

A map of the Southcentral DMHAS Service Area for 2026, showing various counties and regions shaded in different colors (light blue, green, yellow, and dark blue) to represent different service areas or equity levels. The map is the background of the entire page.

# **SOUTHCENTRAL DMHAS SERVICE AREA 2026 EQUITY REPORT**

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## ABOUT THIS DOCUMENT

Compiled by DataHaven in March 2026.

This report is designed to inform local-level efforts to improve community well-being and racial equity. This is version 3.0 of the DataHaven equity profile, which DataHaven has published for all 169 towns, all nine regional councils of government (COGs), and several additional regions of Connecticut. Please contact DataHaven with suggestions for version 4.0 of this report.

## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Throughout most of the measures in this report, there are important differences by race/ethnicity and neighborhood that reflect differences in access to resources and other social needs. Wherever possible, data are presented with racial/ethnic breakdowns, as defined by existing federal data collection standards. However, for smaller groups or more detailed breakdowns, some values may not be available or have less reliable data. In these cases, values are marked as “N/A,” not available.

Federal and statewide approaches to data collection, including small sample sizes, tend to hide disparities within certain population groups. This does not mean that a given population is not impacted by inequitable social conditions. DataHaven and other organizations often collect information on demographic characteristics besides race/ethnicity, and encourage further analysis and advocacy that can lead to more inclusive data reporting.

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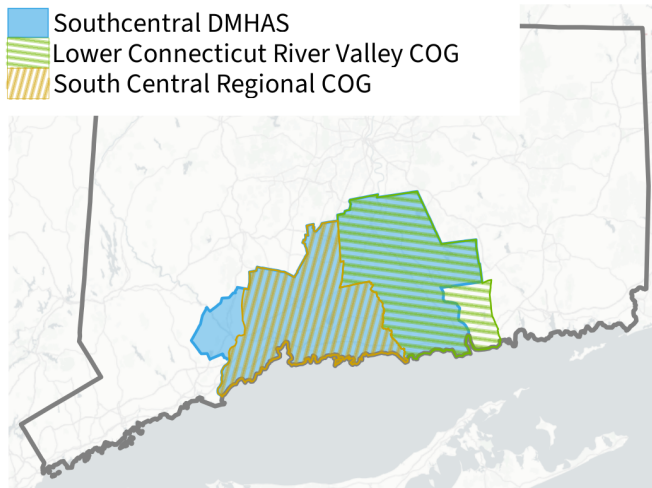
- The Southcentral DMHAS service area is a region of **823,592 residents**, **36 percent** of whom are people of color. The region’s population has decreased by **less than 1 percent** since 2010.
- Of the region’s **332,562 households**, **64 percent** are homeowner households.
- **Thirty-five percent** of the Southcentral DMHAS service area’s households are cost-burdened, meaning they spend at least 30 percent of their total income on housing costs.
- **Eighty-seven percent** of public high school seniors in the class of 2024 in the region’s public school districts graduated within four years.
- Among the region’s adults ages 25 and up, **41 percent** have earned a bachelor’s degree or higher.
- The Southcentral DMHAS service area is home to **388,126 jobs**, with the largest share in the Health Care and Social Assistance sector.
- **Fifty-seven percent** of adults in the Southcentral DMHAS area say they are in excellent or very good health.
- In 2024, **238 people** in the Southcentral DMHAS service area died of drug overdoses.
- **Eighty-four percent** of adults in the Southcentral DMHAS area are satisfied with their area, and **50 percent** say their local government is responsive to residents’ needs.
- In the most recent municipal election, **38 percent** of registered voters in the Southcentral DMHAS service area voted.
- **Fifty-nine percent** of adults in the Southcentral DMHAS area report having stores, banks, and other locations in walking distance of their home, and **66 percent** say there are safe places to bike in their neighborhood.

For the first time, DataHaven is publishing these reports with a supplemental set of tables where we have modeled values from the DataHaven Community Wellbeing Survey. This methodology makes estimates available for smaller towns or where sample sizes would otherwise be too small to be reliable. See [the appendix](#) for details.

# INTRODUCTION

The Southcentral DMHAS service area is a region made up of 34 towns. For the purposes of this report, the Southcentral DMHAS area will be compared to Connecticut as a whole, as well as to Lower Connecticut River Valley COG (LCRVCOG) and South Central Regional COG (SCRCOG). In some cases, data may only be available for these COGs, which account for 89 percent of the region’s population, or for Middlesex and New Haven Counties (see [Note 1](#)).

**FIGURE 1: STUDY AREA**



**The Southcentral DMHAS service area** is made up of the following towns:

Ansonia, Bethany, Branford, Chester, Clinton, Cromwell, Deep River, Derby, Durham, East Haddam, East Hampton, East Haven, Essex, Guilford, Haddam, Hamden, Killingworth, Madison, Meriden, Middlefield, Middletown, Milford, New Haven, North Branford, North Haven, Old Saybrook, Orange, Portland, Seymour, Shelton, Wallingford, West Haven, Westbrook, and Woodbridge

**Lower Connecticut River Valley COG** is made up of the following towns:

Chester, Clinton, Cromwell, Deep River, Durham, East Haddam, East Hampton, Essex, Haddam, Killingworth, Lyme, Middlefield, Middletown, Old Lyme, Old Saybrook, Portland, and Westbrook

**South Central Regional COG** is made up of the following towns:

Bethany, Branford, East Haven, Guilford, Hamden, Madison, Meriden, Milford, New Haven, North Branford, North Haven, Orange, Wallingford, West Haven, and Woodbridge

**TABLE 1: ABOUT THE AREA**

	Connecticut	Southcentral DMHAS
Total population	3,605,944	823,592
Total households	1,420,170	332,562
Homeownership rate	66%	64%
Housing cost burden rate	35%	35%
Adults without a high school diploma	9%	8%
Median household income	\$93,760	N/A
Poverty rate	10%	10%
Adults 19–64 w/o health insurance	7%	7%

# DEMOGRAPHICS

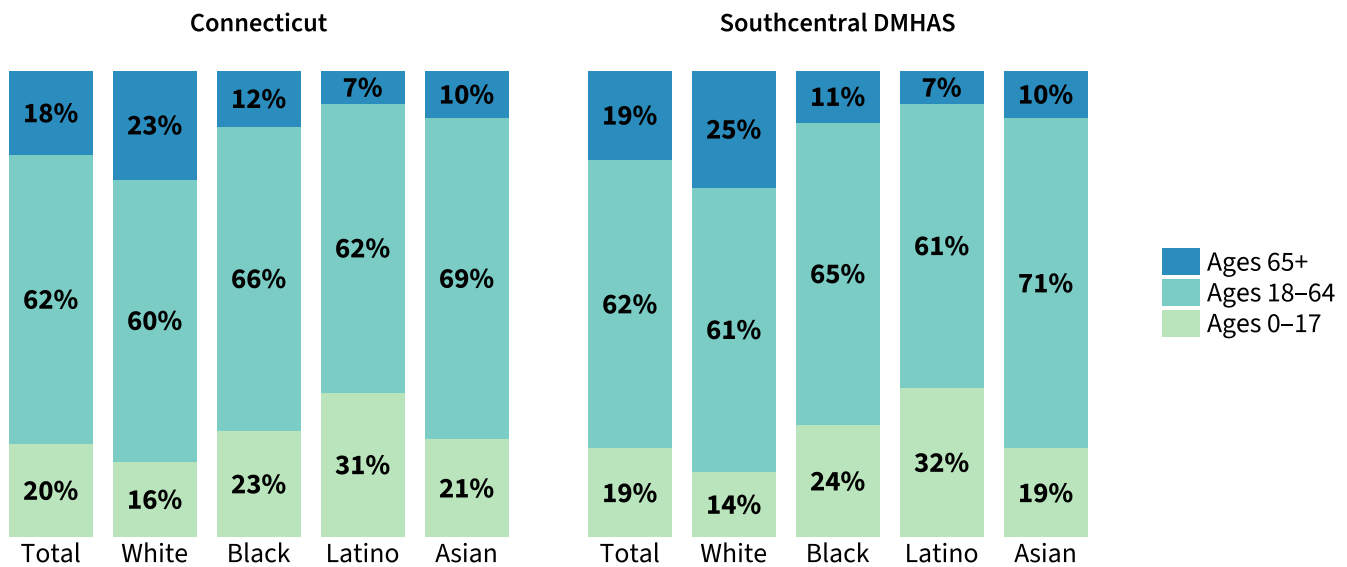
As of 2023, the population of the Southcentral DMHAS service area is 821,297, including 156,984 children and 664,313 adults. Thirty-six percent of the Southcentral DMHAS area’s residents are people of color, compared to 37 percent of residents statewide.

**TABLE 2: POPULATION BY RACE/ETHNICITY, 2023**

	White		Black		Latino		Asian		Other race/ethnicity	
	Count	Share	Count	Share	Count	Share	Count	Share	Count	Share
Connecticut	2,265,780	63%	355,413	10%	640,668	18%	169,312	5%	167,175	5%
Southcentral DMHAS	525,590	64%	89,995	11%	136,299	17%	35,232	4%	34,181	4%
Lower Connecticut River Valley COG	140,056	80%	7,957	5%	13,031	7%	6,109	3%	7,830	4%
South Central Regional COG	337,620	60%	73,955	13%	108,273	19%	24,651	4%	22,304	4%

As Connecticut’s predominantly white Baby Boomers age, younger generations are driving the state’s increased racial and ethnic diversity. Black and Latino populations in particular skew much younger than white populations.

**FIGURE 2: POPULATION BY RACE/ETHNICITY AND AGE GROUP, 2023**



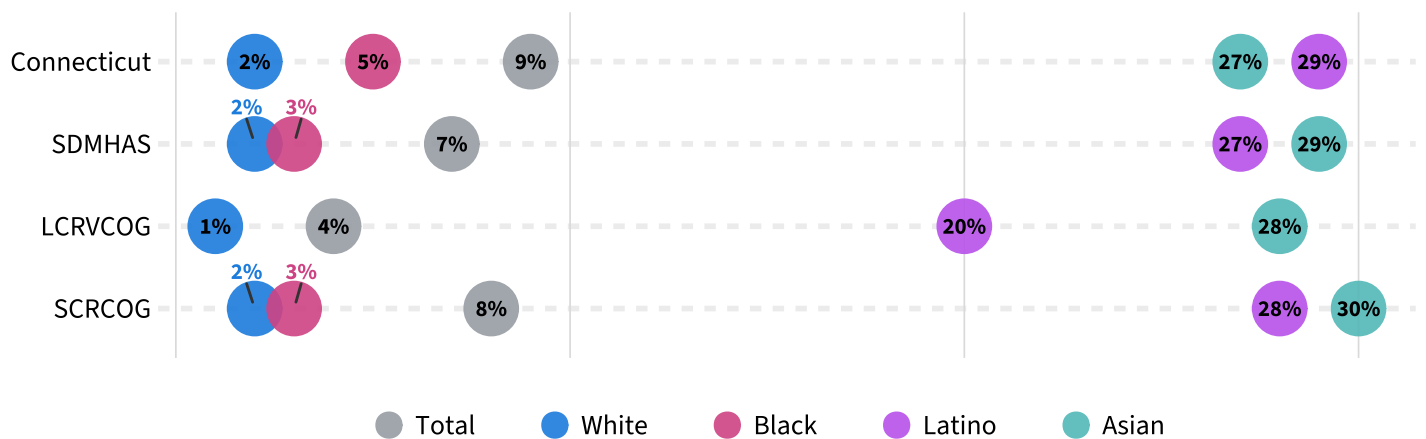
Note: Only groups with at least 50 residents in each age group shown.

About 102,973 residents of the Southcentral DMHAS service area, or 13 percent of the population, are foreign-born (see [Note 2](#)). The largest number of immigrants living in the Southcentral DMHAS area were born in Mexico, followed by China and Ecuador (see [Note 3](#)).

Limited English proficiency is characterized as speaking English less than “very well.” People who struggle with English proficiency may have difficulty in school, seeking health care, accessing social services, or finding work in a largely English-speaking community. As of 2023, 56,393 Southcentral DMHAS area residents, or 7 percent of the population ages 5 and older, had limited English proficiency. Latinos and Asian Americans are more likely to have limited English proficiency than other racial/ethnic groups.

When no one in a household ages 5 and above is proficient in English, the members of that household are considered linguistically isolated. Five percent of all Connecticut residents ages 5 and older are linguistically isolated, including 16 percent of Latino residents and 13 percent of Asian residents (see [Note 4](#)).

**FIGURE 3: SHARE OF POPULATION SPEAKING ENGLISH LESS THAN VERY WELL BY RACE/ETHNICITY, 2023**



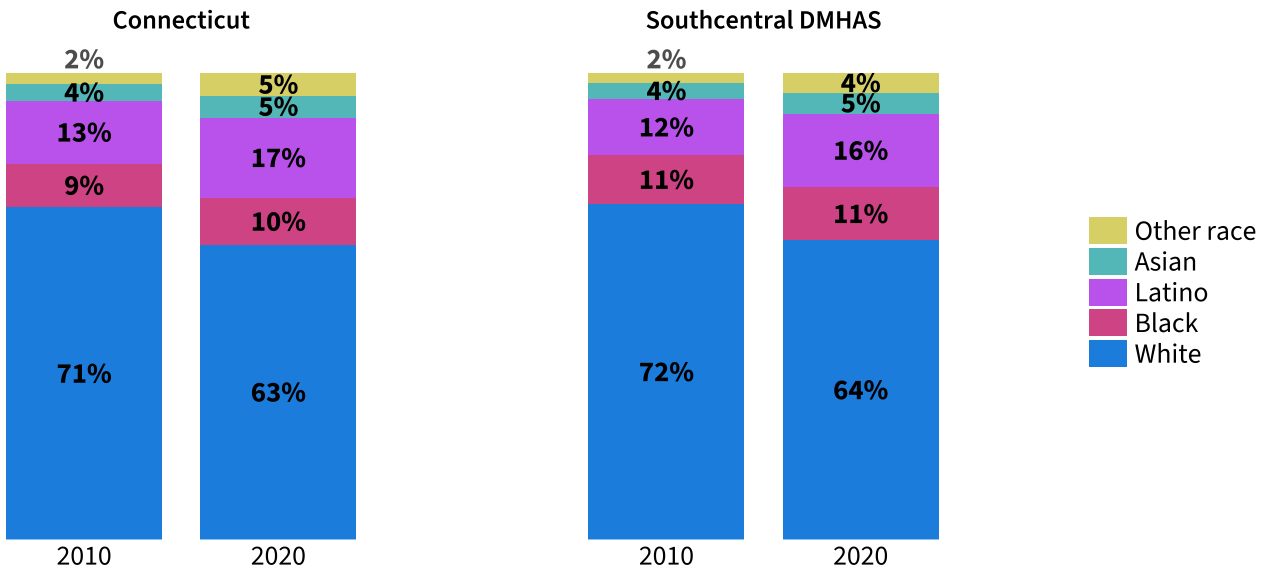
## POPULATION CHANGE, 2010–2020

Between 2010 and 2020, Connecticut’s population was nearly stagnant. During this period, Southcentral DMHAS shrank by 335 people, a less than 1 percent decrease. The number of white residents in the Southcentral DMHAS service area shrank by 11 percent, while the non-white population grew by 28 percent.

TABLE 3: POPULATION AND POPULATION CHANGE BY AGE GROUP, 2010–2020

		Population, 2010	Population, 2020	Change	Percent change
Connecticut	All ages	3,574,097	3,605,944	+31,847	+0.9%
	Children (0–17)	817,015	736,717	-80,298	-9.8%
	Adults (18+)	2,757,082	2,869,227	+112,145	+4.1%
Southcentral DMHAS	All ages	823,927	823,592	-335	-<0.1%
	Children (0–17)	177,265	154,715	-22,550	-12.7%
	Adults (18+)	646,662	668,877	+22,215	+3.4%

FIGURE 4: SHARE OF POPULATION BY RACE/ETHNICITY, 2010–2020



## HOUSING

The Southcentral DMHAS service area has 332,562 households, of which 64 percent are homeowner households. Of the region's 361,816 housing units, both occupied and vacant, 63 percent are in single-family buildings and 36 percent are in multifamily buildings. Statewide, 65 percent of all housing units are single-family and 34 percent are multifamily (see [Note 5](#)).

Home values have increased steeply since the start of the COVID-19 pandemic. The typical home value in Connecticut went from \$313,654 in December 2019 to \$413,459 in December 2025, adjusted for inflation. This is a 32% increase, and has made homeownership unattainable for many as wages have not nearly kept up (see [Note 6](#)).

Homeownership rates vary by race/ethnicity. Purchasing a home is more attainable for advantaged groups because the process of purchasing a home has a long history of racially discriminatory practices that continue to restrict access to homeownership today. This challenge, coupled with municipal zoning dominated by single-family housing, results in de facto racial and economic segregation seen throughout Connecticut (see [Note 7](#)).

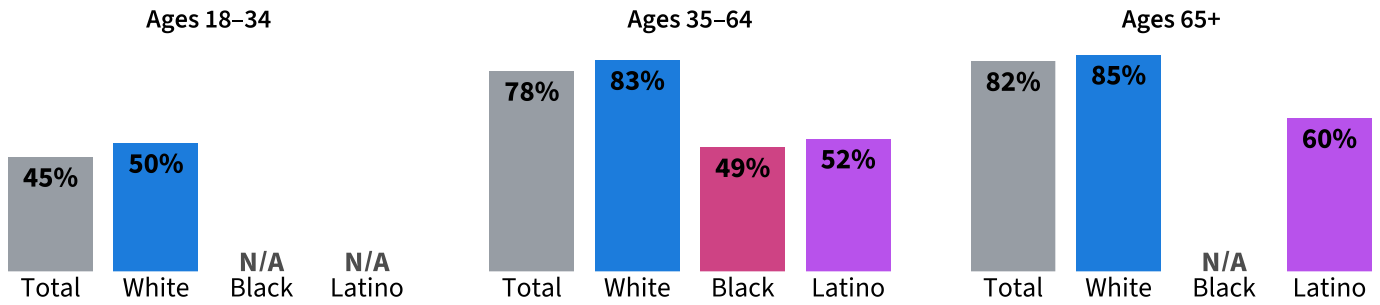
**TABLE 4: HOMEOWNERSHIP RATE BY RACE/ETHNICITY OF HEAD OF HOUSEHOLD, 2023**

	Total	White	Black	Latino	Asian	Other race
Connecticut	66%	76%	41%	39%	64%	44%
Southcentral DMHAS	64%	74%	38%	40%	60%	45%
Lower Connecticut River Valley COG	75%	80%	40%	47%	64%	55%
South Central Regional COG	61%	71%	37%	37%	57%	41%

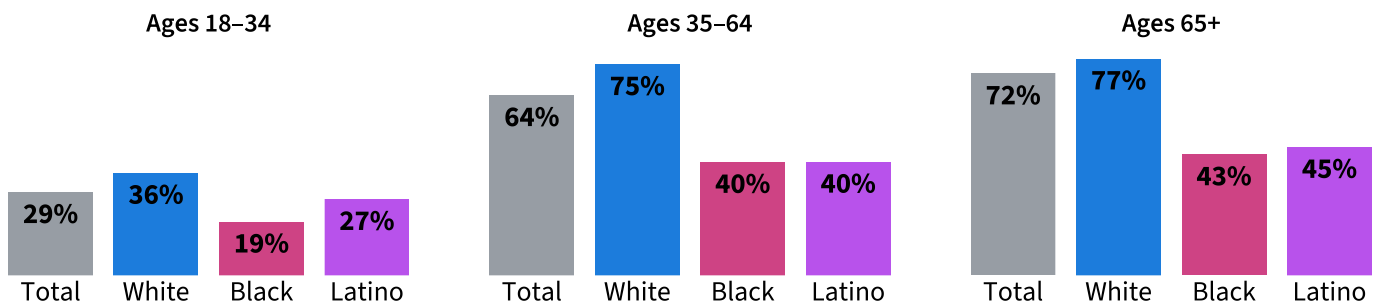
Younger adults are less likely than older adults to own their homes across several race/ethnicity groups. However, in many parts of the state, younger white adults own their homes at rates comparable to or higher than older Black and Latino adults.

**FIGURE 5: HOMEOWNERSHIP RATE BY AGE AND RACE/ETHNICITY OF HEAD OF HOUSEHOLD, LOWER CONNECTICUT RIVER VALLEY COG AND SOUTH CENTRAL REGIONAL COG, 2023**

**Lower Connecticut River Valley COG**

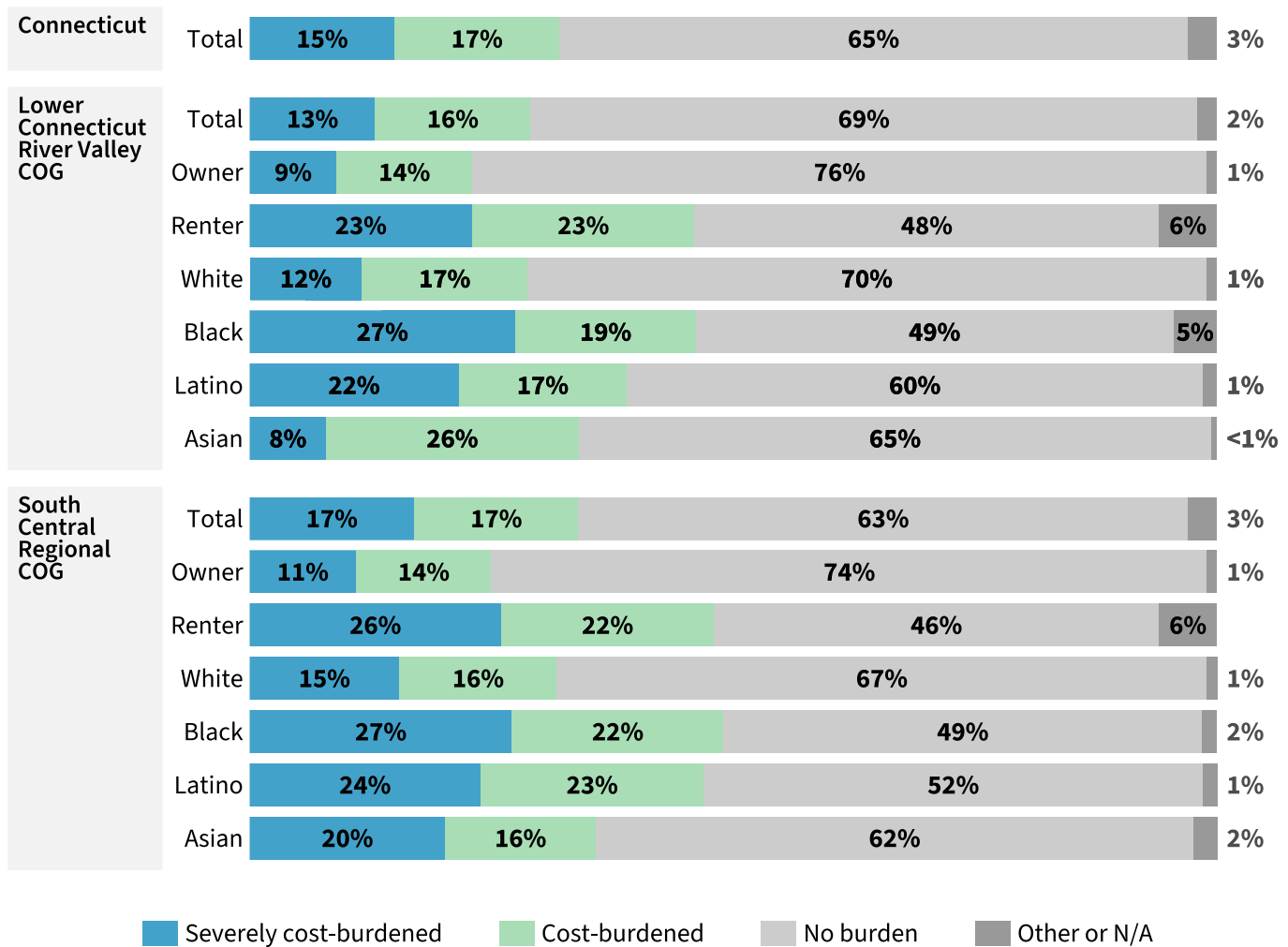


**South Central Regional COG**



A household is cost-burdened when they spend 30 percent or more of their income on housing costs, and severely cost-burdened when they spend half or more of their income on housing costs. Housing costs continue to rise, particularly since the early days of the COVID-19 pandemic. Cost-burden generally affects renters more than homeowners, and has greater impact on Black and Latino householders. Among renter households in the Southcentral DMHAS area, 48 percent are cost-burdened, compared to 25 percent of owner households.

**FIGURE 6: HOUSING COST-BURDEN RATES BY TENURE AND BY RACE/ETHNICITY OF HEAD OF HOUSEHOLD, 2023**



Both the state and federal governments have several programs available to help households pay their housing costs, including rental assistance programs like Section 8, mortgage financing, and deed restrictions. Statewide, 11 percent of housing units receive some form of financial assistance; in the Southcentral DMHAS area, this is 12 percent.

**TABLE 5: NUMBER AND SHARE OF ASSISTED HOUSING UNITS BY TOWN, 2023**

	Total assisted		Any government assistance		State rental assistance / Section 8		CHFA/USDA mortgages		Deed restricted	
	Count	Share	Count	Share	Count	Share	Count	Share	Count	Share
Connecticut	175,548	11%	94,770	6%	49,611	3%	25,535	2%	5,632	<1%
Southcentral DMHAS	42,983	12%	21,657	6%	15,418	4%	4,997	1%	911	<1%
Lower Connecticut River Valley COG	6,642	8%	4,114	5%	1,290	2%	1,057	1%	181	<1%
South Central Regional COG	33,578	14%	16,516	7%	12,895	5%	3,508	1%	659	<1%

Housing is in short supply across Connecticut, and as a result, very few units of housing are vacant. Units that are available to buy or rent are even more scarce. In 2023, 8 percent of all housing units in the state were vacant, including units that have been sold or rented out but are not yet occupied, as well as seasonal rentals. In the Southcentral DMHAS area, 8 percent of all housing units were vacant. Of all units expected to be owner-occupied, less than 1 percent were available for sale.

**TABLE 6: TENURE AND VACANCY, 2023**

	Total units	Owner units			Rental units		
		Total owner units	Vacant, for sale	Owner vacancy rate	Total rental units	Vacant, for rent	Rental vacancy rate
Connecticut	1,536,049	954,611	8,931	<1%	508,248	23,288	5%
Southcentral DMHAS	361,816	217,338	1,571	<1%	125,024	5,303	4%

Over the past few decades, many parts of the state have shifted away from building single-family housing and toward building more multifamily housing. Between 2020 and 2024, construction permits were issued for 8,021 units of housing in the Southcentral DMHAS area, 26 percent of which were for single-family housing (see [Note 8](#)).

Household overcrowding is defined as having more than one occupant per room. Overcrowding may increase the spread of illnesses among the household and can be associated with higher levels of stress. Increasing the availability of appropriately-sized affordable units helps to alleviate overcrowding.

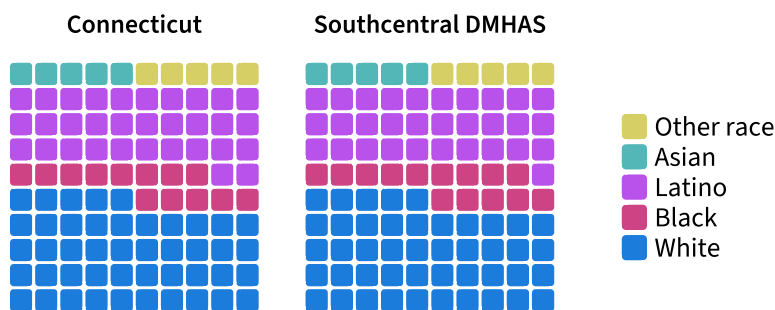
**TABLE 7: OVERCROWDED HOUSEHOLDS BY RACE/ETHNICITY OF HEAD OF HOUSEHOLD, 2023**

	Total		White		Black		Latino		Asian	
	Count	Share	Count	Share	Count	Share	Count	Share	Count	Share
Connecticut	28,258	2%	7,055	1%	5,060	3%	11,687	6%	3,664	6%
Southcentral DMHAS	6,582	2%	1,904	1%	1,336	4%	2,415	5%	768	6%
Lower Connecticut River Valley COG	668	1%	398	1%	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
South Central Regional COG	5,437	2%	1,398	1%	1,133	4%	2,148	6%	691	7%

## EDUCATION

Public school students in the Southcentral DMHAS service area are served by 34 different school districts, including 4 regional districts. During the 2024-25 school year, these districts enrolled a total of 97,685 students. The largest of these is the New Haven School District, with 18,817 students enrolled. Tracking student success measures is important since disparate academic and disciplinary outcomes are observed as early as preschool and can ultimately affect a person’s long-term educational attainment and economic potential.

**FIGURE 7: PUBLIC K–12 STUDENT ENROLLMENT BY RACE/ETHNICITY PER 100 STUDENTS, 2024-25**

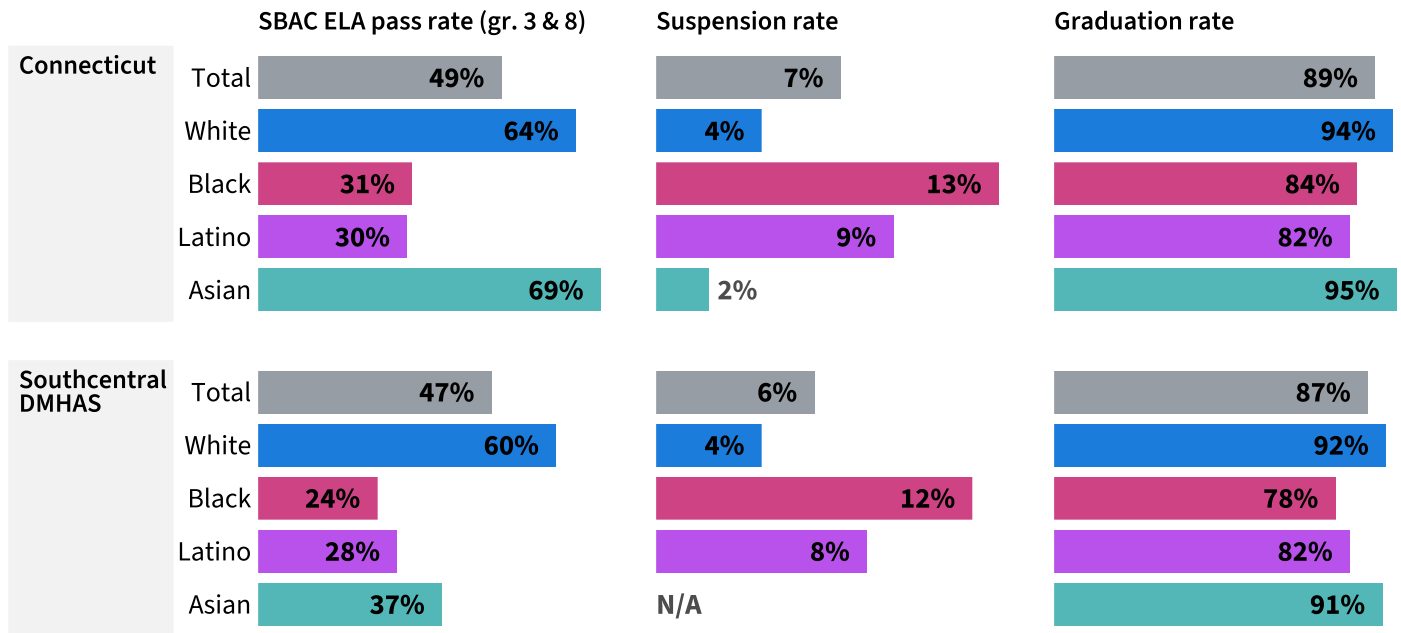


Statewide, nearly half of all public school students qualify for free- or reduced-price meals, and 19 percent are identified as having some form of disability.

**TABLE 8: PUBLIC K–12 STUDENT ENROLLMENT BY ENGLISH LANGUAGE LEARNER STATUS, FREE/REDUCED PRICE MEAL ELIGIBILITY, AND SPECIAL EDUCATION DESIGNATION, 2024-25**

	Total enrollment	English language learners		Eligible for free/reduced price meals		Students with disabilities	
		Enrolled	Share	Enrolled	Share	Enrolled	Share
Connecticut	508,402	57,533	11%	227,964	45%	94,174	19%
Southcentral DMHAS	97,685	11,423	12%	46,209	47%	17,630	18%

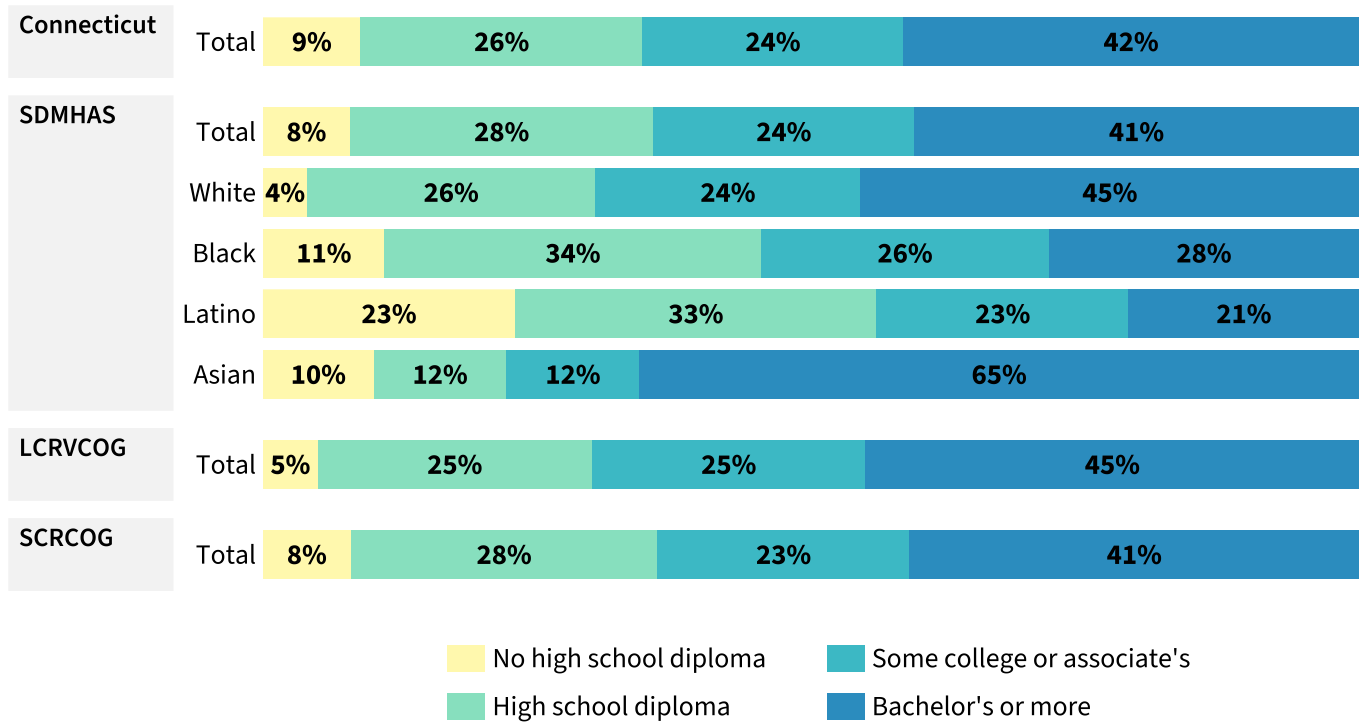
**FIGURE 8: SELECTED ACADEMIC AND DISCIPLINARY OUTCOMES BY STUDENT RACE/ETHNICITY, 2023-24 AND 2024-25 SCHOOL YEARS**



SY 2023-24: Graduation rate  
 SY 2024-25: SBAC ELA pass rate, Suspension rate

Adults with high school diplomas or college degrees have more employment options and considerably higher potential earnings, on average, than those who do not finish high school. In the Southcentral DMHAS area, 8 percent of adults ages 25 and over, or 44,459 people, lack a high school diploma; statewide, this value is 9 percent.

**FIGURE 9: EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT BY RACE/ETHNICITY, SHARE OF ADULTS AGES 25 AND UP, 2023**



# ECONOMY

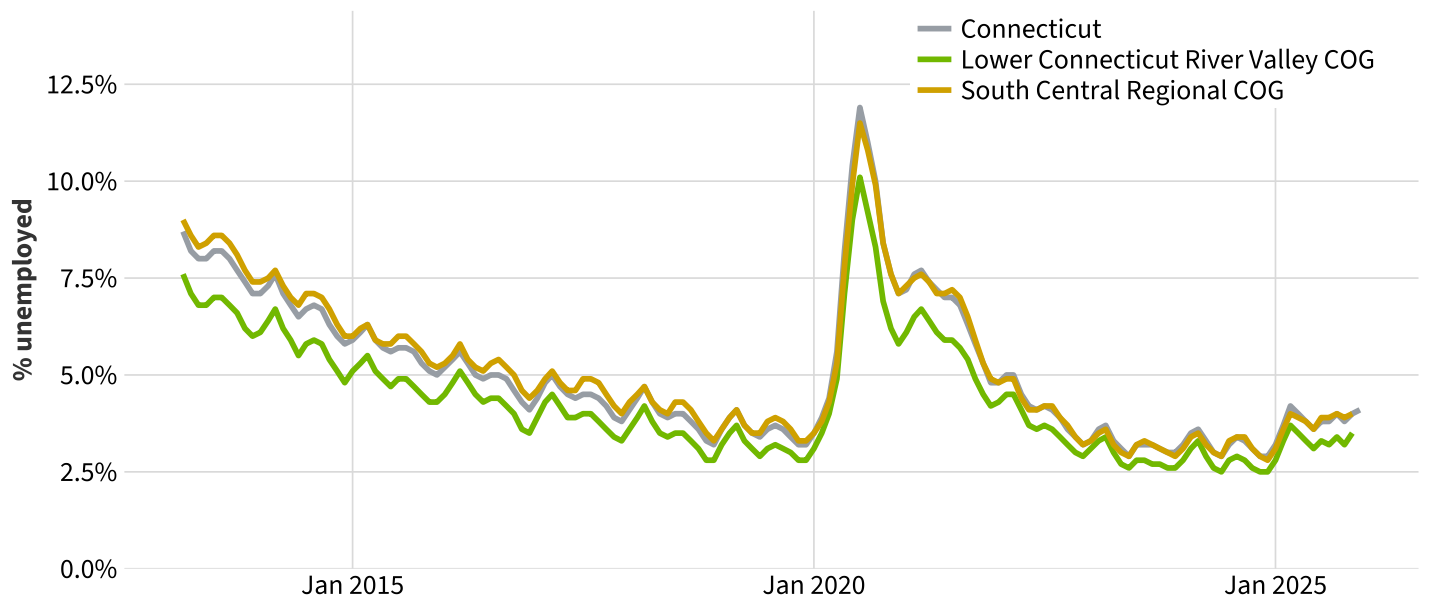
At the end of 2024, there were 388,126 total jobs in the Southcentral DMHAS service area, with the largest share in the Health Care and Social Assistance sector. While many industries saw major job losses early on in the COVID-19 pandemic, by early 2023 the number of jobs statewide had nearly caught back up to pre-pandemic counts.

**TABLE 9: JOBS AND WAGES IN SOUTHCENTRAL DMHAS SERVICE AREA'S 5 LARGEST SECTORS, 2024**

	Connecticut		Southcentral DMHAS	
	Total jobs	Avg annual pay	Total jobs	Avg annual pay
All Sectors	1,661,750	\$88,616	388,126	\$75,884
Health Care and Social Assistance	288,522	\$67,540	71,126	\$67,590
Retail Trade	163,032	\$46,058	37,048	\$43,872
Manufacturing	154,738	\$101,418	33,237	\$91,763
Accommodation and Food Services	123,696	\$31,794	28,982	\$30,203
Educational Services	65,506	\$82,517	28,886	\$107,599

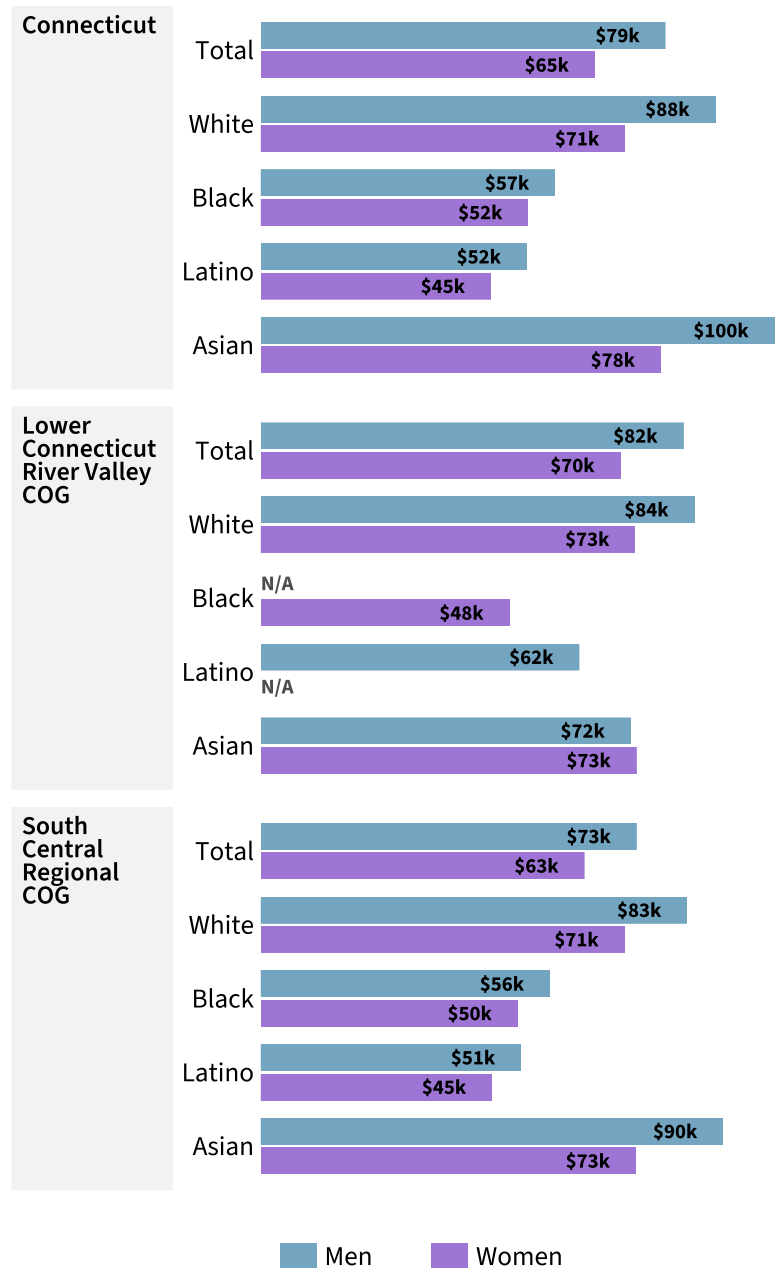
Nationwide, the onset of the pandemic led to a huge spike in unemployment rates, mirrored across Connecticut. At its peak in July 2020, Connecticut’s unemployment rate was 12.1 percent. As of November 2025, unemployment rates for Connecticut, Lower Connecticut River Valley COG, and South Central Regional COG were 4.2 percent, 3.7 percent, and 4.2 percent, respectively.

**FIGURE 10: MONTHLY UNEMPLOYMENT RATE, 2013–2025, 3-MONTH ROLLING AVERAGE**



Individual earnings vary by race/ethnicity, sex, and other characteristics. These can be measured comparing the differences in average earnings between groups. White and Asian workers often out-earn other workers, and within racial groups men often out-earn women. These trends hold even when controlling for educational attainment and within many occupational groups.

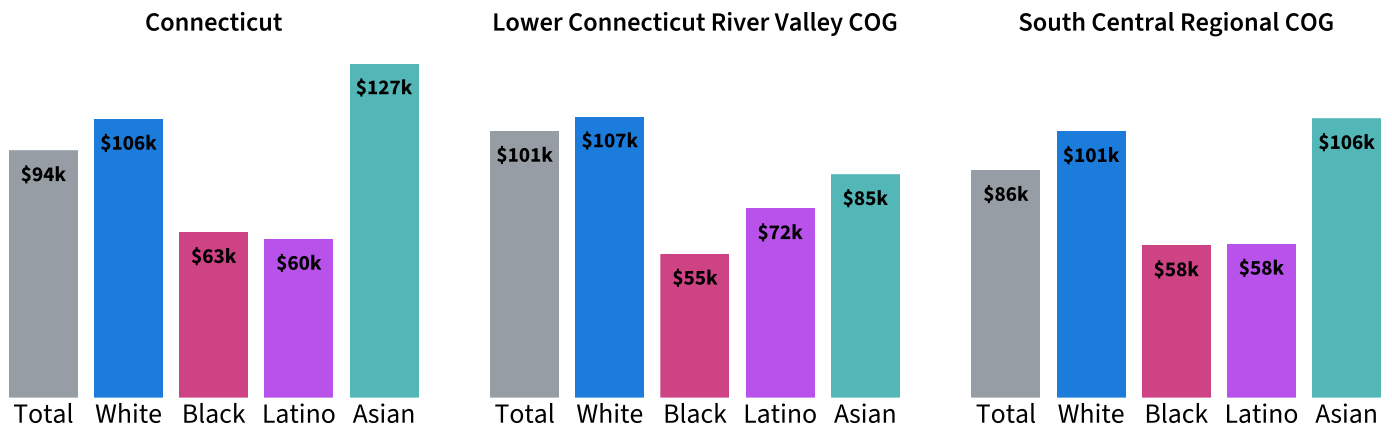
**FIGURE 11: MEDIAN INCOME BY RACE/ETHNICITY AND SEX FOR FULL-TIME WORKERS AGES 25 AND OVER WITH POSITIVE INCOME, 2023**



# INCOME & WEALTH

Town-level median household incomes in the Southcentral DMHAS area range from \$53,771 in New Haven to \$201,926 in Woodbridge. Racial disparities in outcomes related to education, housing, employment, and wages result in disparate household-level incomes and overall wealth. Households led by Black or Latino adults generally average lower incomes than white- or Asian-led households.

**FIGURE 12: MEDIAN HOUSEHOLD INCOME BY RACE/ETHNICITY OF HEAD OF HOUSEHOLD, 2023**



Between the Great Recession and the COVID-19 pandemic, average incomes have not kept pace with inflation over the past two decades. Adjusted for inflation, Connecticut’s median household income in 2023 was \$1,700 lower than in 2000.

**TABLE 10: MEDIAN HOUSEHOLD INCOME, WITH LARGEST INCREASE AND DECREASE OF SOUTHCENTRAL DMHAS SERVICE AREA TOWNS, 2000–2023, IN 2023 DOLLARS**

	Income, 2000 (2023 dollars)	Income, 2023	Change	Percent change
Connecticut	\$95,460	\$93,760	-\$1,700	-2%
Lower Connecticut River Valley COG	N/A	\$101,117	N/A	N/A
South Central Regional COG	N/A	\$86,266	N/A	N/A
Bethany	\$132,563	\$153,879	+\$21,316	+16%
Westbrook	\$101,825	\$76,172	-\$25,653	-25%

With many of the safety measures early in the COVID-19 pandemic, having reliable, high-speed internet at home became a necessity for remote participation in school, expanded job opportunities, and telehealth. Statewide, Black and Latino residents are slightly more likely than average to live in a household without broadband access, though a variety of programs appear to have lessened the digital divide.

**TABLE 11: SELECTED ECONOMIC RESOURCE INDICATORS BY RACE/ETHNICITY, 2023**

	Total		White		Black		Latino		Asian	
	Count	Share	Count	Share	Count	Share	Count	Share	Count	Share
<b>Population living below poverty level</b>										
Connecticut	351,948	10%	138,047	6%	63,296	17%	127,248	20%	14,633	9%
Southcentral DMHAS	80,971	10%	32,293	6%	17,909	19%	25,235	19%	3,438	10%
Lower Connecticut River Valley COG	11,625	7%	7,779	6%	1,320	15%	1,427	11%	N/A	N/A
South Central Regional COG	63,456	12%	21,068	6%	16,100	21%	22,273	21%	2,719	11%
<b>Population without broadband internet at home</b>										
Connecticut	217,900	6%	128,311	6%	32,747	9%	45,954	7%	4,934	3%
Southcentral DMHAS	48,906	6%	30,126	6%	7,676	8%	9,479	7%	N/A	N/A
Lower Connecticut River Valley COG	10,987	6%	8,239	6%	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
South Central Regional COG	32,724	6%	18,468	6%	5,836	8%	7,428	7%	N/A	N/A

The Supplemental Nutritional Assistance Program (SNAP, or food stamps) is a program available to very low-income households earning less than 130 percent of the federal poverty guideline (\$30,000 for a family of four in 2023). Throughout the state, poverty and SNAP utilization rates are higher among Black and Latino households than white households. At the time of writing, tens of thousands of households across Connecticut are projected to lose significant amounts of their SNAP benefits under the federal H.R.1, or the “One Big Beautiful Bill Act” (see [Note 9](#)).

Access to a personal vehicle may also be considered a measure of financial security since reliable transportation plays a significant role in job access and quality of life. Vehicle access reduces the time a family may spend running errands or traveling to appointments, school, or work.

**TABLE 12: SELECTED HOUSEHOLD ECONOMIC INDICATORS BY RACE/ETHNICITY OF HEAD OF HOUSEHOLD, 2023**

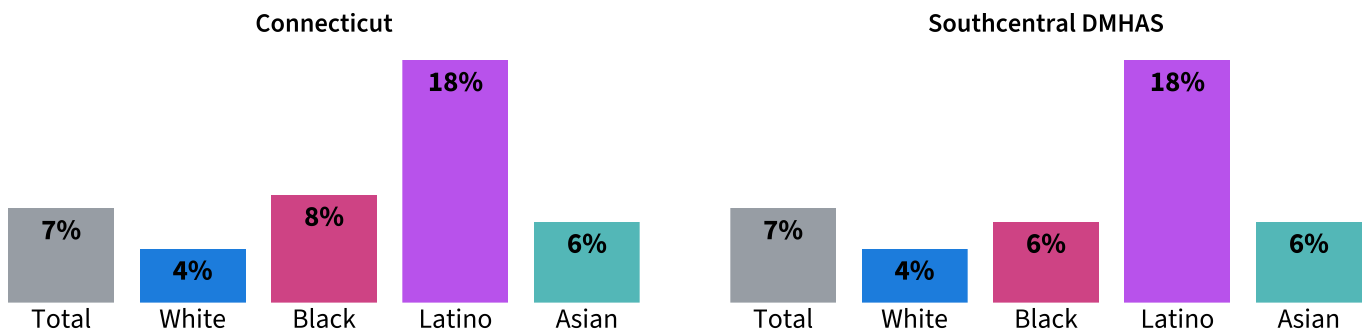
	Total		White		Black		Latino		Asian	
	Count	Share	Count	Share	Count	Share	Count	Share	Count	Share
<b>Households receiving food stamps/SNAP</b>										
Connecticut	165,735	12%	63,550	7%	36,404	25%	57,830	28%	4,553	8%
Southcentral DMHAS	39,271	12%	15,486	7%	10,330	28%	11,715	26%	1,097	9%
Lower Connecticut River Valley COG	5,523	8%	3,378	6%	772	19%	982	23%	N/A	N/A
South Central Regional COG	30,291	13%	10,462	7%	8,905	29%	9,858	28%	686	7%
<b>Households without a vehicle</b>										
Connecticut	122,113	9%	53,623	6%	26,046	19%	32,047	16%	5,154	9%
Southcentral DMHAS	31,133	9%	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Lower Connecticut River Valley COG	4,135	6%	2,658	4%	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
South Central Regional COG	24,778	11%	11,086	8%	6,213	21%	5,557	16%	1,539	17%

# HEALTH

The socioeconomic disparities described above tend to correlate with health outcomes. Factors such as stable housing, employment, literacy and linguistic fluency, environmental hazards, and transportation all impact access to care, physical and mental health outcomes, and overall quality of life. Income and employment status often drive differences in access to healthcare, the likelihood of getting preventive screenings as recommended, the affordability of life-saving medicines, and the ability to purchase other goods and services, including high-quality housing and nutritious food.

Health-related challenges begin with access to care. Due to differences in workplace benefits, income, and eligibility factors, Black and especially Latino people are less likely to have health insurance than white people. At the time of writing, tens of thousands of people across Connecticut are projected to lose health insurance over the next 10 years under H.R.1. Medicaid recipients are particularly vulnerable to these federal cuts, though exact impacts are still unknown (see [Note 10](#)).

**FIGURE 13: UNINSURED RATE AMONG ADULTS AGES 19–64 BY RACE/ETHNICITY, 2023**

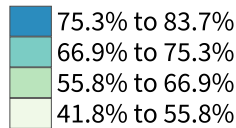
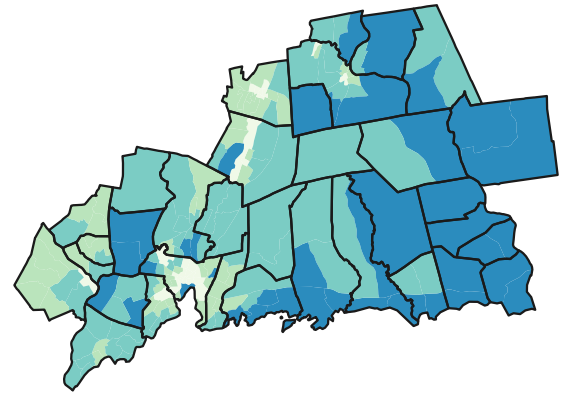
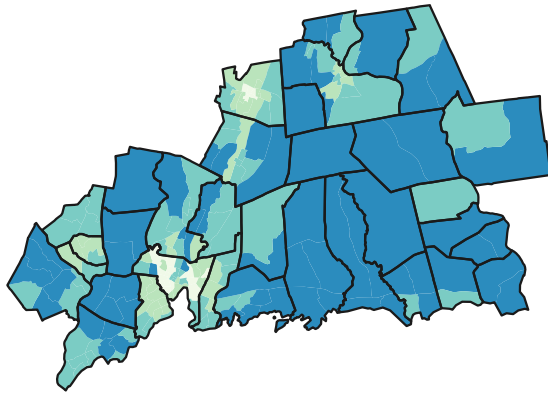


Preventive care can help counteract economic disadvantages, as a person’s health can be improved by addressing risk factors like hypertension and chronic stress early. Lack of affordable, accessible, and consistent medical care can lead to residents relying on expensive emergency room visits later on. Overall, 81 percent of the adults in the Southcentral DMHAS service area had a checkup in the past year as of 2023, and 70 percent had had a dental visit as of 2022.

**FIGURE 14: PREVENTIVE CARE MEASURES, SHARE OF ADULTS BY CENSUS TRACT, SOUTHCENTRAL DMHAS SERVICE AREA**

**Dental visit in past year, 2022**

**Annual checkup, 2023**



Throughout the state, people of color face greater rates and earlier onset of many chronic diseases and risk factors, particularly those that are linked to socioeconomic status and access to resources. For example, diabetes is much more common among older adults than younger ones, yet middle-aged Black adults in Connecticut have higher diabetes rates than white seniors.

**FIGURE 15: SELECTED HEALTH RISK FACTORS, SHARE OF ADULTS, 2015-2024**

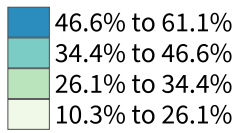
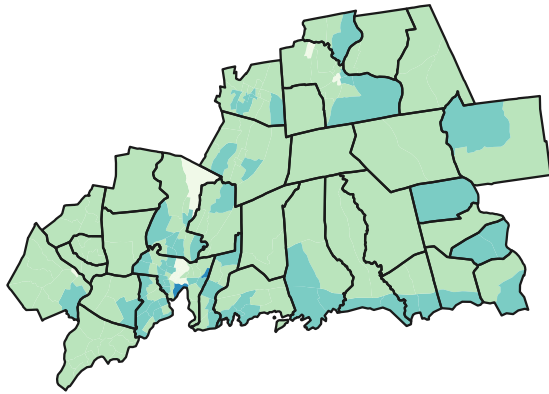
		Exercise 3+ days a week	Food insecurity	Excellent/very good self-rated health	Smoking
Connecticut	Total	60%	16%	57%	14%
SDMHAS	Total	60%	17%	57%	15%
	White	63%	12%	59%	14%
	Black	52%	27%	51%	16%
	Latino	55%	29%	51%	16%
LCRVCOG	Total	66%	13%	60%	14%
SCRCOG	Total	59%	18%	56%	14%

**FIGURE 16: SELECTED HEALTH INDICATORS BY AGE AND RACE/ETHNICITY, SHARE OF ADULTS, SOUTHCENTRAL DMHAS SERVICE AREA, 2015-2024**

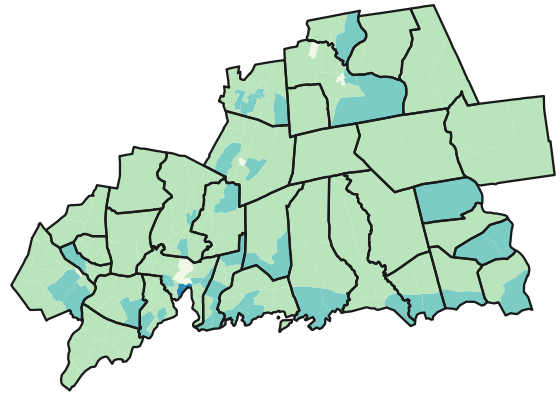
	Diabetes				Hypertension				Asthma			
	Total	White	Black	Latino	Total	White	Black	Latino	Total	White	Black	Latino
Ages 18-34	2%	1%	5%	3%	11%	8%	14%	16%	14%	13%	15%	17%
Ages 35-49	7%	5%	7%	12%	22%	23%	25%	20%	12%	10%	15%	17%
Ages 50-64	15%	11%	29%	25%	40%	36%	65%	42%	12%	11%	14%	21%
Ages 65+	21%	19%	38%	33%	58%	56%	71%	61%	10%	9%	N/A	24%

**FIGURE 17: CHRONIC DISEASE PREVALENCE, SHARE OF ADULTS BY CENSUS TRACT, SOUTHCENTRAL DMHAS SERVICE AREA**

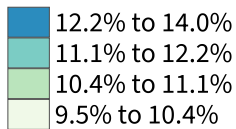
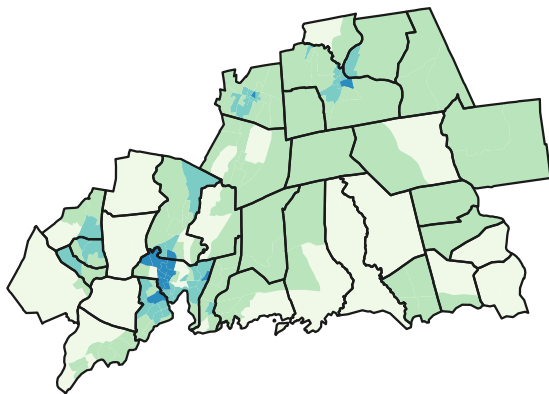
**High blood pressure, 2023**



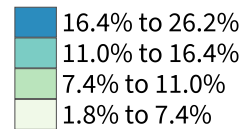
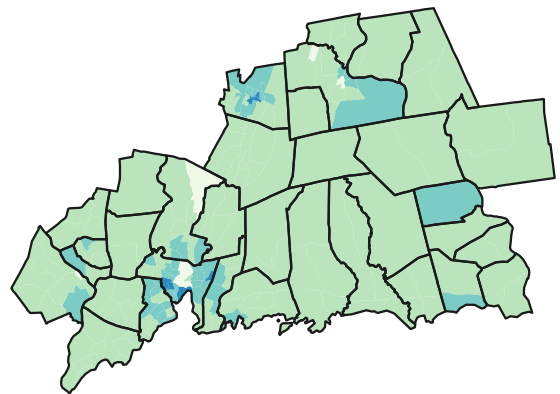
**Coronary heart disease, 2023**



**Current asthma, 2023**



**Diabetes, 2023**



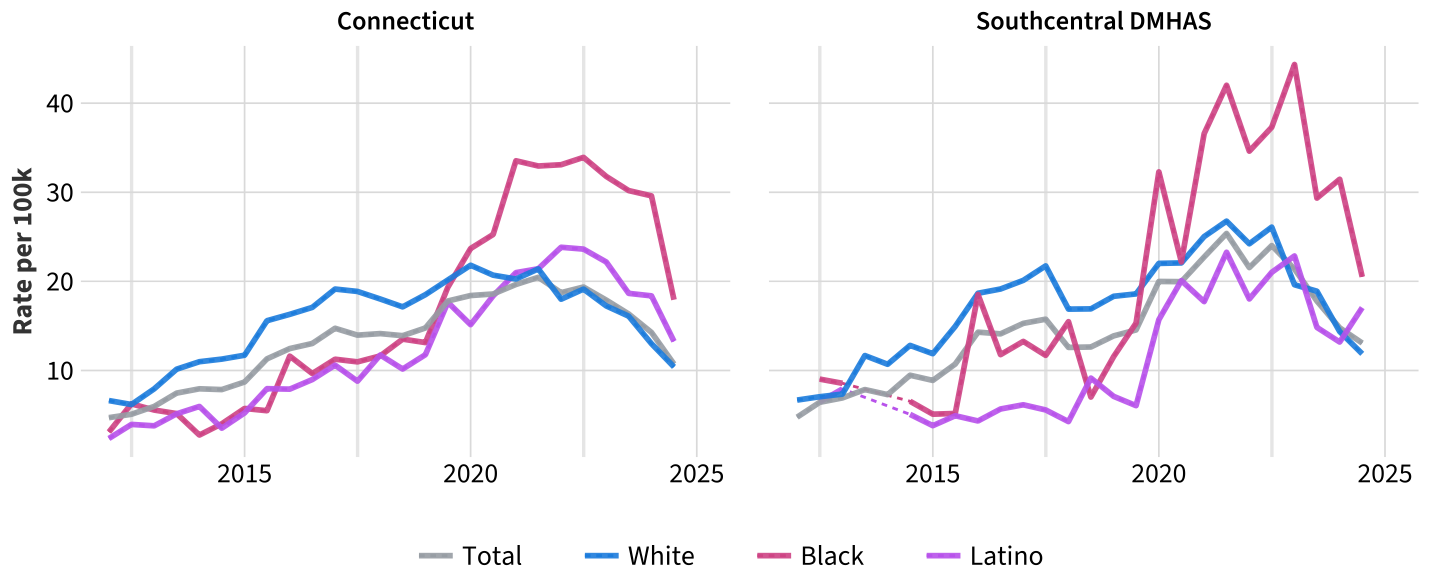
Mental health issues like depression and anxiety can be linked to social determinants like income, employment, and environment, and can pose risks of physical health problems as well, including by complicating a person's ability to keep up other aspects of their health care. People of color and younger adults are slightly more likely to report feeling mostly or completely anxious and being bothered by feeling depressed or hopeless. Overall, 14 percent of Southcentral DMHAS area adults report experiencing anxiety regularly and 12 percent report being bothered by depression.

**TABLE 13: SELECTED MENTAL HEALTH INDICATORS, SHARE OF ADULTS, 2015–2024**

	Total	By age				By race/ethnicity		
		Ages 18-34	Ages 35-49	Ages 50-64	Ages 65+	White	Black	Latino
<b>Experiencing anxiety</b>								
Connecticut	14%	19%	15%	11%	10%	12%	16%	20%
Southcentral DMHAS	14%	18%	16%	10%	9%	12%	13%	18%
Lower Connecticut River Valley COG	11%	16%	14%	8%	9%	11%	12%	13%
South Central Regional COG	14%	20%	17%	10%	9%	13%	14%	20%
<b>Bothered by depression</b>								
Connecticut	12%	18%	11%	9%	7%	10%	14%	17%
Southcentral DMHAS	12%	17%	12%	10%	7%	10%	12%	17%
Lower Connecticut River Valley COG	13%	24%	11%	9%	6%	10%	20%	23%
South Central Regional COG	12%	16%	13%	10%	7%	10%	12%	17%

Like other states, Connecticut has seen a rise in drug overdose deaths over the last decade. In 2024, Connecticut saw an average of 78 overdose deaths per month, up from 59 in 2015. White residents long comprised the bulk of these deaths, but as overall overdose death rates have increased, an increasing share of those deaths have been people of color. Following a steep rise during the early days of the COVID-19 pandemic, rates have begun to drop recently.

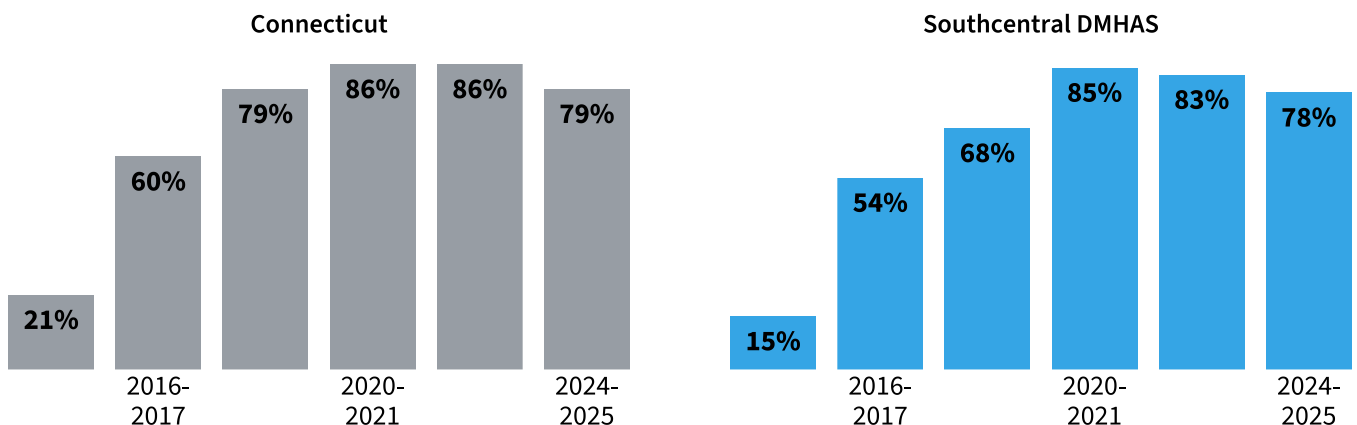
**FIGURE 18: AGE-ADJUSTED SEMI-ANNUAL RATES OF DRUG OVERDOSE DEATHS PER 100,000 RESIDENTS BY RACE/ETHNICITY, 2012-2024**



Note: Values are suppressed for small populations or few overdose incidents. Dashed lines indicate periods where values are suppressed or otherwise unavailable.

The introduction and spread of fentanyl in drugs—both with and without users’ knowledge—is thought to have contributed to this steep rise in overdoses. In 2016 and 2017, 54 percent of the drug overdose deaths in the Southcentral DMHAS area involved fentanyl; in 2024 and 2025, this share was 78 percent.

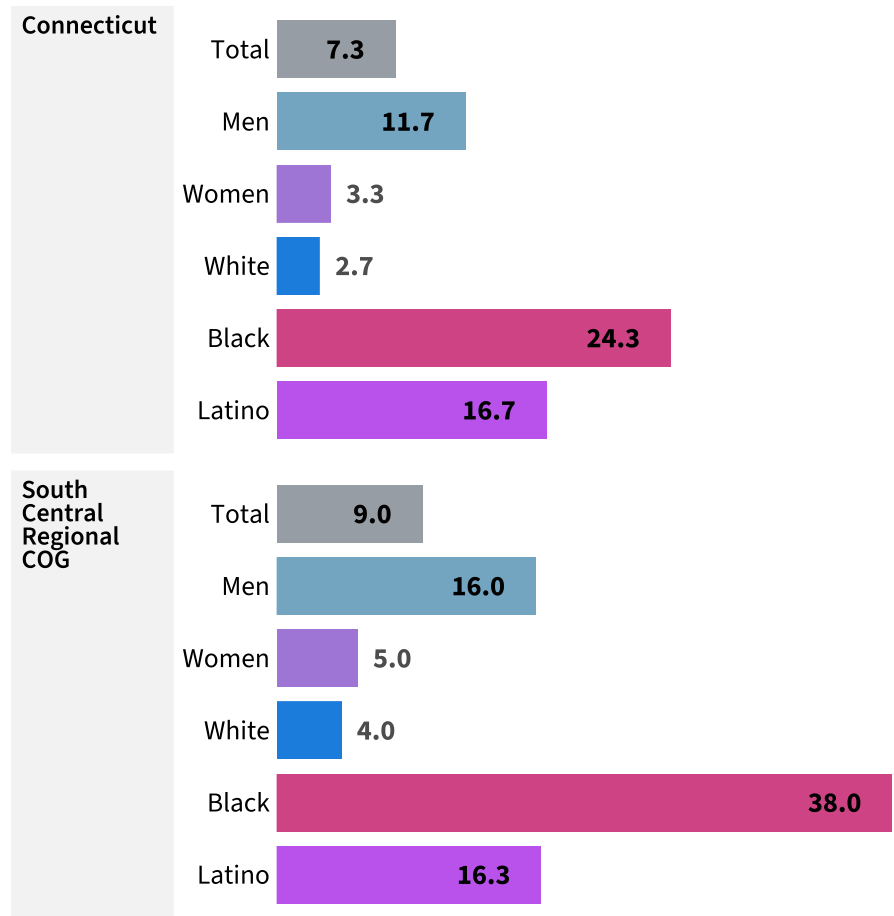
**FIGURE 19: SHARE OF DRUG OVERDOSE DEATHS INVOLVING FENTANYL, AGGREGATED TO TWO-YEAR PERIODS, 2014-2025**



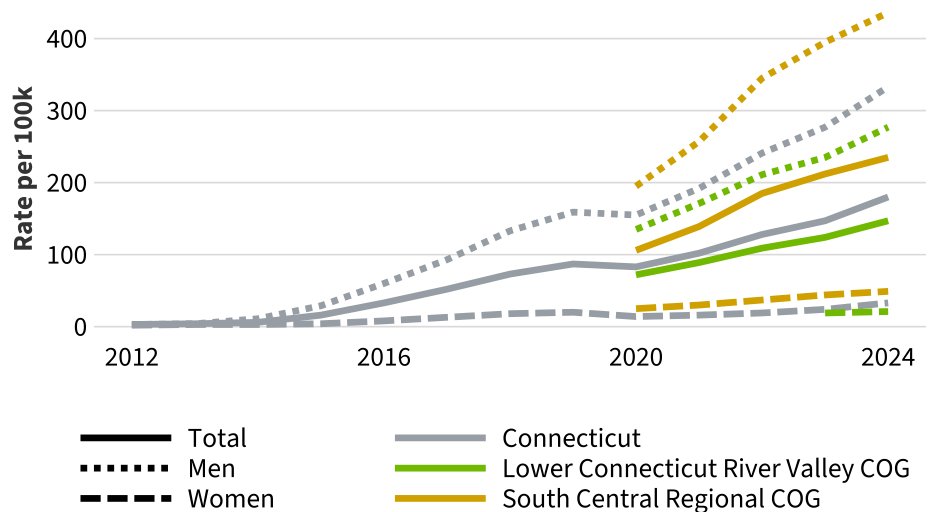
As with many other health conditions, Connecticut’s Black and Latino residents face a higher burden of HIV rates. On average each year between 2021 and 2023, Black residents ages 13 and up were about nine times more likely to be diagnosed with HIV than white residents. Men were also much more likely to be diagnosed with HIV than women: men received 11.7 diagnoses per 100,000 male residents ages 13 and up, well above the 3.3 diagnoses per 100,000 women.

Pre-exposure prophylaxis, or PrEP, is a type of medication used to prevent HIV in those at risk of contracting the virus. PrEP has become far more accessible in recent years, in part through the Affordable Care Act. In 2024, Connecticut had 180 people taking PrEP per 100,000 residents ages 13 and up, a large increase from 83 per 100,000 in 2020. Within Lower Connecticut River Valley COG, 147 people per 100,000 residents took PrEP in 2024; in South Central Regional COG, this was 235 per 100,000.

**FIGURE 20: ANNUALIZED AVERAGE RATE OF NEW HIV DIAGNOSES PER 100,000 RESIDENTS AGES 13 AND OVER, 2021-2023**



**FIGURE 21: RATE OF PREP USAGE PER 100,000 RESIDENTS AGES 13 AND OVER, 2012-2024**



Birth outcomes often reflect health inequities for parents giving birth, and those outcomes can affect a child throughout their life. Often, parents of color have more complications related to birth and pregnancy than white parents. Complications during pregnancy or childbirth also contribute to elevated mortality among parents giving birth.

**TABLE 14: SELECTED BIRTH OUTCOMES BY RACE/ETHNICITY OF PARENT GIVING BIRTH, 2020–2024**

	Total	White	Black	Latina			Asian
				Latina (overall)	Puerto Rican	Other Latina	
<b>Late or no prenatal care</b>							
Connecticut	3.7%	2.5%	5.2%	5.2%	3.2%	6.6%	3.4%
Middlesex County	2.2%	2.0%	N/A	2.9%	N/A	3.0%	N/A
New Haven County	4.6%	3.0%	5.5%	6.2%	4.1%	8.4%	4.6%
<b>Low birthweight</b>							
Connecticut	8.0%	6.3%	13.3%	8.5%	10.1%	7.3%	9.2%
Middlesex County	7.2%	6.2%	9.9%	10.5%	13.5%	8.0%	7.7%
New Haven County	8.7%	6.6%	13.8%	8.8%	9.9%	7.6%	9.4%
<b>Infant mortality (per 1k live births)</b>							
Connecticut	4.6	2.8	9.1	6.0	N/A	N/A	N/A
Middlesex County	4.6	4.1	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
New Haven County	5.2	2.6	10.1	6.2	N/A	N/A	N/A

Children under 7 years old are monitored annually for potential lead poisoning, based on having blood-lead levels in excess of the state’s accepted threshold. This threshold was lowered in 2022 following CDC guidance. Between 2018 and 2020, 6.0 percent of children tested in the Southcentral DMHAS service area were found to have elevated blood lead levels, or a concentration of more than 3.5 micrograms of lead per deciliter of blood (see **Note 11**). Children living in homes built before 1960 are at a higher risk of potential lead poisoning due to the more widespread use of lead-based paints in older homes. Statewide, Black and Latino households are more likely to live in structures built before 1960.

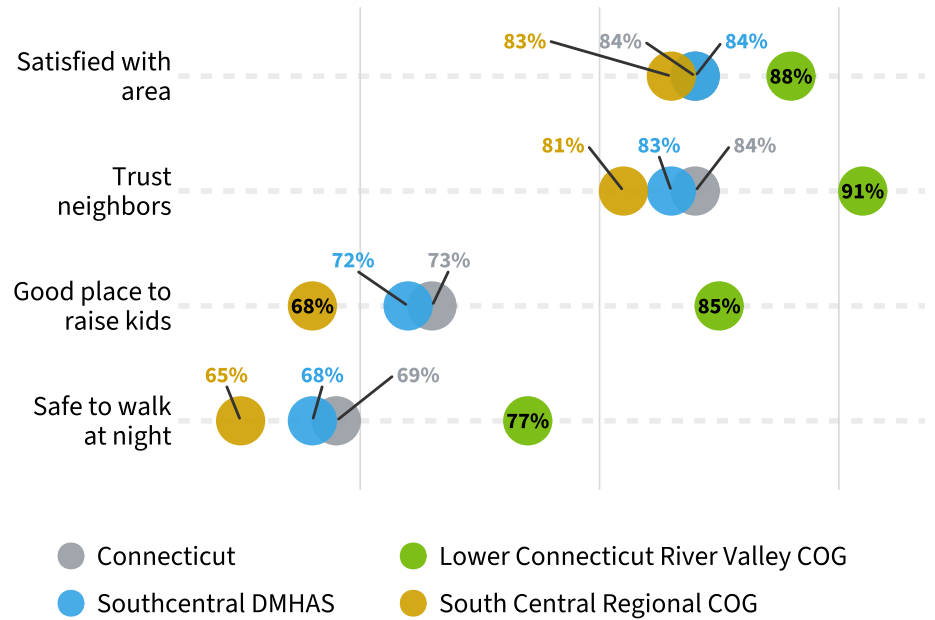
**TABLE 15: HOUSEHOLDS LIVING IN STRUCTURES BUILT BEFORE 1960 BY RACE/ETHNICITY OF HEAD OF HOUSEHOLD, 2023**

	Total		White		Black		Latino		Asian		Other race	
	Count	Share	Count	Share	Count	Share	Count	Share	Count	Share	Count	Share
Connecticut	572,218	40%	380,423	39%	61,751	45%	97,577	48%	14,572	26%	19,981	41%
Southcentral DMHAS	139,204	42%	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Lower Connecticut River Valley COG	24,186	33%	19,842	32%	1,115	33%	1,803	41%	N/A	N/A	948	38%
South Central Regional COG	103,233	45%	65,497	44%	13,874	48%	18,816	53%	3,292	36%	2,905	45%

# CIVIC LIFE & COMMUNITY COHESION

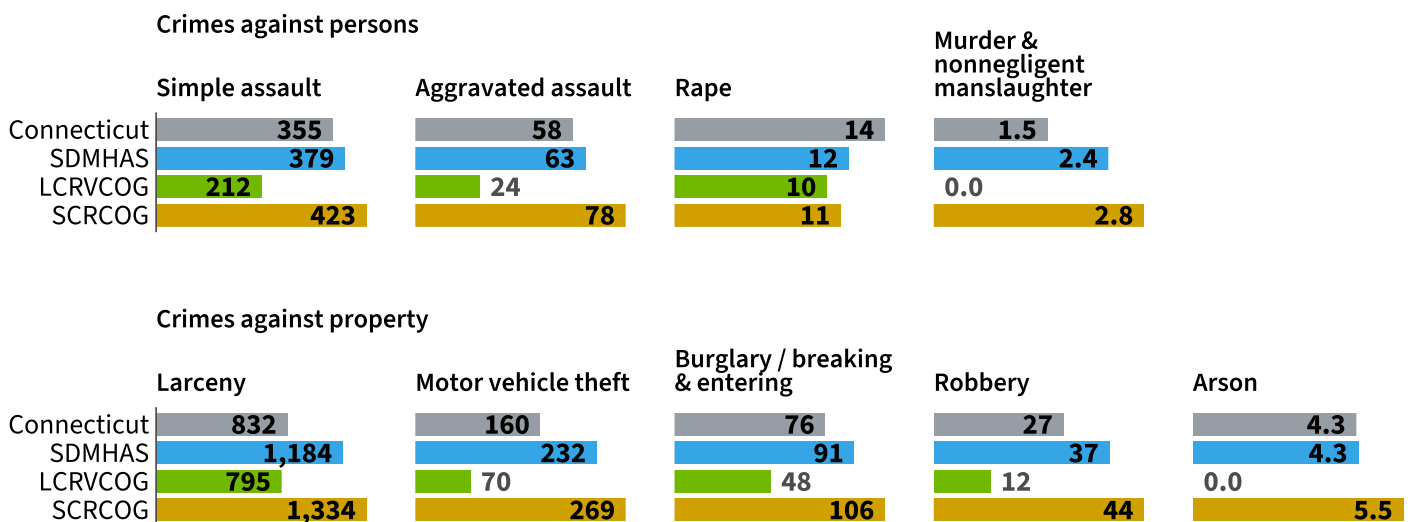
Beyond individual health, several measures from the DataHaven Community Wellbeing Survey show how local adults feel about the health of their neighborhoods. High quality of life and community cohesion can positively impact resident well-being through the availability of resources, sense of safety, and participation in civic life. For example, residents who know and trust their neighbors or feel safe walking at night may find greater social support and access to resources. Overall, 84 percent of adults in the Southcentral DMHAS area report being satisfied with the area where they live.

**FIGURE 22: RESIDENTS' RATINGS OF COMMUNITY COHESION MEASURES, SHARE OF ADULTS, 2015-2024**



Crime rates are based on reports to law enforcement of violent force against persons, as well as offenses involving property. Not all crimes involve residents of the areas where the crimes occur, which is important to consider when evaluating crime rates in areas or towns with more commercial activity. Crime patterns can also vary dramatically by neighborhood. Crime can impact the social and economic well-being of communities, including through negative health effects.

**FIGURE 23: GROUP A CRIME RATES PER 100,000 RESIDENTS BY TOWN / JURISDICTION, 2025**



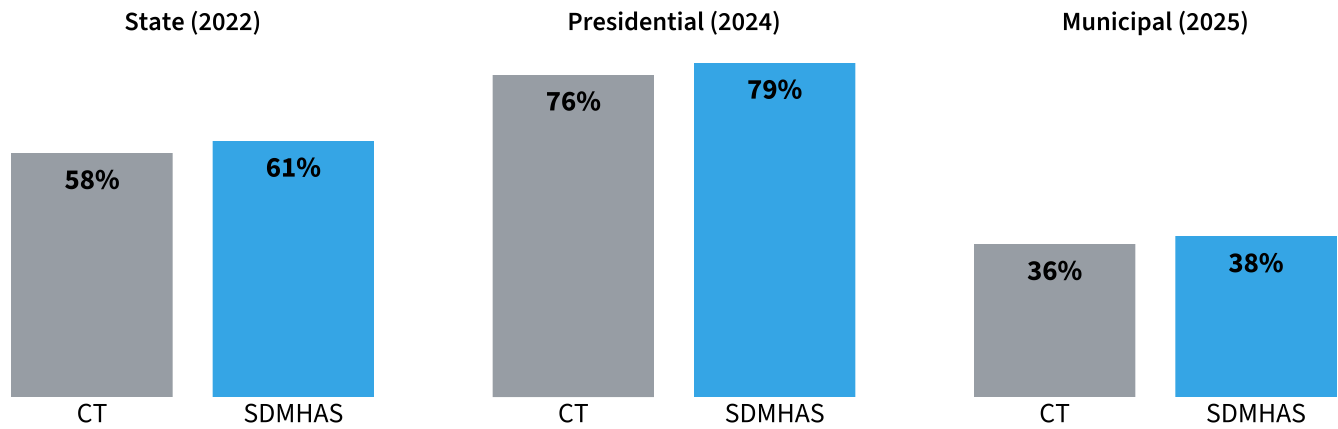
A lack of trust in and engagement with local government and experiences of unfair treatment by authorities can impair community well-being and cohesion. Fifty percent of Southcentral DMHAS area adults feel their local government is responsive to residents’ needs.

**TABLE 16: RESIDENTS’ RATINGS OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT, SHARE OF ADULTS, 2015–2024**

	Local govt is responsive	Have some influence over local govt	Unfair treatment by police
Connecticut	52%	66%	16%
Southcentral DMHAS	50%	66%	16%
Lower Connecticut River Valley COG	60%	68%	19%
South Central Regional COG	47%	66%	15%

Seventy-nine percent of the Southcentral DMHAS service area’s eligible voters, or 416,556 people, voted in the 2024 presidential election, and 61 percent (309,543 people) voted in the 2022 state election.

**FIGURE 24: REGISTERED VOTER TURNOUT, 2022–2025**

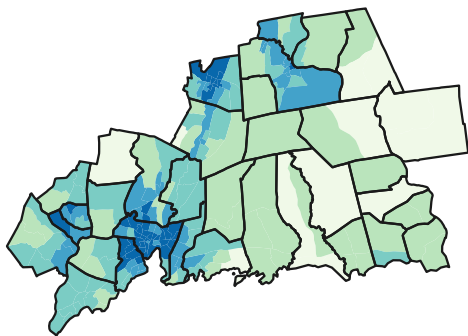


# ENVIRONMENT & SUSTAINABILITY

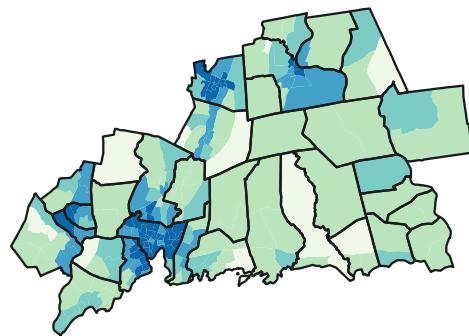
Many environmental factors—from access to outdoor resources to tree canopy to exposure to pollutants—can have direct impacts on residents’ health and quality of life. Environmental justice is the idea that these factors of built and natural environments follow familiar patterns of socioeconomic disparities and segregation. Prior to 2025, the federal Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) ranked small areas throughout the US on their risks of exposure to a variety of pollutants and hazards, scaled to account for the historically disparate impact of these hazards on people of color and lower-income people. In 2025, this program was discontinued and the data was removed from EPA websites, though it is still available because of efforts by open data advocates.

**FIGURE 25: EPA ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE INDEX BY TRACT, SOUTHCENTRAL DMHAS SERVICE AREA, 2024**

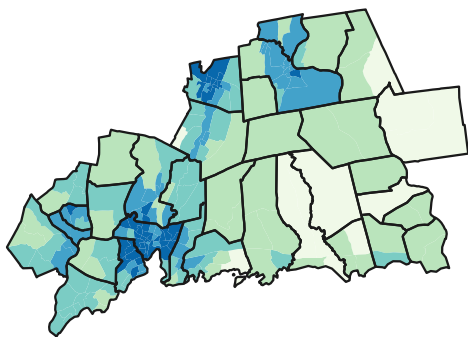
**Heavy traffic exposure**



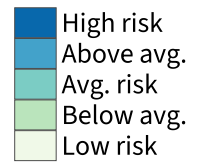
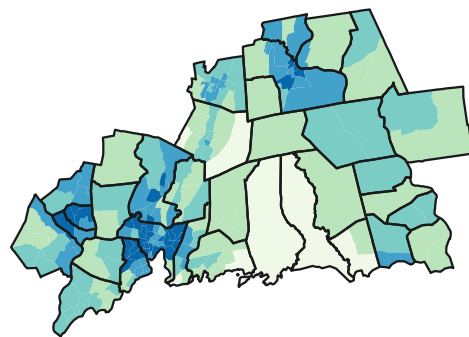
**Lead paint exposure**



**Hazardous waste proximity**

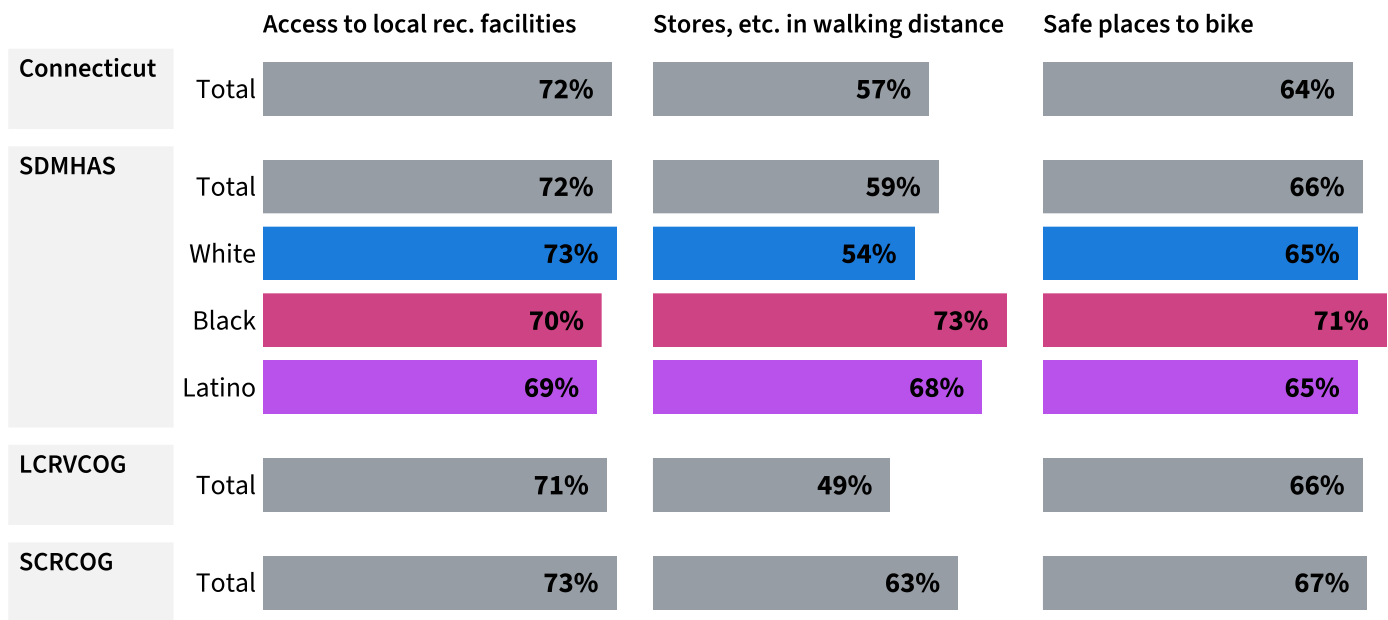


**Wastewater discharge**



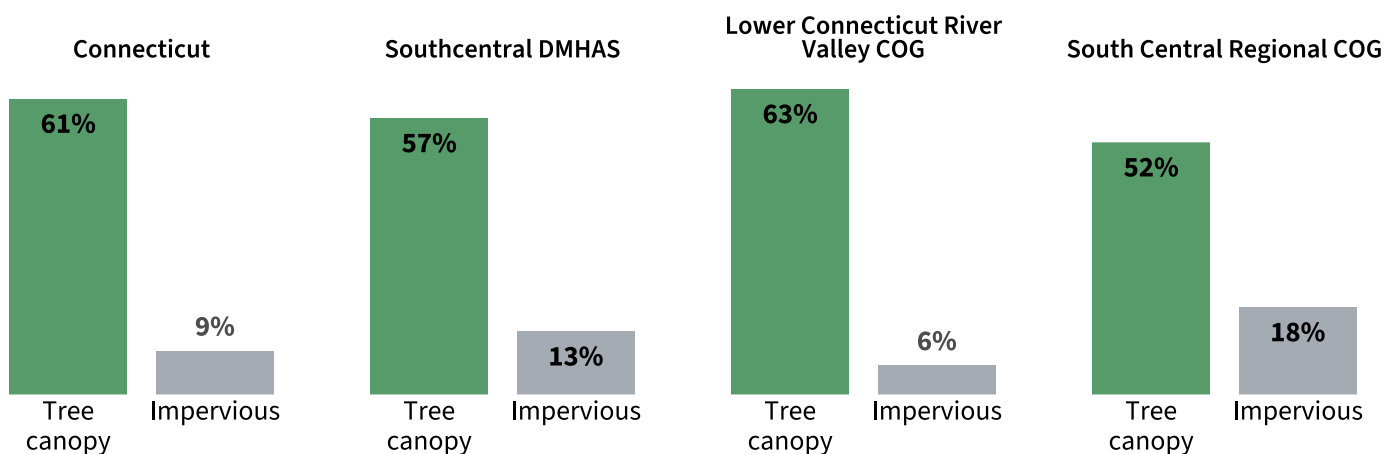
High-quality built environment resources, such as recreational facilities and safe sidewalks, help keep residents active and bring communities together. Walkable neighborhoods also encourage decreased reliance on cars, lower emissions, and ease traffic congestion. Throughout Connecticut, Black and Latino residents are largely concentrated in denser urban areas which tend to offer greater walkability. Of adults in the Southcentral DMHAS service area, 59 percent report having stores, banks, and other locations they need in walking distance, higher than the share of adults statewide.

**FIGURE 26: RESIDENTS' RATINGS OF LOCAL WALKABILITY MEASURES BY LOCATION, SHARE OF ADULTS, 2015-2024**



Increasing tree cover has a variety of benefits, including reduced heat at the ground level, reduced runoff into local waterways, and removal of pollutants from the air. An estimated 57 percent of the Southcentral DMHAS area's total area is tree canopy, with another 24 percent being potentially plantable space (see [Note 12](#)).

**FIGURE 27: SHARE OF LAND BY LANDCOVER TYPE**



# SUPPLEMENTARY TABLES

## DATA SUMMARY BY TOWN

The following table gives a quick view of commonly requested data for all towns in the Southcentral DMHAS service area. Much more information is available for every town in Connecticut on [DataHaven's website](#), including equity reports for each town similar to this one.

**TABLE 17: TOWN-LEVEL OVERVIEW**

	Total population (2020 Decennial Census)	Total population (2023 ACS)	% pop. under 18, 2023	% adults w/o health insurance, 2023	Poverty rate, 2023
Connecticut	3,605,944	3,598,348	20%	10%	10%
Southcentral DMHAS	823,592	821,297	19%	9%	10%
Ansonia	18,918	18,951	19%	11%	9%
Bethany	5,297	5,280	20%	5%	1%
Branford	28,273	28,090	14%	6%	7%
Chester	3,749	3,786	18%	6%	12%
Clinton	13,185	13,317	16%	7%	6%
Cromwell	14,225	14,301	19%	6%	6%
Deep River	4,415	4,432	18%	6%	6%
Derby	12,325	12,359	16%	11%	9%
Durham	7,152	7,182	16%	6%	4%
East Haddam	8,875	8,934	18%	6%	5%
East Hampton	12,717	12,834	21%	6%	5%
East Haven	27,923	27,729	17%	10%	8%
Essex	6,733	6,766	16%	5%	3%
Guilford	22,073	22,037	22%	5%	3%
Haddam	8,452	8,562	21%	5%	3%
Hamden	61,169	60,297	17%	8%	9%
Killingworth	6,174	6,219	18%	5%	4%

	Total population (2020 Decennial Census)	Total population (2023 ACS)	% pop. under 18, 2023	% adults w/o health insurance, 2023	Poverty rate, 2023
Madison	17,691	17,577	19%	4%	2%
Meriden	60,850	60,418	22%	15%	14%
Middlefield	4,217	4,236	16%	6%	6%
Middletown	47,717	47,646	15%	8%	12%
Milford	52,044	52,340	17%	6%	4%
New Haven	134,023	132,893	22%	15%	25%
North Branford	13,544	13,487	19%	6%	3%
North Haven	24,253	24,177	21%	6%	5%
Old Saybrook	10,481	10,515	14%	5%	5%
Orange	14,280	14,251	24%	5%	3%
Portland	9,384	9,421	23%	6%	5%
Seymour	16,748	16,799	22%	8%	6%
Shelton	40,869	41,402	19%	8%	6%
Wallingford	44,396	44,039	18%	7%	6%
West Haven	55,584	55,147	22%	12%	12%
Westbrook	6,769	6,832	11%	6%	6%
Woodbridge	9,087	9,041	26%	4%	2%

## DATAHAVEN COMMUNITY WELLBEING SURVEY

Throughout the rest of this document, small sample sizes sometimes prevented showing results of the DataHaven Community Wellbeing Survey (DCWS) for smaller towns or subpopulations. A different methodology, however, allows us to model survey results based on both direct measurements and the demographics of every town in the state. Values based on this model are shown in the supplementary tables here. Note that this model may result in slightly different values from those shown elsewhere. Please contact DataHaven for questions on this modeling.

**TABLE 18: MODELED ESTIMATES OF THE DATAHAVEN COMMUNITY WELLBEING SURVEY, SHARE OF ADULTS, 2015–2024**

A. FINANCIAL SECURITY	Connecticut	Southcentral DMHAS
On another topic, how well would you say you are managing financially these days? Would you say you are... <i>(Just getting by, Finding it difficult, Finding it very difficult)</i>	36%	36%
Have there been times in the past 12 months when you did not have enough money to buy food that you or your family needed? <i>(Yes)</i>	16%	16%
In the last 12 months, have you not had enough money to provide adequate shelter or housing for you or your family? <i>(Yes)</i>	10%	10%
In the past 12 months, did you stay home when you needed or wanted to go someplace because you had no access to reliable transportation? <i>(Yes)</i>	14%	13%
Do you have access to a car when you need it? Would you say you have access... <i>(Very often or Fairly often)</i>	89%	89%

## B. NEIGHBORHOOD ASSETS

	Connecticut	Southcentral DMHAS
Many stores, banks, markets or places to go are within easy walking distance of my home. <i>(Strongly agree or Somewhat agree)</i>	57%	59%
There are places to bicycle in or near my neighborhood that are safe from traffic, such as on the street or on special lanes, separate paths or trails. <i>(Strongly agree or Somewhat agree)</i>	65%	66%
My neighborhood has several free or low cost recreation facilities such as parks, playgrounds, public swimming pools, etc. <i>(Strongly agree or Somewhat agree)</i>	72%	72%
I do not feel safe to go on walks in my neighborhood at night. <i>(Strongly disagree or Somewhat disagree)</i>	69%	68%
People in this neighborhood can be trusted. <i>(Strongly agree or Somewhat agree)</i>	84%	83%
How would you describe your ability to influence local-government decision making? Would you say that you have great influence, moderate influence, a little influence, or no influence at all? <i>(Great influence, Moderate influence, or A little influence)</i>	67%	66%

## C. PERSONAL WELLBEING

	Connecticut	Southcentral DMHAS
The next set of questions are about your health. How would you rate your overall health, would you say your health is excellent, very good, good, fair or poor? <i>(Excellent or Very good)</i>	57%	57%
Overall, how satisfied are you with your life nowadays? <i>(Completely satisfied or Mostly satisfied)</i>	66%	65%
Overall, how happy did you feel yesterday? <i>(Completely or Mostly)</i>	69%	68%
Overall, how anxious did you feel yesterday? <i>(Completely or Mostly)</i>	13%	13%
How often do you get the social and emotional support you need? <i>(Always or Usually)</i>	68%	68%

**D. QUALITY OF LIFE**

	Connecticut	Southcentral DMHAS
Are you satisfied with the city or area where you live? (Yes)	84%	84%
How responsive local government is to the needs of residents ( <i>Excellent or Good</i> )	52%	50%
The job done by the police to keep residents safe ( <i>Excellent or Good</i> )	75%	73%
The ability of residents to obtain suitable employment ( <i>Excellent or Good</i> )	52%	52%
As a place to raise children ( <i>Excellent or Good</i> )	73%	73%
The condition of public parks and other public recreational facilities ( <i>Excellent or Good</i> )	75%	74%
The availability of affordable, high-quality fruits and vegetables ( <i>Excellent or Good</i> )	71%	70%

# NOTES

## FIGURE AND TABLE NOTES

**Front cover.** Data shown in the map on the cover are rates of adults having had a checkup in the previous 12 months. See [Figure 14](#).

**Figure 1. Study area.** Map tiles by Carto. Copyright OpenStreetMap contributors and Carto.

**Table 1. About the area.** DataHaven analysis (2026) of US Census Bureau American Community Survey 2023 5-year estimates and 2020 Decennial Census. Available at <https://data.census.gov> Note that for the sake of privacy, the Census Bureau suppresses any income values above \$250,000 in their tables; any such values not calculated by DataHaven will be shown as \$250,000+.

**Table 2. Population by race/ethnicity, 2023.** US Census Bureau American Community Survey 2023 5-year estimates.

**Figure 2. Population by race/ethnicity and age group, 2023.** DataHaven analysis (2026) of US Census Bureau American Community Survey 2023 5-year estimates.

**Figure 3. Share of population speaking English less than very well by race/ethnicity, 2023.** DataHaven analysis (2026) of US Census Bureau American Community Survey 2023 5-year estimates.

**Table 3. Population and population change by age group, 2010–2020.** US Census Bureau 2010 & 2020 Decennial Census.

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even though they may represent more than 1% of the school district population. Note that for the 2024-25 school year, Regional District 06—serving the towns of Goshen, Morris, and Warren—closed, and Regional District 20—serving Goshen, Morris, Warren, and Litchfield—opened. To the best of our ability, all calculations shown here for K-12 data reflect the composition of districts corresponding to the school year reported. This change should only be seen in town- and region-level calculations involving those towns.

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**Table 10. Median household income, with largest increase and decrease of Southcentral DMHAS service area towns, 2000–2023, in 2023 dollars.** DataHaven analysis (2026) of US Census Bureau 2000 Decennial Census and American Community Survey 2023 5-year estimates. Note that COG values are only available in 2023. The US Census Bureau suppresses incomes above \$250,000, so changes in income are unavailable for towns above this threshold.

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**Figure 14. Preventive care measures, share of adults by Census tract, Southcentral DMHAS service area.** Data from PLACES Project. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

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**Figure 17. Chronic disease prevalence, share of adults by Census tract, Southcentral DMHAS service area.** Data from PLACES Project. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

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**Figure 18. Age-adjusted semi-annual rates of drug overdose deaths per 100,000 residents by race/ethnicity, 2012–2024.** DataHaven analysis (2026) of Accidental Drug Related Deaths. Connecticut Office of the Chief Medical Examiner. Available at <https://data.ct.gov/resource/rybz-nyjw> Rates are weighted with the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) 2000 U.S. Standard Population 18 age group weights available at <https://seer.cancer.gov/stdpopulations>

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**Figure 20. Annualized average rate of new HIV diagnoses per 100,000 residents ages 13 and over, 2021–2023.** DataHaven analysis (2026) of data from AIDSvu. See Sullivan, P. S., Woodyatt, C., Koski, C., Pembleton, E., McGuinness, P., Taussig, J., Ricca, A., Luisi, N., Mokotoff, E., Benbow, N., Castel, A. D., Do, A. N., Valdiserri, R. O., Bradley, H., Jaggi, C., O’Farrell, D., Filipowicz, R., Siegler, A. J., Curran, J., & Sanchez, T. H. (2020). A data visualization and dissemination resource to support HIV prevention and care at the local level: Analysis and uses of the AIDSvu public data resource. *Journal of Medical Internet Research*, 22(10), e23173. <https://doi.org/10.2196/23173>

**Figure 21. Rate of PrEP usage per 100,000 residents ages 13 and over, 2012–2024.** DataHaven analysis (2026) of data from AIDSvu.

**Table 14. Selected birth outcomes by race/ethnicity of parent giving birth, 2020–2024.** DataHaven analysis (2026) of data from the Connecticut Department of Public Health Vital Statistics. Retrieved from <https://portal.ct.gov/DPH/Health-Information-Systems--Reporting/Hisrhome/Vital-Statistics-Registration-Reports>

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**Figure 23. Group A crime rates per 100,000 residents by town / jurisdiction, 2025.** DataHaven analysis (2026) of 2025 Agency Crime Overview Reports. Connecticut Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection. Available at <https://ct.beyond2020.com> Group A crimes under the FBI’s National Incident Based Reporting System are

categorized into crimes against persons, crimes against property, and crimes against society. The first two of these, shown here, are similar to the Part I Offenses of the previous reporting system and shown in older reports.

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**Figure 25. EPA Environmental Justice Index by tract, Southcentral DMHAS service area, 2024.** United States Environmental Protection Agency. 2024 version. EJSCREEN. Removed in early 2025 by the Trump administration but archived at Harvard Dataverse. Retrieved from <https://doi.org/10.7910/DVN/RLR5AX>

**Figure 26. Residents' ratings of local walkability measures by location, share of adults, 2015–2024.** DataHaven analysis (2026) of 2015, 2018, 2021, and 2024 DataHaven Community Wellbeing Survey.

**Figure 27. Share of land by landcover type.** DataHaven analysis (2026) of i-Tree. (2025). OurTrees. I-Tree Tools. Available at <https://ourtrees.itreetools.org>

**Table 17. Town-level overview.** DataHaven analysis (2026) of US Census Bureau 2020 Decennial Census (as marked); PLACES Project. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (uninsured); and US Census Bureau American Community Survey 2023 5-year estimates (all others).

**Table 18. Modeled estimates of the DataHaven Community Wellbeing Survey, share of adults, 2015–2024.** DataHaven analysis (2026) of 2015, 2018, 2021, and 2024 DataHaven Community Wellbeing Survey, modeled using multilevel regression and poststratification (MRP). An interactive version of these tables is available at <https://ctdatahaven.org/data-dashboard> Please contact DataHaven for questions about this methodology.

## TEXT NOTES

**Note 1.** As of 2022, regional councils of governments have replaced counties for most public data about Connecticut, including from the US Census Bureau. Comparison geographies in this report may be different from previous editions. See details from the state about this change here: <https://portal.ct.gov/OPM/IGPP/ORG/Planning-Regions/Planning-Regions---Overview>

**Note 2.** DataHaven analysis (2026) of US Census Bureau American Community Survey 2023 5-year estimates.

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**Note 4.** DataHaven analysis (2026) of Ruggles, et al. (2025).

**Note 5.** DataHaven analysis (2026) of US Census Bureau American Community Survey 2023 5-year estimates.

**Note 6.** Zillow Research (2026). Zillow Home Value Index. Available at <https://www.zillow.com/research/data> Note that the ZHVI methodology differs from other average measures of home value, in that it is not a median but rather the weighted average of the middle third of home values across the state. In this case, we use the value of all homes, including single-family, condominiums, and cooperative housing.

**Note 7.** For an in-depth study of the history and impact of redlining in Connecticut, see DataHaven's 2018 report Housing Segregation in Greater New Haven. <https://ctdatahaven.org/reports/ct-data-story-housing-segregation-greater-new-haven>

**Note 8.** Connecticut Department of Economic and Community Development Annual Construction Reports. Available at <https://data.ct.gov/d/wmfh-25km>

**Note 9.** For a recent, in-depth study of the potential impacts of HR 1 on SNAP benefits in Connecticut, including estimated losses by town and by race and ethnicity, see DataHaven's 2025 report Food Assistance and Local Economies at Risk: Projected Federal SNAP Cuts by Connecticut Town and District. <https://ctdatahaven.org/reports/food-assistance-and-local-economies-risk-projected-federal-snap-cuts-connecticut-town-and>

**Note 10.** For a recent, in-depth study of the potential impacts of HR 1 on health insurance coverage in Connecticut, including estimated losses by town and by race and ethnicity, see DataHaven's 2025 report Coverage at Risk: Projected Losses in Medicaid and Access Health CT by Town and Community. <https://ctdatahaven.org/reports/coverage-risk-projected-losses-medicaid-and-access-health-ct-town-and-community>

**Note 11.** Connecticut Department of Public Health Childhood Lead Poisoning data. Available at <https://data.ct.gov/resource/42s2-3jt4>

**Note 12.** i-Tree. (2025). OurTrees. I-Tree Tools. Available at <https://ourtrees.itreetools.org>

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