.4
Redding	11	4.4	*	
Ridgefield	*		14	1.9
Shelton	59	6.4	75	7.9
Sherman	*		*	
Stamford	226	8.5	215	8.0
Stratford	100	8.7	108	9.6
Trumbull	30	3.3	37	4.1
Weston	*		*	
Westport	13	1.8	20	2.7
Wilton	14	2.5	15	2.7
Hartford Co.	**2,936**	**13.6**	**2,796**	**12.9**
Avon	17	3.8	11	2.4
Berlin	16	3.3	23	4.5
Bloomfield	15	3.4	42	9.5
Bristol	288	20.2	272	19.2
Burlington	18	7.0	11	4.3
Canton	12	4.8	11	4.3
East Granby	11	8.3	0	0.0
East Hartford	244	20.6	261	22.3
East Windsor	40	17.2	34	13.9
Enfield	199	19.4	130	12.7
Farmington	17	2.8	25	4.1
Glastonbury	24	2.7	36	4.0
Granby	19	6.3	14	4.6
Hartford	705	19.2	910	24.9
Hartland	*		*	
Manchester	210	16.6	225	17.5
Marlborough	18	10.5	*	
New Britain	613	35.5	382	22.4
Newington	52	8.5	40	6.5
Plainville	65	17.6	35	9.6
Rocky Hill	23	6.2	19	5.1
Simsbury	27	3.9	32	4.6
South Windsor	33	4.6	*	
Southington	86	8.6	67	6.6

Locality	SFY 2005 Sub. Cases	SFY 2005 Rate/1,000	SFY 2010 Sub. Cases	SFY 2010 Rate/1,000
Hartford Co. *cont.*				
Suffield	15	4.6	*	
West Hartford	49	3.5	93	6.6
Wethersfield	43	8.2	44	8.5
Windsor	33	4.7	55	7.7
Windsor Locks	44	15.0	24	8.1
Litchfield Co.	**356**	**7.6**	**358**	**7.7**
Barkhamsted	*		*	
Bethlehem	*		*	
Bridgewater	*		*	
Canaan	*		*	
Colebrook	*		*	
Cornwall	*		*	
Goshen	*		*	
Harwinton	*		*	
Kent	*		*	
Litchfield	*		*	
Morris	*		14	24.3
New Hartford	*		*	
New Milford	45	5.7	42	5.4
Norfolk	*		*	
North Canaan	*		*	
Plymouth	52	16.5	21	6.8
Roxbury	*		*	
Salisbury	*		*	
Sharon	13	20.0	*	
Thomaston	14	7.0	*	
Torrington	147	1.8	243	3.0
Warren	*		*	
Washington	*		*	
Watertown	37	6.7	38	6.9
Winchester	32	12.6	*	
Woodbury	16	6.8	*	
Middlesex Co.	**394**	**10.4**	**242**	**6.3**
Chester	*		*	
Clinton	26	7.6	27	7.9
Cromwell	24	8.2	17	5.8
Deep River	12	10.5	15	13.2
Durham	*		*	
East Haddam	22	9.8	*	
East Hampton	15	4.7	15	4.5
Essex	11	7.4	*	
Haddam	*		*	
Killingworth	*		11	6.2
Middlefield	*		*	
Middletown	207	21.2	143	14.3
Old Saybrook	25	11.0	*	
Portland	35	14.4	14	5.7
Westbrook	17	11.8	*	

Locality	SFY 2005 Sub. Cases	SFY 2005 Rate/1,000	SFY 2010 Sub. Cases	SFY 2010 Rate/1,000
New Haven Co.	**3,416**	**16.5**	**2,598**	**12.5**
Ansonia	108	23.8	72	16.1
Beacon Falls	11	7.8	*	
Bethany	*		*	
Branford	31	5.1	45	7.5
Cheshire	19	2.6	12	1.6
Derby	27	9.9	34	12.7
East Haven	59	9.2	68	10.7
Guilford	24	4.2	12	2.1
Hamden	109	9.0	90	7.4
Madison	15	2.8	*	
Meriden	421	27.5	371	24.4
Middlebury	*		*	
Milford	143	11.7	98	7.8
Naugatuck	95	11.1	78	9.1
New Haven	1,200	37.9	844	26.9
North Branford	*		*	
North Haven	30	5.6	16	3.0
Orange	12	3.5	12	3.5
Oxford	*		*	
Prospect	*		11	4.7
Seymour	20	0.5	29	0.8
Southbury	*		*	
Wallingford	89	8.3	101	9.4
Waterbury	775	27.1	474	16.7
West Haven	208	17.0	214	17.5
Wolcott	20	4.7	17	4.0
Woodbridge	*		*	
New London Co.	**844**	**13.0**	**704**	**10.8**
Bozrah	*		*	
Colchester	42	9.2	46	9.8
East Lyme	35	8.7	18	4.3
Franklin	*		*	
Griswold	63	21.8	14	4.7
Groton	120	11.7	152	15.5
Lebanon	*		23	11.1
Ledyard	27	6.3	*	
Lisbon	*		*	
Lyme	*		*	
Montville	48	10.4	43	9.2
New London	147	25.1	123	21.0
North Stonington	*		*	
Norwich	240	27.2	229	25.9
Old Lyme	15	8.3	*	
Preston	16	14.7	13	11.7
Salem	*		*	
Sprague	13	16.7	*	
Stonington	45	11.3	23	5.7
Voluntown	*		*	
Waterford	33	7.7	20	4.7

Locality	SFY 2005 Sub. Cases	SFY 2005 Rate/1,000	SFY 2010 Sub. Cases	SFY 2010 Rate/1,000
Tolland Co.	**292**	**8.6**	**166**	**4.8**
Andover	*		*	
Bolton	11	8.2	*	
Columbia	*		11	7.8
Coventry	41	12.4	21	6.3
Ellington	*		16	4.3
Hebron	11	4.0	*	
Mansfield	15	4.6	*	
Somers	*		*	
Stafford	54	17.9	19	6.3
Tolland	13	3.1	*	
Union	*		*	
Vernon	147	22.6	88	13.2
Willington	*		11	8.5
Windham Co.	**601**	**20.7**	**295**	**10.0**
Ashford	11	9.7	*	
Brooklyn	22	12.0	29	15.3
Canterbury	18	13.8	12	9.1
Chaplin	11	18.1	*	
Eastford	*		*	
Hampton	*		*	
Killingly	113	25.3	22	4.8
Plainfield	109	26.2	30	7.2
Pomfret	*		*	
Putnam	64	29.2	32	14.6
Scotland	*		*	
Sterling	14	14.2	*	
Thompson	44	18.8	13	5.6
Windham	195	36.1	157	28.8
Woodstock	*		*	
CONNECTICUT	**10,634**	**12.3**	**9,066**	**18.7**

Key

* Towns with <=10 unduplicated substantiated cases of abuse, neglect or uncared for children

Child Deaths (Ages 1–14)

Locality	2000-2004 Child Deaths	2000-2004 Rate/ 100,000	2005-2009 Child Deaths	2005-2009 Rate/ 100,000
Fairfield Co.	**140**	**15**	**100**	**11**
Bethel	1	*	0	0
Bridgeport	26	17	34	22
Brookfield	4	*	1	*
Danbury	15	23	8	12
Darien	3	*	1	*
Easton	1	*	1	*
Fairfield	6	11	2	*
Greenwich	10	16	5	8
Monroe	1	*	1	*
New Canaan	1	*	2	*
New Fairfield	3	*	3	*
Newtown	7	23	1	*
Norwalk	13	18	8	11
Redding	0	0	0	0
Ridgefield	4	*	2	*
Shelton	9	25	10	27
Sherman	2	*	0	0
Stamford	14	13	9	9
Stratford	7	15	7	16
Trumbull	4	*	3	*
Weston	2	*	1	*
Westport	3	*	0	0
Wilton	4	*	1	*
Hartford Co.	**121**	**14**	**97**	**12**
Avon	2	*	2	*
Berlin	1	*	0	0
Bloomfield	6	36	1	*
Bristol	9	16	8	14
Burlington	0	0	1	*
Canton	0	0	0	0
East Granby	0	0	0	0
East Hartford	11	23	8	31
East Windsor	0	0	0	0
Enfield	7	17	2	*
Farmington	5	21	0	0
Glastonbury	1	*	3	*
Granby	1	*	1	*
Hartford	37	26	21	15
Hartland	1	47	0	0
Manchester	5	10	9	18
Marlborough	0	0	0	0
New Britain	9	13	11	16
Newington	4	*	2	*
Plainville	1	*	2	*
Rocky Hill	2	*	2	*
Simsbury	3	*	0	0
South Windsor	3	*	5	34
Southington	3	*	3	*
Hartford Co. *cont.*				
Suffield	1	*	0	0
West Hartford	3	*	11	43
Wethersfield	2	*	4	*
Windsor	3	*	1	*
Windsor Locks	1	*	0	0
Litchfield Co.	**19**	**11**	**10**	**6**
Barkhamsted	1	*	0	0
Bethlehem	3	*	0	0
Bridgewater	0	0	0	0
Canaan	2	*	0	0
Colebrook	1	*	0	0
Cornwall	0	0	0	0
Goshen	0	0	0	0
Harwinton	0	0	0	0
Kent	0	0	0	0
Litchfield	1	*	1	*
Morris	1	*	0	0
New Hartford	1	*	0	0
New Milford	2	*	2	*
Norfolk	0	0	0	0
North Canaan	1	*	0	0
Plymouth	1	*	2	*
Roxbury	0	0	0	0
Salisbury	0	0	0	0
Sharon	0	0	0	0
Thomaston	0	0	0	0
Torrington	2	8	2	*
Warren	0	0	0	0
Washington	0	0	0	0
Watertown	2	*	3	*
Winchester	0	0	0	0
Woodbury	1	*	0	0
Middlesex Co.	**20**	**14**	**4**	*****
Chester	1	*	0	0
Clinton	2	*	0	0
Cromwell	4	*	0	0
Deep River	0	0	0	0
Durham	0	0	0	0
East Haddam	1	*	0	0
East Hampton	1	*	1	*
Essex	0	0	0	0
Haddam	0	0	0	0
Killingworth	2	*	0	0
Middlefield	0	0	0	0
Middletown	8	21	3	*
Old Saybrook	1	*	0	0
Portland	0	0	0	0
Westbrook	0	0	0	0
New Haven Co.	**148**	**18**	**84**	**10**
Ansonia	3	*	1	*
Beacon Falls	3	*	0	0
Bethany	1	*	0	0
Branford	6	26	1	*
Cheshire	8	28	6	21
Derby	1	*	1	*
East Haven	6	24	3	*
Guilford	3	*	1	*
Hamden	6	13	4	*
Madison	5	*	0	0
Meriden	20	34	8	13
Middlebury	0	0	0	0
Milford	6	16	2	*
Naugatuck	2	*	3	*
New Haven	29	23	21	17
North Branford	2	*	0	0
North Haven	2	*	1	*
Orange	1	*	0	0
Oxford	1	*	1	*
Prospect	2	*	2	*
Seymour	1	*	0	0
Southbury	4	*	1	*
Wallingford	5	12	4	*
Waterbury	17	36	17	36
West Haven	9	56	4	*
Wolcott	4	*	3	*
Woodbridge	1	*	0	0
New London Co.	**64**	**25**	**24**	**9**
Bozrah	0	0	0	0
Colchester	2	*	2	*
East Lyme	3	*	2	*
Franklin	0	0	0	0
Griswold	1	*	2	*
Groton	17	42	4	*
Lebanon	2	*	0	0
Ledyard	3	*	1	*
Lisbon	0	0	0	0
Lyme	0	0	0	0
Montville	3	*	0	0
New London	5	21	2	*
North Stonington	1	*	1	*
Norwich	17	50	5	15
Old Lyme	2	*	0	0
Preston	2	*	0	0
Salem	2	*	1	*
Sprague	0	0	0	0
Stonington	2	*	1	*
Voluntown	0	0	0	0
Waterford	2	*	3	*

Child Deaths

Locality	2000-2004 Child Deaths	2000-2004 Rate/ 100,000	2005-2009 Child Deaths	2005-2009 Rate/ 100,000
Tolland Co.	**18**	**14**	**4**	**3**
Andover	0	0	0	0
Bolton	0	0	0	0
Columbia	0	0	0	0
Coventry	3	*	0	0
Ellington	2	*	1	*
Hebron	1	*	1	*
Mansfield	3	*	0	0
Somers	5	54	0	0
Stafford	1	*	1	*
Tolland	0	0	0	0
Union	0	0	0	0
Vernon	3	*	1	*
Willington	0	0	0	0
Windham Co.	**21**	**19**	**6**	**5**
Ashford	0	0	0	0
Brooklyn	0	0	0	0
Canterbury	3	*	0	0
Chaplin	0	0	0	0
Eastford	0	0	0	0
Hampton	1	*	0	0
Killingly	5	30	5	28
Plainfield	6	38	0	0
Pomfret	0	0	0	0
Putnam	0	0	0	0
Scotland	0	0	0	0
Sterling	0	0	0	0
Thompson	0	0	0	0
Windham	6	29	1	*
Woodstock	0	0	0	0
CONNECTICUT	**551**	**16**	**329**	**10**

Key

* Rates for towns in which fewer than five incidents occurred during the reported time period are not caluclated because of the unreliability of small numbers

WHAT DOES THIS INDICATOR MEASURE?

Child deaths measures the number of deaths to children 14 years of age or younger in a given town and the rate per 100,000 children.

WHY IS THIS INDICATOR IMPORTANT?

Two thirds of child deaths are preventable. Reduction of child mortality is the fourth of the United Nations' Millennium Goals.

CHILD DEATHS AND FAMILY ECONOMIC SECURITY

Removing financial and social barriers to accessing basic services, developing innovations that make the supply of critical services more available to the poor, and increasing local accountability of health systems are policy interventions that have allowed health systems to improve equity and reduce mortality.[16]

COMMENTARY

(See joint commentary, page 62, Preventable Teen Deaths.)

Preventable Teen Deaths

WHAT DOES THIS INDICATOR MEASURE?

Preventable teen deaths measures the total number of preventable deaths to teens aged 15 to 19 by town.

WHY IS THIS INDICATOR IMPORTANT?

Teenage mortality is an important public health issue because the majority of deaths among teenagers are caused by external causes of injury such as accidents, homicide and suicide—by definition all preventable.

PREVENTABLE TEEN DEATHS AND FAMILY ECONOMIC SECURITY

It is important to be able to identify where preventable teen deaths are occurring in order to tailor prevention efforts. Unfortunately, many of the preventable teen deaths are happening in Connecticut's urban centers, where financial strain and violence add unnecessary stressors to the lives of Connecticut's teens.

COMMENTARY

The 1997 – 2009 trend line showing significant overall decreases in child deaths (ages 1 -14) is extremely positive. Deaths in this age group are down across the state, in cities, suburbs and rural areas. However, child death rates in Hartford County, Fairfield County, New Haven County and New London County are significantly higher than in the other four counties of the state.

And for teenagers aged 15 – 19, the picture is all-around less positive. Although the teen death rate is also decreasing across the state, it is still significantly higher than the child death rate in Connecticut. Further, the teen death rates for Hartford County and Windham Counties are actually increasing—that is, we have done worse during the period of 2002 – 2009 at keeping teenagers in those two counties from dying.

This indicator is important because, at a minimum, what adults owe to children-- through government protection, supportive communities and safe and nurturing families—is to help keep them alive to adulthood. The fact that children are still dying at the rates they are, and teenagers' rates of death are actually increasing in some communities, is a crisis alarm that should mobilize all of our best efforts around prevention and safety initiatives, public health interventions, safe communities strategies, and broad public education toward the common goal of keeping our children alive.

It is also critically important to examine the reasons for children's and teenagers' deaths, and any changes in those reasons over time. In this way we can determine what interventions during that time may have contributed to decreasing child and teenager death rates, and what interventions should be employed to halt the increasing rate of deaths among teenagers in two large counties in the state.

Covering the age range from birth to age 18, the Office of the Child Advocate's *An Examination of Connecticut Child Fatalities, A Ten Year Review,* January 1, 2001 to January 1, 2011 (http://www.ct.gov/oca/lib/oca/Ten_Report_III_in_Publisher_Format_III.pdf) provides illumination and analysis of the numbers of deaths in five different categories: natural deaths, accidental deaths, homicide deaths, undetermined deaths and suicide deaths. Examining child and teenage deaths over this ten-year period allows us to surmise that some of the decreases in the incidence of these deaths are attributable to some important prevention measures during this time including graduated driver licensing laws and suicide prevention campaigns.

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Preventable Teen Deaths (Ages 15–19)

Locality	2004-2006 Child Deaths	2004-2006 Rate/ 100,000	2007-2009 Child Deaths	2007-2009 Rate/ 100,000
Fairfield Co.	**68**	**43.4**	**44**	**28.2**
Bethel	1	*	0	*
Bridgeport	16	51.2	9	29.3
Brookfield	0	0.0	0	0.0
Danbury	4	27.8	5	34.4
Darien	1	*	0	*
Easton	1	*	0	*
Fairfield	2	*	2	15.4
Greenwich	7	81.8	2	23.5
Monroe	1	*	0	0.0
New Canaan	0	0.0	0	0.0
New Fairfield	1	*	0	0.0
Newtown	2	*	0	0.0
Norwalk	11	89.5	3	24.7
Redding	0	0.0	0	0.0
Ridgefield	1	*	2	*
Shelton	3	45.2	7	104.4
Sherman	1	*	0	*
Stamford	6	34.5	5	28.8
Stratford	6	75.5	6	77.1
Trumbull	2	35.4	1	17.9
Weston	1	*	1	*
Westport	0	0.0	0	0.0
Wilton	1	*	1	*
Hartford Co.	**114**	**68.0**	**70**	**41.7**
Avon	0	0.0	1	*
Berlin	2	*	0	0.0
Bloomfield	7	206.3	0	0.0
Bristol	5	48.2	4	38.7
Burlington	1	*	3	*
Canton	2	*	0	*
East Granby	3	*	0	*
East Hartford	6	69.0	4	46.5
East Windsor	1	*	3	*
Enfield	1	*	4	51.3
Farmington	4	*	3	71.4
Glastonbury	0	0.0	1	*
Granby	1	*	0	0.0
Hartford	29	93.0	17	54.8
Hartland	0	0.0	0	0.0
Manchester	5	54.2	5	53.7
Marlborough	1	*	0	*
New Britain	13	82.8	5	32.2
Newington	2	*	0	0.0
Plainville	2	*	0	0.0
Rocky Hill	1	*	2	81.0
Simsbury	2	*	1	22.7
South Windsor	1	*	1	*
Southington	10	207.9	5	40.1
Suffield	1	*	2	*
Hartford Co. *cont.*				
West Hartford	8	54.7	4	27.6
Wethersfield	0	0.0	2	56.4
Windsor	4	72.1	2	35.9
Windsor Locks	2	90.1	1	44.7
Litchfield Co.	**19**	**55.8**	**8**	**23.8**
Barkhamsted	0	0.0	0	0.0
Bethlehem	1	*	0	0.0
Bridgewater	0	0.0	0	0.0
Canaan	0	0.0	0	0.0
Colebrook	0	0.0	0	0.0
Cornwall	0	0.0	0	0.0
Goshen	0	0.0	0	0.0
Harwinton	3	*	2	179.0
Kent	0	*	1	*
Litchfield	0	0.0	0	0.0
Morris	0	0.0	0	0.0
New Hartford	1	*	0	0.0
New Milford	5	101.0	0	0.0
Norfolk	1	*	0	0.0
North Canaan	0	0.0	1	*
Plymouth	1	*	2	*
Roxbury	1	*	1	*
Salisbury	1	*	0	0.0
Sharon	0	0.0	1	*
Thomaston	1	*	0	0.0
Torrington	2	*	0	0.0
Warren	0	0.0	0	0.0
Washington	0	0.0	0	0.0
Watertown	2	*	0	0.0
Winchester	0	0.0	0	0.0
Woodbury	0	0.0	0	0.0
Middlesex Co.	**16**	**54.2**	**6**	**18.4**
Chester	1	*	0	*
Clinton	1	*	1	*
Cromwell	2	*	0	0.0
Deep River	0	0.0	0	0.0
Durham	0	0.0	2	*
East Haddam	1	*	0	0.0
East Hampton	1	*	1	*
Essex	1	*	0	*
Haddam	0	0.0	1	68.8
Killingworth	0	0.0	0	0.0
Middlefield	1	*	0	0.0
Middletown	5	73.9	1	14.6
Old Saybrook	0	0.0	0	0.0
Portland	2	*	0	0.0
Westbrook	1	*	0	0.0
New Haven Co.	**83**	**49.6**	**50**	**29.9**
Ansonia	0	0.0	2	61.2
Beacon Falls	0	0.0	0	0.0
Bethany	1	*	0	0.0
Branford	0	0.0	0	0.0
Cheshire	1	*	1	*
Derby	1	*	0	*
East Haven	3	62.5	1	21.0
Guilford	5	116.1	1	23.1
Hamden	5	37.1	1	7.5
Madison	4	115.6	2	57.8
Meriden	8	73.1	2	18.4
Middlebury	0	0.0	1	*
Milford	4	44.8	5	54.9
Naugatuck	5	77.5	1	15.5
New Haven	19	57.6	10	30.6
North Branford	3	113.6	1	37.9
North Haven	0	0.0	1	*
Orange	0	0.0	4	163.8
Oxford	0	0.0	1	*
Prospect	0	0.0	1	*
Seymour	4	*	2	65.7
Southbury	1	*	1	*
Wallingford	4	52.5	3	39.3
Waterbury	6	29.1	5	24.4
West Haven	6	60.6	1	10.2
Wolcott	2	*	3	103.1
Woodbridge	1	*	0	*
New London Co.	**27**	**52.3**	**15**	**28.9**
Bozrah	0	0.0	0	0.0
Colchester	1	*	2	*
East Lyme	1	*	2	*
Franklin	0	0.0	0	0.0
Griswold	1	*	1	*
Groton	1	*	2	*
Lebanon	0	0.0	0	0.0
Ledyard	2	*	0	0.0
Lisbon	0	0.0	0	0.0
Lyme	2	*	0	0.0
Montville	2	*	1	25.9
New London	3	43.6	0	0.0
North Stonington	0	0.0	0	0.0
Norwich	10	146.8	5	73.6
Old Lyme	0	0.0	0	0.0
Preston	0	0.0	0	0.0
Salem	0	0.0	0	0.0
Sprague	0	0.0	0	0.0
Stonington	3	*	1	35.2
Voluntown	0	0.0	1	*
Waterford	1	*	0	0.0

Preventable Teen Deaths (Ages 15–19) cont.

Locality	2004-2006 Child Deaths	2004-2006 Rate/ 100,000	2007-2009 Child Deaths	2007-2009 Rate/ 100,000
Tolland Co.	**11**	**29.8**	**8**	**21.5**
Andover	0	0.0	2	*
Bolton	0	0.0	0	0.0
Columbia	0	0.0	0	0.0
Coventry	2	*	0	0.0
Ellington	1	*	0	0.0
Hebron	1	*	0	0.0
Mansfield	1	*	4	25.0
Somers	1	*	0	*
Stafford	1	*	1	*
Tolland	4	*	1	34.4
Union	0	0.0	0	0.0
Vernon	0	0.0	0	0.0
Willington	0	0.0	0	0.0
Windham Co.	**12**	**45.5**	**11**	**41.1**
Ashford	0	0	0	0.0
Brooklyn	3	*	0	*
Canterbury	1	*	2	*
Chaplin	0	0.0	0	0.0
Eastford	0	0.0	0	0.0
Hampton	0	0.0	0	0.0
Killingly	0	0.0	2	*
Plainfield	6	181.3	1	*
Pomfret	0	0.0	1	*
Putnam	1	*	1	*
Scotland	0	0.0	1	*
Sterling	0	0.0	0	0.0
Thompson	0	0.0	0	0.0
Windham	1	*	2	*
Woodstock	0	0.0	1	*
CONNECTICUT	**350**	**54.4**	**212**	**32.8**

Key * Rates for towns with fewer than 5 incidents during the reported time period are not calculated because of the unreliability of small numbers.

SOURCES, METHODOLOGIES, AND SPECIAL NOTES

LIMITATIONS OF DATA

In any data collection process there are always concerns about the accuracy and completeness of the data that are reported. All data used in the Connecticut KIDS COUNT publications were collected through routine data collection systems operated by various state agencies and national organizations. We cannot control for the completeness of reporting for these systems.

MAP: CONNECTICUT TOWN POPULATION 2010

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Decennial Census 2010 Table QT_PL.

Methodology: Total 2010 population estimates for each of Connecticut's 169 towns, color coded by population size.

CHILD POPULATION

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Decennial Census 2000, 2010 Table QT_PL.

Methodology: Number of children less than 18 calculated by subtracting the number of individuals greater than 18 from the total population. The percent of the total population those age less than 18 represent. The percent change in child population is calculated by subtracting the number of children in 2000 from the children in 2010 and dividing by the number of children in 2000.

CHILD RACE AND ETHNICITY

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Decennial Census 2000, 2010 Table QT_PL.

Methodology: For each racial and ethnic group the number of children less than 18 is calculated by subtracting the number of individuals greater than 18 from the total population. For each group the percent of the total population is calculated by the Census. The "Other" category combines the census Other category with groups of small representation in Connecticut including American Indian, Native Hawaiian, and Pacific Islander. Two plus races include individuals declaring more than one racial group, or as Hispanic and other race Categories do not sum to 1 as individuals may report themselves in multiple categories.

CHILD POVERTY

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey 5 year estimates 2005-2009, 2007-2011 Table B17024

CARE 4 KIDS – CHILD ENROLLMENT

Source: Connecticut Department of Social Services, Bureau of Assistance Programs, unpublished data, SFYs 2005, 2009, and 2012.

Methodology: The annual unduplicated total number of children enrolled in Care 4 Kids, Connecticut's child care subsidy program, in a town or county. It should be noted that the annual unduplicated Care 4 Kids child enrollment numbers are larger than the numbers often reported by the Connecticut Department of Social Services. The Department typically reports the annual average rather than the annual total for the program.

EARNED INCOME TAX CREDIT

Source: 2009,2010 Federal data- The Brookings Institution EITC Interactive database. http://www.brookings.edu/research/interactives/eitc; 2011 State EITC data- from IRS via CT Voices for Children.

Methodology: Internal Revenue Service zip code level data (tax year 2007) were aggregated to the city/ town level. Brookings data represents tax returns filed between January and June of the tax year.

TEMPORARY FAMILY ASSISTANCE – CHILD RECIPIENTS

Source: Connecticut Department of Social Services, Bureau of Assistance Programs, unpublished data, SFYs 2010 and 2011. Annual average town Statistical Report # DMF8019A-DMF8057I.

Methodology: The average number of children under age 18 receiving Temporary Family Assistance (TFA) benefits over the course of the year in a town or county. Eligible children include those in families where the parent(s) is enrolled in the employment focused, time-limited assistance program (Jobs First); has received an extension from the Jobs First program; or is exempt from the Jobs First program. (Exemption can be obtained if the adult is a parent who is incapacitated, is taking care of an incapacitated family member, or is a non-parent caregiver who does not receive assistance.) Children under 19 are eligible themselves to receive TFA as long as they are still in high school. Children between 18 and 19 years of age are not included in these TFA child participation numbers.

SUPPLEMENTAL NUTRITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (SNAP) – CHILD RECIPIENTS

(Formerly Food Stamp Program)

Source: Connecticut Department of Social Services, unpublished data, SFYs 2005 and 2010.

Methodology: The annual unduplicated number of children under age 18 participating in the federal Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, formerly Food Stamps, by town or county.

SCHOOL MEAL PROGRAMS

Source: Connecticut State Department of Education, published data, School Years 2006-2007 and 2008-2009, 2010-11.

Methodology: The number and percent of students eligible for the Free and Reduced-Price School Lunch (FRPL) Program in a school district or county. The denominator is the total number of eligible students in a district/county. County totals and percentages have been calculated by the author. The average number of school breakfasts served daily is calculated by dividing the total number of breakfasts served by 180, the minimum number of days a district is required to be open. Data not available by school district for SY2010-11

Special Note: Children not eligible for the School Breakfast Program may purchase breakfast. The School Breakfast numbers in this table should not be interpreted to represent the number of students eligible for the School Breakfast Program.

PREKINDERGARTEN EXPERIENCE

Source: Connecticut State Department of Education, published data, School Years 2006-2007 and 2008-2009, 2010-1011.

Methodology: The number of children enrolled in kindergarten with preschool experience in the previous year as a percent of the total kindergarten enrollment for a district or county on October 1st of the school year in question. Preschool experience is defined as regularly attending Head Start, nursery school, licensed day care center, or public preschool program during the previous school year or summer.

Special Note: Information is obtained through self-reports from parents to the school's administration, then totaled by the district. It is not clear that parents' definition of preschool experience is comparable to the definition noted above. Some independent analysts believe these numbers could be either overestimated or underestimated, depending on the district.

CONNECTICUT MASTERY TEST (CMT) SCORES 4TH GRADERS

Source: Connecticut State Department of Education, published data, School Years 2007-2008 and 2010-2011.

Methodology: The number and percent of fourth graders who scored at or above the state goal on all three tests of the Connecticut Mastery Test (CMT) as a percentage of all fourth graders tested in a district. The CMT evaluates students on their reading, writing, and mathematics skills. The Department sets the expected level of achievement for all fourth grade students.

CONNECTICUT ACADEMIC PERFORMANCE TEST (CAPT) SCORES–10TH GRADERS

Source: Connecticut State Department of Education Reports/Profiles http://sdeportal.ct.gov/Cedar/WEB/ResearchandReports/DataBulletins.aspx, School Years 2009-2010, 2010-2011.

Methodology: The number and percent of tenth grade students who scored at or above the state goal on all four tests of the Connecticut Academic Performance Test (CAPT) as a percentage of all tenth grade students tested in a district. The CAPT evaluates students on their language arts, mathematics, and science skills and an inter-disciplinary task that involves writing and explanation. Summary numbers on their website are calculated using CAPT reporting rules. The summary numbers are not calculated using NCLB reporting rules. These calculation methods are different and often result in different calculations. Three reasons for discrepancies: 1. Students who moved after 10/1 are not included in calculations for Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) but are in CAPT school or district performance calculations. 2. Skills Checklist students are counted in performance and participation calculations for AYP calculations but not in the CAPT school or district performance calculations. 3. Students with invalid scores on the CAPT are included in school and district AYP report calculations for performance and participation but not in the CAPT school or district calculations.

COHORT GRADUATION RATE

Source: Connecticut State Department of Education. CEDR website. http://sdeportal.ct.gov/Cedar/WEB/ResearchandReports/DataBulletins.aspx

Methodology: The Connecticut Department of Education (CSDE) introduced the four-year cohort graduation rate with the graduating class of 2009. This approach is used in Connecticut along with 49 other states to have a uniform system for tracking students. The four-year cohort graduation rate is calculated by tracking an individual cohort (or group of students) from their initial entrance into 9th grade through to graduation with a regular high school diploma in four years or less. The calculation uses individual student -level data from the state's Public School Information System (PSIS) that was submitted by school districts and certified by superintendents. Graduation rates will not be publicly reported for cohort counts fewer than 6. A district cohort graduation rate may not equal the average of schools' graduation rate or a school graduation rate because of outplaced students.

EDUCATION-RELATED DEFINITIONS

Regional School Districts serve students from surrounding towns. Some regional school districts serve students from kindergarten through grades six or eight, some serve six or eight through grade twelve, and some districts serve all students.

Connecticut Charter Schools include the following:

Achievement First Bridgeport Academy (Grades 5-8), Bridgeport; The Bridge Academy (Grades 7-12), Bridgeport; New Beginnings Family Academy (Grades K-8), Bridgeport; Park City Prep Charter School (Grades 6-8), Bridgeport; Highville Charter School, Inc. (Grades PK-8), Hamden; Achievement First Hartford Academy (Grades K-3 and 5-7), Hartford; Charter School for Young Children on Asylum Hill (Grades PK3-2), Hartford; Jumoke Academy (Grades PK-8), Hartford; Odyssey Community School (Grades 4-8), Manchester; Amistad Academy (Grades K-12), New Haven; Common Ground High School (Grades 9-12), New Haven; Elm City College Preparatory School (Grades K-11), New Haven; Interdistrict School for Arts and Communication (Grades 6-8), New London; Integrated Day Charter School (Grades PK-8), Norwich; Side by Side Community School (Grades PK-8), South Norwalk; Stamford Academy (Grades 9-12), Stamford; Trailblazers Academy (Grades 6-8), Stamford; and Explorations Charter School (Grades 10-12), Winsted.

Connecticut Magnet Schools include the following: Reggio Magnet School of the Arts (Grades PK3-2), Avon; Big Picture High School (Grades 9-11), Bloomfield; Metropolitan Learning Center for Global and International Studies (Grades 6-12), Bloomfield; Wintonbury Early Childhood Magnet School (Grades PK-K), Bloomfield; Six to Six Interdistrict Magnet School (Grades PK-8), Bridgeport; Western CT Academy of International Studies Elementary Magnet School (Grades K-5), Danbury; Quinebaug Valley Middle College High School (Grades 10-12), Danielson; CT International Baccalaureate Academy (Grades 9-12), East Hartford; East Hartford-Glastonbury Elementary Magnet School (Grades K-5), East Hartford; Two Rivers Magnet Middle School (Grades 6-8), East Hartford; CT River Academy at Goodwin College (Grades 9-10), East Hartford; International Magnet School for Global Citizenship (Grades PK3-2), East Hartford; CREC Public Safety Academy (Grades 6-11), Enfield; Hyde Leadership Magnet (Grades 9-12), Hamden; Wintergreen Interdistrict Magnet (Grades K-8), Hamden; STEM Magnet School at Annie Fisher (Grades K-8), Hartford; Breakthrough Magnet (Grades PK3-8), Hartford; Capital Preparatory Magnet (Grades 6-12), Hartford; Classical Magnet (Grades 6-12), Hartford; Greater Hartford Academy of the Arts (Grades 9-12), Hartford; Greater Hartford Academy of Mathematics and Science (Grades 9-12), Hartford; Hartford Magnet Middle (Grades 6-8), Hartford; Mary M. Hooker Environmental Studies Magnet (Grades PK4-8), Hartford; Richard J. Kinsella Magnet School of Performing Arts (Grades PK4-8), Hartford; Montessori Magnet (Grades PK3-6), Hartford; Sport and Medical Sciences Academy (Grades 6-12), Hartford; University High School of Science and Engineering (Grades 9-12), Hartford; Noah Webster MicroSociety Magnet (Grades PK3-8), Hartford; Montessori Magnet School at Annie Fisher, (Grades PK3-4), Hartford; Great Path Academy at Manchester Community College (Grades 10-12), Manchester; ACES Thomas Edison Magnet Middle (Grades 6-8), Meriden; New Haven Academy Interdistrict Magnet (Grades 9-12), New Haven; Benjamin Jepson Non-Graded Interdistrict Magnet Elementary (Grades PK-8), New Haven; Bernard Environmental Studies Magnet (Grades PK-7), New Haven; Betsy Ross Arts Magnet Middle (Grades 5-8), New Haven; Cooperative Arts and Humanities High (Grades 9-12), New Haven; Davis Street Arts & Academics Interdistrict Magnet (Grades PK-5), New Haven; ACES Education Center for the Arts (Grades 9-12), New Haven; High School in the Community (Grades 9-12), New Haven; Hill Regional Career High (Grades 9-12), New Haven; King/ Robinson International Baccalaureate Magnet (Grades PK-8), New Haven; Metropolitan Business Academy Magnet (Grades 9-12), New Haven; MicroSociety Interdistrict Magnet (Grades PK-8), New Haven; John C. Daniels School of International Communication (Grades PK-8), New Haven; L.W. Beecher Museum Magnet School of Arts and Sciences (Grades PK-8), New Haven; Mauro-Sheridan Science, Technology & Communications Interdistrict Magnet (Grades PK-8), New Haven; Ross-Woodward Magnet School of Classical Studies (Grades PK-8), New Haven; Science and Engineering University Magnet (Grades 6-12), New Haven; Dual Language Arts Academy/La Academia De Las Artes Bilingue (Grades 6-8), New London; Regional Multicultural Magnet (Grades K-5), New London; Science & Technology Magnet High School of Southeastern CT (Grades 9-12), New London; ACES Collaborative Alternative Magnet School for Leadership (Grades 7-12), Northford; Center for Global Studies at Brien McMahon High (Grades 9-12), Norwalk; Academy of Information Technology and Engineering (Grades 9-12), Stamford; Rogers International (Grades K-8), Stamford; Academy for the Performing Arts (a program of Cooperative Educational Services) (Grades 9-12), Trumbull; Regional Center for the Arts (a program of Cooperative Educational Services) (Grades 9-12), Trumbull; Maloney Interdistrict Magnet (Grades PK-5), Waterbury; Rotella Interdistrict Magnet (Grades PK-5), Waterbury; Waterbury Arts Magnet (Grades 6-12), Waterbury; The Friendship School (Grades PK-K), Waterford; University of Hartford Magnet (Grades PK3-5), West Hartford; ACT Performing Arts Magnet High (Grades 9-12), Willimantic; and Pathways to Technology (Grades 9-12), Windsor.

Regional Education Service Centers include: Area Cooperative Educational Services (ACES), North Haven; Capital Region Education Council (CREC), Hartford; Cooperative Educational Services (CES), Trumbull; EASTCONN, Hampton; Education Connection, Litchfield; and LEARN, Old Lyme.

Connecticut Technical High Schools include: Emmett O'Brien, Ansonia; Bullard-Havens, Bridgeport; Bristol Technical Education Center, Bristol; Henry Abbott, Danbury; H. H. Ellis, Danielson; Eli Whitney, Hamden; A.I. Prince, Hartford; Ella T. Grasso Southeastern, Groton; Howell Cheney, Manchester; H. C. Wilcox, Meriden; Platt, Milford; Vinal, Middletown; E. C. Goodwin, New Britain; Norwich, Norwich; J. M. Wright, Stamford; Stratford School for Aviation Maintenance Technicians, Stratford; Oliver Wolcott, Torrington; W. F. Kaynor, Waterbury; Windham, Willimantic.

Unified School District #1 consists of 20 schools serving incarcerated individuals in grades 3 through 12. This district is run by the Connecticut Department of Corrections.

Unified School District #2 runs two schools for children who reside in facilities run by the Connecticut Department of Children and Families.

Other includes endowed and incorporated academies—Gilbert School for students in Winchester, Norwich Free Academy for students in Norwich, and Woodstock Academy for students in Woodstock.

LATE OR NO PRENATAL CARE

Source: Connecticut Department of Public Health, published data SFY 2007, 2009 http://www.ct.gov/dph/cwp/view.asp?a=3132&q=394598&dphNav_GID=1601&dphNavPage=|46941| Registration Reports Table 4.

Methodology: The number of births for which mothers received late or no prenatal care as a percentage of all live births in a town or county. Late or no prenatal care is defined as that which takes place after the first trimester of pregnancy. Percentages are calculated using the total number of births for which the status of prenatal care is known as the denominator. Percentages for towns in which fewer than five pregnant women received late or no prenatal care are not calculated because of the unreliability of calculations based on small numbers.

LOW BIRTH WEIGHT

Source: Connecticut Department of Public Health, published data http://www.ct.gov/dph/cwp/view.asp?a=3132&q=394598&dphNav_GID=1601&dphNavPage=|46941| Registration Reports Table 4. SFY 2007,2009.

Methodology: The number of low birth weight infants as a percentage of all live births. Low birth weight is defined as less than 2,500 grams (5 pounds, 8 ounces). Percentages are determined using the number of births for which the birth weight is known as the denominator.

INFANT MORTALITY

Source: : Connecticut Department of Public Health, published data http://www.ct.gov/dph/cwp/view.asp?a=3132&q=394598&dphNav_GID=1601&dphNavPage=|46941| Registration Reports Table 2B. SFY 2002-04 2004-06, 2007-09

Methodology: The annual average rate of infant deaths (children under one year of age) per 1,000 live births. The infant mortality rate is calculated by summing the number of infant deaths over three years and dividing by the number of live births for that time period, then multiplying by 1,000. Rates for towns in which fewer than five infants died are not calculated because of the unreliability of calculations based on small numbers.

HUSKY A AND B – CHILD ENROLLMENT

Source: Connecticut Department of Social Services, published data, January 1, 2008, and January 1, 2010, January 1, 2012 reported by Connecticut Voices for Children. Retrieved from http://www.ctkidslink.org/media/other/covhuskya_kids.xls

Methodology: The number of children under age 19 enrolled in HUSKY A (Medicaid managed care) and HUSKY B (Connecticut's State Child Health Insurance Program – SCHIP) by town or county.

CHILD DEATHS

Source: Connecticut Department of Public Health, unpublished data, SFYs 2000-2009; U.S. Census, 2000 Census, Summary File 1, Table P12 – Sex by Age, Total Population.

Methodology: The total number of child deaths for a five-year period by town or county. Rates per 100,000 children are calculated as the number of deaths from all causes of children between one and 14 years of age for the reporting period divided by the total number of children in that age group, then multiplied by 100,000. The total number of children ages one to 14 is estimated by applying the 1990 or 2000 Census proportions to the population estimates from the Connecticut Department of Public Health for that year. Rates for towns in which fewer than 5 children died are not calculated because of the unreliability of calculations based on small numbers.

TEEN BIRTHS

Source: Connecticut Department of Public Health, published data http://www.ct.gov/dph/cwp/view.asp?a=3132&q=394598&dphNav_GID=1601&dphNavPage=|46941|, Registration Reports Table 4, Table 1 SFYs 2007 and 2009; U.S. Census Bureau, 2000 Census, Summary File 1, Table P12 – Sex by Age, Total Population.

Methodology: The number of births to girls age 15-17 per 1,000 females for that age group in a town or county. The rate is calculated by dividing the number females 15-17 years old who gave birth by the total number of all females in that age group in a town or county and multiplying by 1,000. The total number of girls 15 to

17 years old is estimated by applying the 2000 Census proportions to the population estimates from the Connecticut Department of Public Health for those years.

Special Note: This indicator is different than the total number of babies born to women under 18 as a percentage of all live births.

The birth rate of 18 and 19 year-old girls is not reported because the number of females in this age group is skewed in towns with colleges. Similarly, births to girls under age 15 have been excluded because there are very few for this group (about 60 per year). The inclusion of females under 15 in the denominator would dramatically lower the rate, giving an underestimate of the risk for teen births to teenagers.

SUBSTANTIATED ABUSE AND/OR NEGLECT

Source: Connecticut Department of Children and Families, published data, SFYs 2005 and 2010; Connecticut Department of Public Health, Estimated Populations in Connecticut as of July 1, 2005; 2010 U.S. Census, 2000 Decennial Census, Summary File 1, Table P12 – Sex by Age,

Total Population.

Methodology: The unduplicated number of children under age 18 who were the victims of substantiated abuse and neglect or were uncared for during the stated year. The rate is calculated as the total number of substantiated cases divided by the total number of children under age 18, and multiplied by 1,000. The total number of children under age 18 is estimated by applying the 2000 Census proportions to the population estimates from the Connecticut Department of Public Health for those years. Note: According to the Connecticut Department of Children and Families, in both years, a significant number of cases did not correspond with any official Connecticut town name. This anomaly is the result of incorrect data entry or other technical factors.

PREVENTABLE TEEN DEATHS

Source: Connecticut Department of Public Health, unpublished data, SFYs 2004-2009; U.S. Census, 2000 Census, Summary File 1, Table P12 – Sex by Age, Total Population.

Methodology: The total number of preventable deaths to teens age 15 to 19 for a five-year period by town or county. Preventable deaths are defined as deaths from accidents, suicides, and homicides. Rates per 100,000 teens are calculated as the number of preventable deaths of teens age 15 to 19, divided by the total number of teens in this age group, multiplied by 100,000. The total number of teens age 15 to 19 is estimated by applying the 2000 Census proportions to the population estimates from the Connecticut Department of Public Health for those years. Rates for towns in which fewer than five teens died are not calculated because of the unreliability of calculations based on small numbers.

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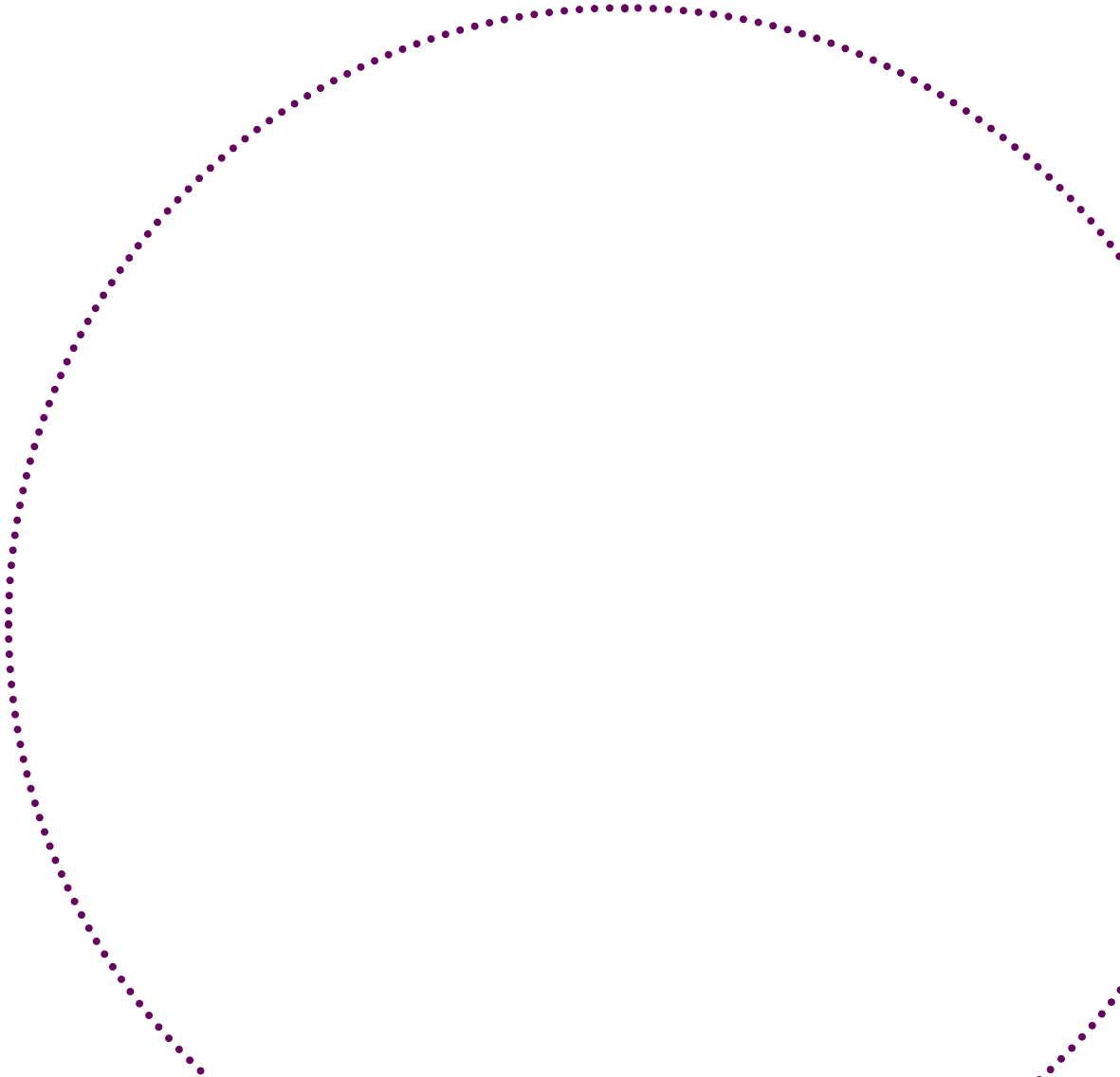

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