

What's New on HartfordInfo.org

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HartfordInfo.org, a program of the Hartford Public Library, is a gateway to information and data on issues important to those who live and work in Hartford and the region.

New Data on HartfordInfo.org:

- **Social Services Data:** Data from the Connecticut Department of Social Services for 2005 and 2006 about various aid programs such as Temporary Family Assistance (TFA) and food stamps and State Administered General Assistance (SAGA), broken down by zip code. Go to www.hartfordinfo.org and select Social Services Data from the blue Hartford Data Sets box near the center of the home page.

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New Reports on HartfordInfo.org:

- **Report of the Governor's Commission on Education Finance** - The final report of the Governor's Commission on Education Finance calls for just over \$1.2 billion in additional state education aid--\$1.14 billion for ECS and \$60 million for other grants. Go to www.hartfordinfo.org and type "education finance" in the Google search box and then click "Search."
- **Hartford Board of Education Presentation on Visioning** - In this presentation of December 19, 2006 to the Hartford Board of Education, Superintendent Steven Adamowski reviews achievement test scores, dropout rates, post-graduation placements, and the options for school improvement plans. Go to www.hartfordinfo.org and type "visioning" in the Google search box and then click "Search."
- **Connecticut's Insurance Industry: Economic Impacts & Contributions** - This study is part of an ongoing effort to quantify the impact of the insurance industry on the economy and, ultimately, on quality of life in the state of Connecticut by Insure Connecticut's Future and the Connecticut Insurance and Financial Services Cluster. Go to www.hartfordinfo.org and type "insurance industry" in the Google search box and then click "Search."
- **Two Steps Back: City and Suburban Poverty Trends** - An analysis of poverty in cities and suburbs of the nation's 100 largest metropolitan areas, based on data from the 2005 American Community Survey and Census 2000. Go to www.hartfordinfo.org and type "brookings poverty" in the Google search box and then click "Search."
- **Market Demand and Operational Effectiveness Analysis of the Hartford Civic Center** - The Connecticut Development Authority (CDA) commissioned a report evaluating the long-term future of the Center, including potential renovations to the facility or the eventual replacement of the Center with a new arena in Hartford. Go to www.hartfordinfo.org and type "market demand" in the Google search box and then click "Search."

- **Benchmarking Connecticut 2006: Determinants of Economic Growth** - This report presents the key findings from the 2006 Edition of the Connecticut Benchmarks study – a report that identifies some of the forces impacting economic growth in Connecticut. Go to www.hartfordinfo.org and type “*benchmarking 2006*” in the Google search box and then click “Search.”
- **Comeback Cities or the New Melting Pots: Explorations into the Changing Large Cities of New England** - A report on the health of New England's 50 largest cities from the Lincoln Institute of Land Policy. Go to www.hartfordinfo.org and type “*comeback cities*” in the Google search box and then click “Search.”
- **Estimates for the Cost of Interpretation Services for Connecticut Medicaid Recipients** - This report from the Connecticut Health Foundation estimates the cost of providing limited-English proficient Medicaid enrollees with face-to-face interpreters in compliance with federal laws and guidelines. Go to www.hartfordinfo.org and type “*interpretation*” in the Google search box and then click “Search.”
- **In Search of Quality: Recruiting, Hiring and Supporting Teachers** - This study is an initial effort to investigate how state and district teacher recruitment, hiring, and support policies and practices affect the ability to hire and retain high-quality teachers. Go to www.hartfordinfo.org and type “*quality search*” in the Google search box and then click “Search.”
- **The Real Cost of Getting Health Care in Connecticut** - In this report, the Connecticut Health Economic Sufficiency Standard (HESS) measures the economic burden of health care and illness on Connecticut families. Go to www.hartfordinfo.org and type “*real cost*” in the Google search box and then click “Search.”
- **Building Assets & Financial Security: Mapping Opportunities in Hartford** – The Connecticut Association for Human Services created this guide in an effort to increase access to and awareness of existing community programs that help families save and invest money. Go to www.hartfordinfo.org and type “*building assets*” in the Google search box and then click “Search.”
- **A Profile of Latino Health in Connecticut** - This report outlines a crisis in Latino Health in Connecticut and calls for statewide changes in policy and practice. Go to www.hartfordinfo.org and type “*latino health*” in the Google search box and then click “Search.”
- **Mayor's Update, Winter 2007** - A quarterly publication designed to share Mayor Perez's primary goals, objectives and accomplishments. Go to www.hartfordinfo.org and type “*update 2007*” in the Google search box and then click “Search.”

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New Articles on HartfordInfo.org:

Through agreements with the Hartford Courant, the Hartford Business Journal, the Hartford News, and the Hartford Advocate, HartfordInfo.org continues to offer selected articles as permanent additions to the web site. Some recent additions include:

- **Trying to Help Teens** - ACTIONS stands for Active Community Transitions in Our Neighborhoods and Schools. New to the Hartford school district this fall, it is the latest weapon in the never-ending battle to keep at-risk kids out of trouble and in school. Go to www.hartfordinfo.org and type “*help teens*” in the Google search box and then click “Search.”
- **Grandparents ‘Unsung Heroes’** - There are more than 21,000 children being cared for by their grandparents in Connecticut because their parents are unwilling or unable to care for them, according to the latest census. Go to www.hartfordinfo.org and type “*unsung heroes*” in the Google search box and

then click "Search."

- **In Pursuit of Paying Patients** - With an eye toward their bottom lines, local hospitals are opening an increasing number of affiliated medical centers in the suburbs. Go to www.hartfordinfo.org and type "*pursuit*" in the Google search box and then click "Search."
- **Squashing Barriers** - At Trinity College's Ferris Athletic Center squash players represent at least nine countries. On a given day, a member of the Trinity Squash Club might play someone from Pakistan or Egypt or Norway or New Zealand or Argentina, and the list goes on. Go to www.hartfordinfo.org and type "*barriers*" in the Google search box and then click "Search."
- **The Tax Shuffle** - Mayor Eddie Perez has come out with his legislative agenda — not only for the city but for the state, which, after all, pays for almost half of the city's \$470 million annual budget. Go to www.hartfordinfo.org and type "*tax shuffle*" in the Google search box and then click "Search."
- **Schools Chief has an Agenda** - Steven J. Adamowski's arrival in Hartford was delayed, but look for the new superintendent of schools to begin his promised shake-up quickly. Go to www.hartfordinfo.org and type "*chief agenda*" in the Google search box and then click "Search."
- **Approach Teaches 'Joyful Reading'** - Sally M. Reis thinks she has a key to a problem that has long vexed educators: how best to teach kids, including those from struggling urban districts, to read. Go to www.hartfordinfo.org and type "*joyful reading*" in the Google search box and then click "Search."
- **Hanging On** - The Institute for Community Research sponsored an exhibit over the last several months, Weavings of War, which featured traditional weaving and crafts created by people in war-torn lands. The textiles on display were a reaction to violence. Go to www.hartfordinfo.org and type "*hanging*" in the Google search box and then click "Search."
- **The Kids Do Time, Too** - Among children in the Hartford area under the care of the state Department of Children and Families, a staggering 40 percent are estimated to have a parent in prison, on parole or recently released. Go to www.hartfordinfo.org and type "*kids do*" in the Google search box and then click "Search."
- **Grim Graduation Data Pleases Board** - After years of Hartford school board members asking for numbers that reflect the city's actual graduation rate, the new superintendent delivered the news recently: 29 percent. Go to www.hartfordinfo.org and type "*grim data*" in the Google search box and then click "Search."
- **Plaza Plan Wins Praise** - The scaled-back plans for Plaza Mayor are getting a more favorable response. Go to www.hartfordinfo.org and type "*plaza plan*" in the Google search box and then click "Search."
- **The Closet Door's Open** - An analysis of new data from the U.S. Census Bureau shows that in 2005, Hartford's share of gay and lesbian couples in the population placed the city 10th among America's 50 largest metropolitan areas. Go to www.hartfordinfo.org and type "*closet door*" in the Google search box and then click "Search."
- **Just Don't Get Sick** - Undocumented migrants in Connecticut are afraid that seeking health care will get them deported, and when they do get treated, it costs the state and the nation about \$60 million a year. Go to www.hartfordinfo.org and type "sick" in the Google search box and then click "Search."
- **Can Playground Make a Rebound?** - City Councilman Jim Boucher said the City of Hartford will fund a renovation of the Forster Heights Park, but only if residents in the surrounding neighborhood show a commitment to use and support it. Go to www.hartfordinfo.org and type "*playground*" in the Google search box and then click "Search."
- **Building Solidarity** - Sara Pastorelli, a long-time member of Service Employees International Union Local 32BJ, which represents janitors in Hartford, joined thousands of other SEIU members from across

the country this year to support a successful organizing campaign for their Texas peers. Go to www.hartfordinfo.org and type "solidarity" in the Google search box and then click "Search."

- **Sex and the City** - Proposals to open two new adult venues - a cabaret in the north and a retail store in the south - have sparked discussions about just how much of the sex industry is too much in a city trying to remake itself and remarket its image. Go to www.hartfordinfo.org and type "sex city" in the Google search box and then click "Search."
- **City Living a Draw** - In a partnership between the University of Hartford - which has more students who need beds than beds to offer - and the developers of the Temple Street apartments at the old Sage-Allen building, a minimum of 136 students will eventually call downtown Hartford home. Go to www.hartfordinfo.org and type "city living" in the Google search box and then click "Search."

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