WESTERN DMHAS SERVICE AREA 2026 EQUITY REPORT

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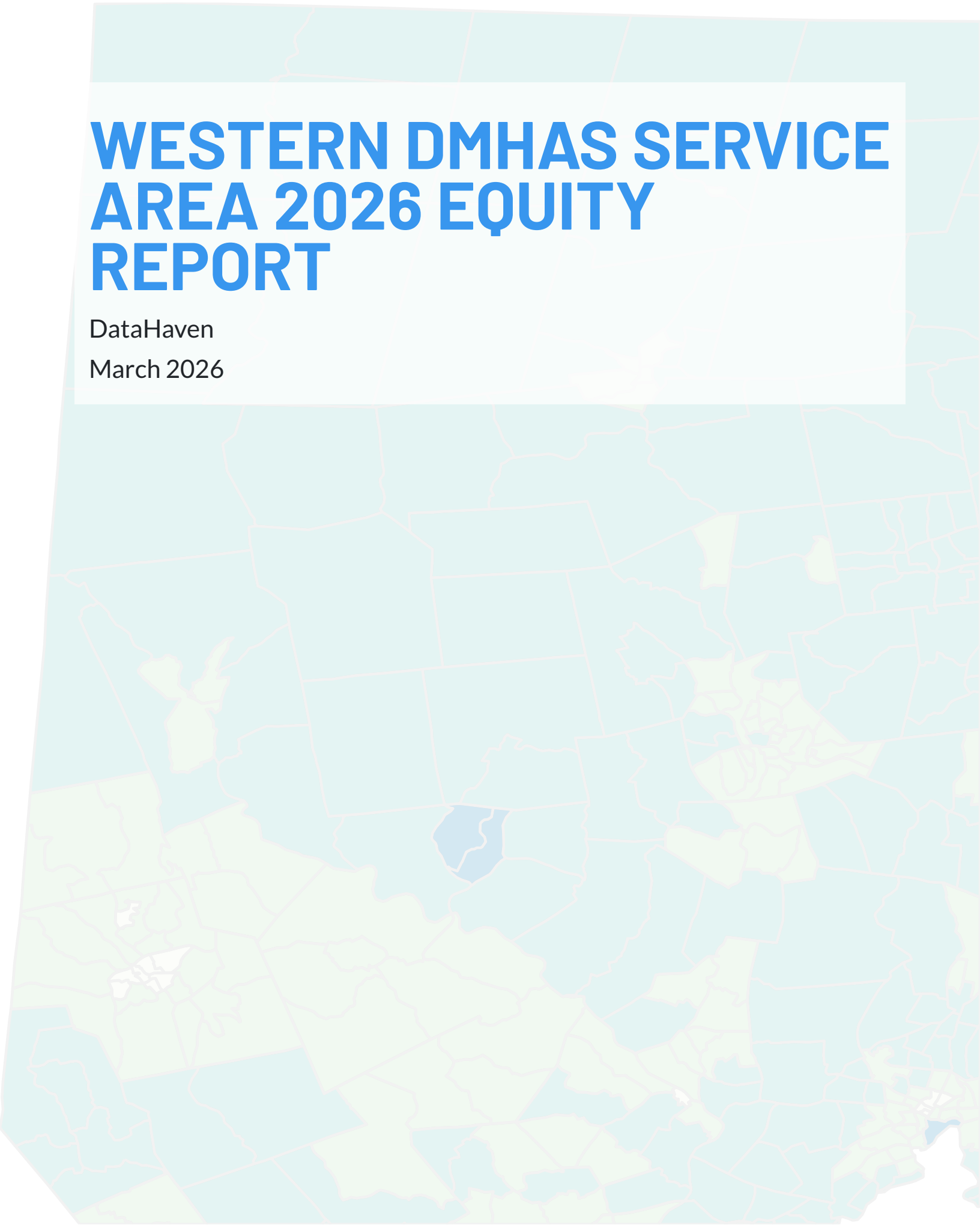

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ABOUT THIS DOCUMENT

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.

Please contact DataHaven at info@ctdatahaven.org with questions about additional reporting that may be possible.

- The Western DMHAS service area is a region of **624,254 residents**, **32 percent** of whom are people of color. The region's population has increased by **1 percent** since 2010.
- Of the region's **243,775 households**, **71 percent** are homeowner households.
- **Thirty-five percent** of the Western DMHAS service area's households are cost-burdened, meaning they spend at least 30 percent of their total income on housing costs.
- **Eighty-nine 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, **39 percent** have earned a bachelor's degree or higher.
- The Western DMHAS service area is home to **220,095 jobs**, with the largest share in the Health Care and Social Assistance sector.
- **Fifty-six percent** of adults in the Western DMHAS area say they are in excellent or very good health.
- In 2024, **120 people** in the Western DMHAS service area died of drug overdoses.
- **Eighty-three percent** of adults in the Western DMHAS area are satisfied with their area, and **52 percent** say their local government is responsive to residents' needs.
- In the most recent municipal election, **38 percent** of registered voters in the Western DMHAS service area voted.
- **Forty-seven percent** of adults in the Western DMHAS area report having stores, banks, and other locations in walking distance of their home, and **54 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 Western DMHAS service area is a region made up of 43 towns. For the purposes of this report, the Western DMHAS area will be compared to Connecticut as a whole, as well as to Naugatuck Valley COG (NVCOG) and Western Connecticut COG (WCCOG). In some cases, data may only be available for these COGs, which account for 83 percent of the region's population, or for Fairfield, Litchfield, and New Haven Counties (see **Note 1**).

FIGURE 1: STUDY AREA

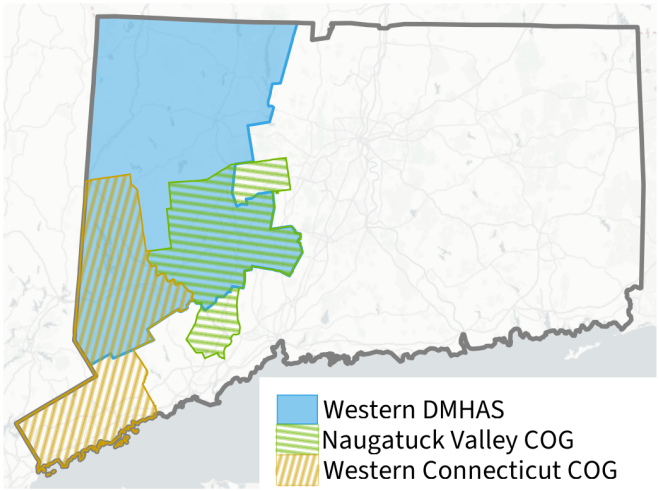


TABLE 1: ABOUT THE AREA

	Connecticut	Western DMHAS
Total population	3,605,944	624,254
Total households	1,420,170	243,775
Homeownership rate	66%	71%
Housing cost burden rate	35%	35%
Adults without a high school diploma	9%	9%
Median household income	$93,760	N/A
Poverty rate	10%	10%
Adults 19–64 w/o health insurance	7%	8%

The Western DMHAS service area is made up of the following towns: Barkhamsted, Beacon Falls, Bethel, Bethlehem, Bridgewater, Brookfield, Canaan, Cheshire, Colebrook, Cornwall, Danbury, Goshen, Hartland, Harwinton, Kent, Litchfield, Middlebury, Morris, Naugatuck, New Fairfield, New Hartford, New Milford, Newtown, Norfolk, North Canaan, Oxford, Prospect, Redding, Ridgefield, Roxbury, Salisbury, Sharon, Sherman, Southbury, Thomaston, Torrington, Warren, Washington, Waterbury, Watertown, Winchester, Wolcott, and Woodbury
Naugatuck Valley COG is made up of the following towns: Ansonia, Beacon Falls, Bethlehem, Bristol, Cheshire, Derby, Middlebury, Naugatuck, Oxford, Plymouth, Prospect, Seymour, Shelton, Southbury, Thomaston, Waterbury, Watertown, Wolcott, and Woodbury
Western Connecticut COG is made up of the following towns: Bethel, Bridgewater, Brookfield, Danbury, Darien, Greenwich, New Canaan, New Fairfield, New Milford, Newtown, Norwalk, Redding, Ridgefield, Sherman, Stamford, Weston, Westport, and Wilton

DEMOGRAPHICS

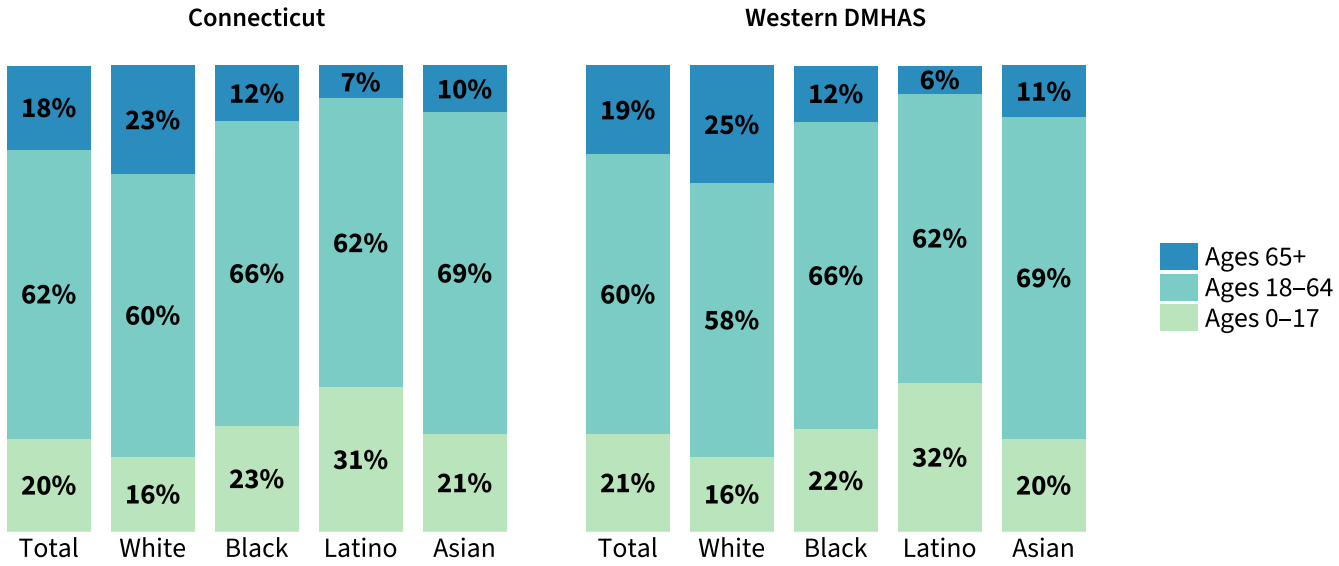
As of 2023, the population of the Western DMHAS service area is 625,286, including 128,928 children and 496,358 adults. Thirty-five percent of the Western DMHAS area's residents are people of color, compared to 37 percent of residents statewide.

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%
Western DMHAS	406,197	65%	51,561	8%	109,943	18%	21,698	3%	35,887	6%
Naugatuck Valley COG	276,403	61%	46,541	10%	86,804	19%	17,989	4%	24,566	5%
Western Connecticut COG	371,057	60%	60,864	10%	123,865	20%	33,076	5%	32,370	5%

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



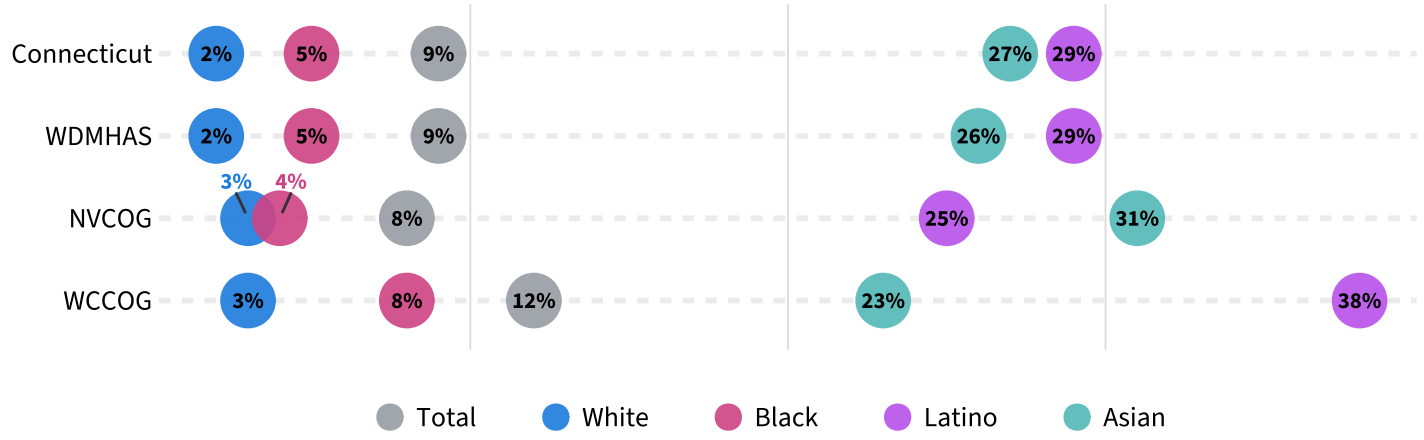
Note: Only groups with at least 50 residents in each age group shown.

About 97,138 residents of the Western DMHAS service area, or 16 percent of the population, are foreign-born (see **Note 2**). The largest number of immigrants living in the Western DMHAS area were born in Brazil, followed by Ecuador and the Dominican Republic (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, 51,439 Western DMHAS area residents, or 9 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



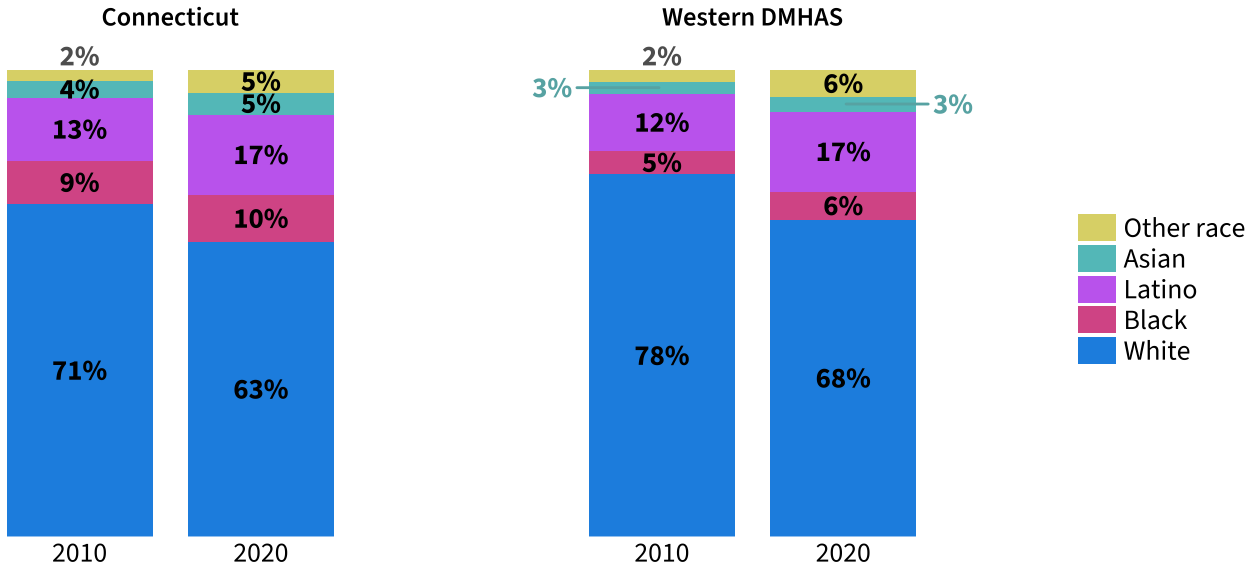
POPULATION CHANGE, 2010–2020

Between 2010 and 2020, Connecticut's population was nearly stagnant. During this period, Western DMHAS grew by 5,924 people, a less than 1 percent increase. The number of white residents in the Western DMHAS service area shrank by 12 percent, while the non-white population grew by 45 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%
Western DMHAS	All ages	618,330	624,254	+5,924	+1.0%
	Children (0–17)	145,328	130,102	−15,226	−10.5%
	Adults (18+)	473,002	494,152	+21,150	+4.5%

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



HOUSING

The Western DMHAS service area has 243,775 households, of which 71 percent are homeowner households. Of the region's 267,545 housing units, both occupied and vacant, 71 percent are in single-family buildings and 28 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**).

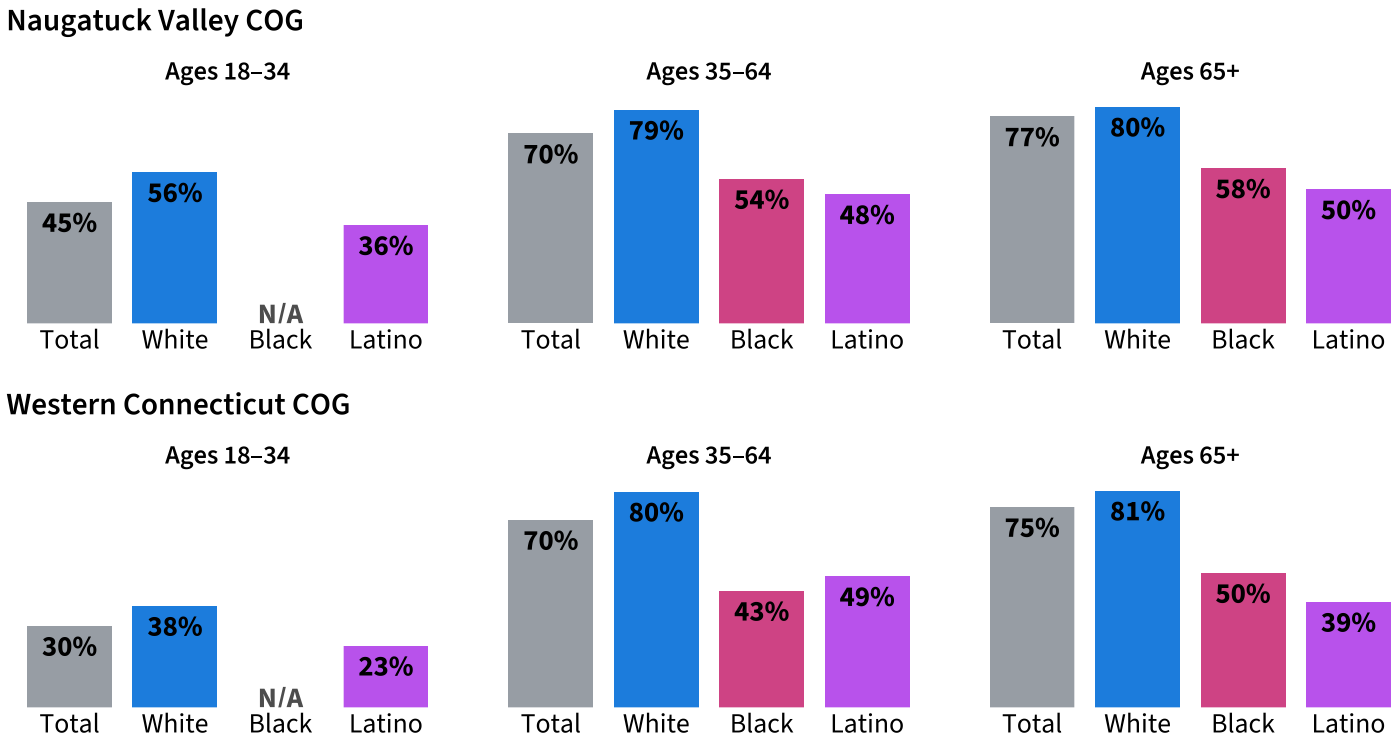
Homeownership rates vary by race/ethnicity. Purchasing a home is more attainable for advantaged groups because the process of purchasing a home has a long history of racially discriminatory practices that continue to restrict access to homeownership today. This challenge, coupled with municipal zoning 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%
Western DMHAS	71%	80%	46%	43%	78%	46%
Naugatuck Valley COG	68%	77%	46%	44%	78%	47%
Western Connecticut COG	66%	77%	38%	42%	66%	44%

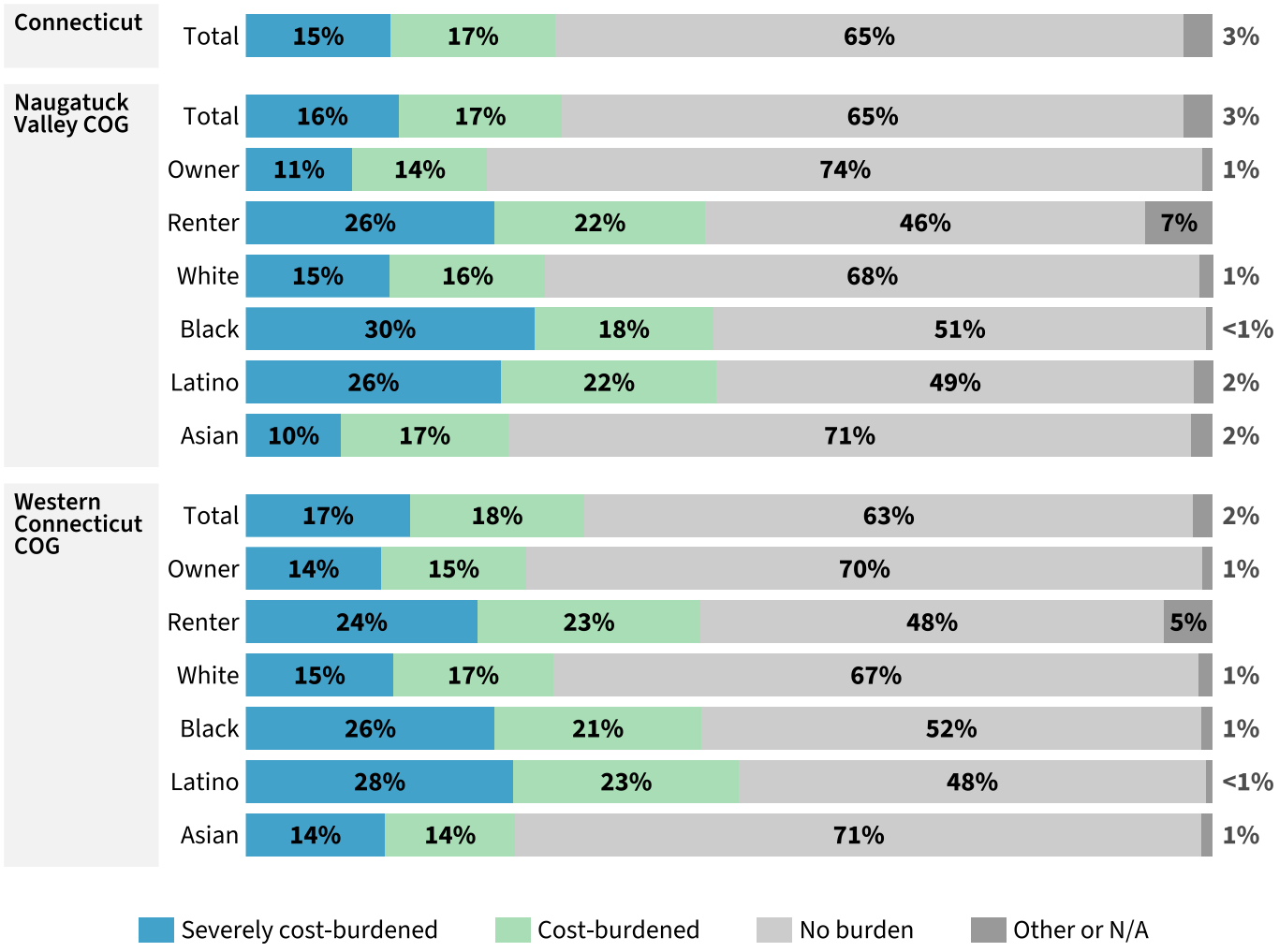
Younger adults are less likely than older adults to own their homes across several race/ethnicity groups. However, in many parts of the state, younger white adults own their homes at rates comparable to or higher than older Black and Latino adults.

FIGURE 5: HOMEOWNERSHIP RATE BY AGE AND RACE/ETHNICITY OF HEAD OF HOUSEHOLD, NAUGATUCK VALLEY COG AND WESTERN CONNECTICUT COG, 2023



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 Western DMHAS area, 46 percent are cost-burdened, compared to 26 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 Western DMHAS area, this is 8 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%
Western DMHAS	22,135	8%	11,421	4%	5,639	2%	4,254	2%	821	<1%
Naugatuck Valley COG	20,680	11%	10,320	5%	5,938	3%	4,209	2%	213	<1%
Western Connecticut COG	21,221	9%	11,102	4%	5,645	2%	1,590	1%	2,884	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 Western DMHAS area, 9 percent of all housing units were vacant. Of all units expected to be owner-occupied, 1 percent were available for sale.

TABLE 6: TENURE AND VACANCY, 2023

		Owner units			Rental units		
	Total 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%
Western DMHAS	267,545	175,992	2,202	1%	74,692	3,482	5%

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 5,307 units of housing in the Western DMHAS area, 49 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.

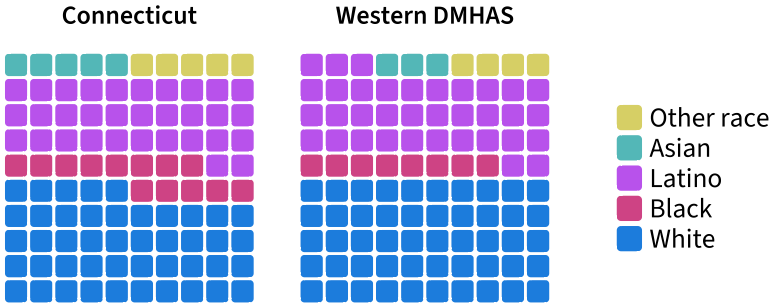
TABLE 7: OVERCROWDED HOUSEHOLDS BY RACE/ETHNICITY OF HEAD OF HOUSEHOLD, 2023

	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%
Western DMHAS	4,865	2%	1,389	1%	N/A	N/A	2,180	7%	N/A	N/A
Naugatuck Valley COG	3,706	2%	1,244	1%	N/A	N/A	1,445	5%	N/A	N/A
Western Connecticut COG	5,912	3%	898	1%	1,205	5%	3,041	8%	585	5%

EDUCATION

Public school students in the Western DMHAS service area are served by 39 different school districts, including 9 regional districts. During the 2024-25 school year, these districts enrolled a total of 86,740 students. The largest of these is the Waterbury School District, with 18,776 students enrolled. (See note for Figure 7 for details on changes to local school districts.) 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

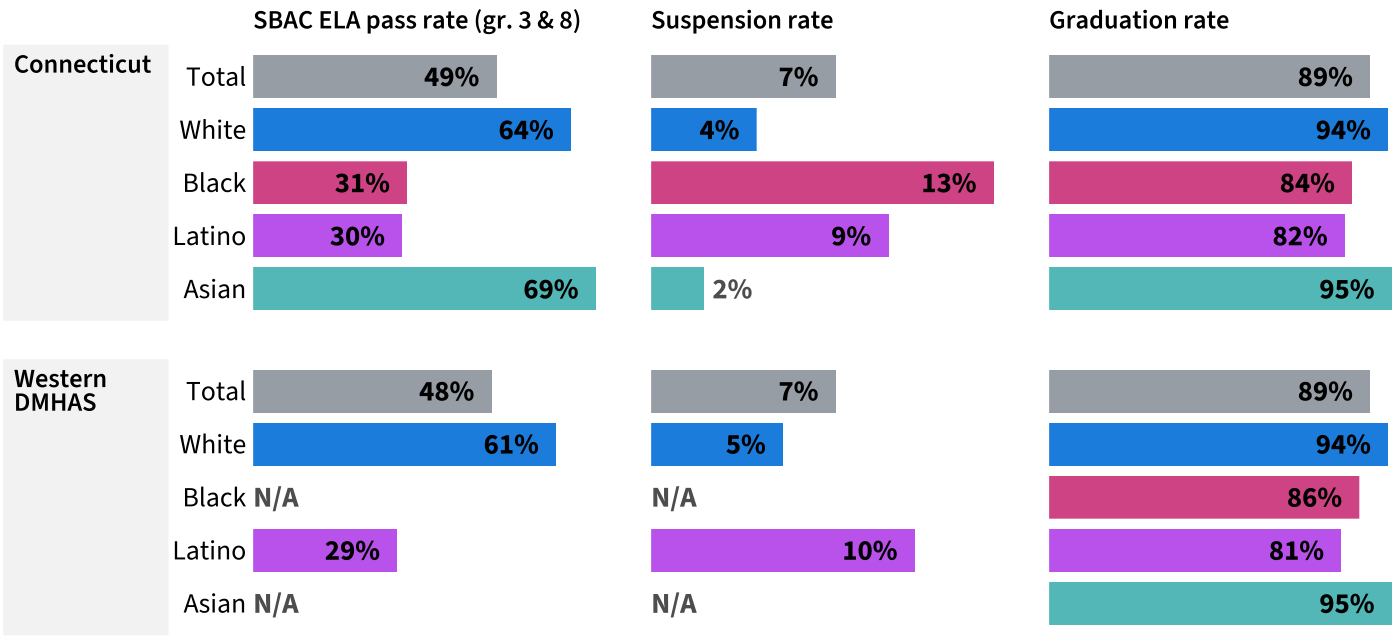


Statewide, nearly half of all public school students qualify for free- or reduced-price meals, and 19 percent are identified as having some form of disability.

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%
Western DMHAS	86,740	11,365	13%	37,468	43%	15,564	18%

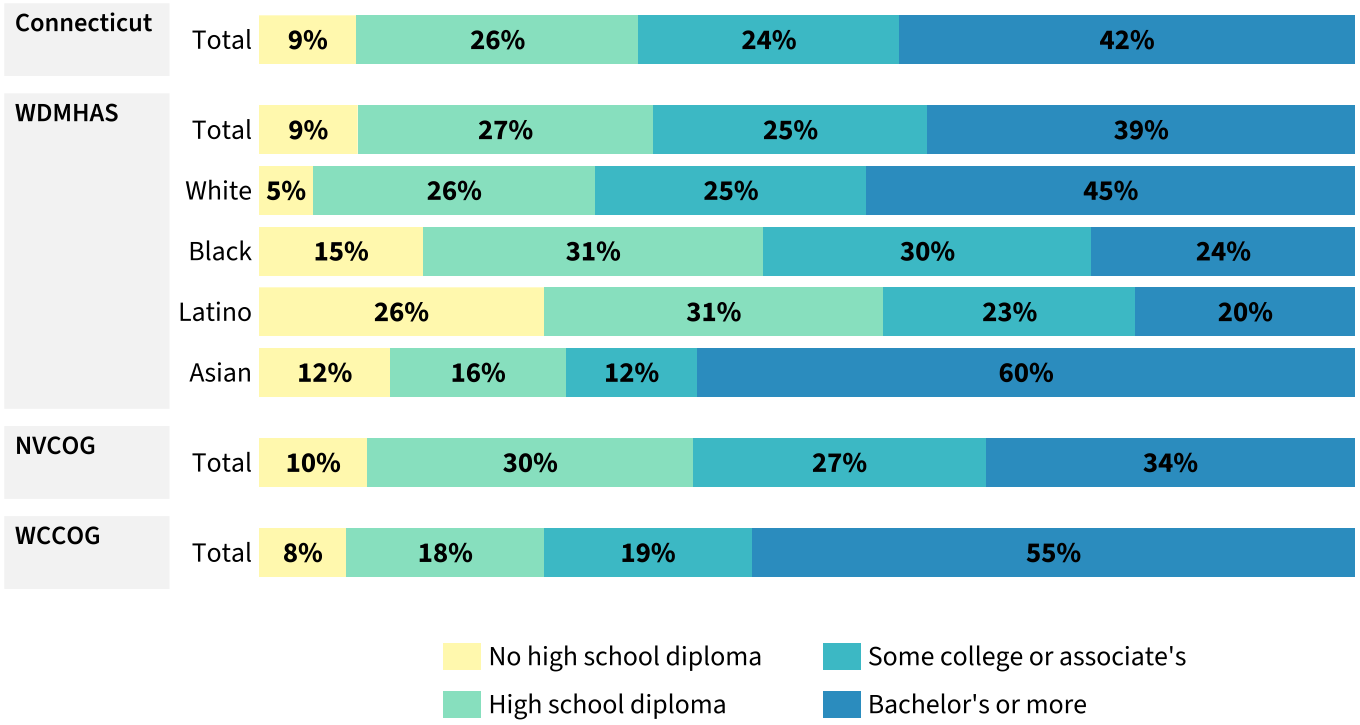
FIGURE 8: SELECTED ACADEMIC AND DISCIPLINARY OUTCOMES BY STUDENT RACE/ETHNICITY, 2023-24 AND 2024-25 SCHOOL YEARS



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 Western DMHAS area, 9 percent of adults ages 25 and over, or 41,831 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

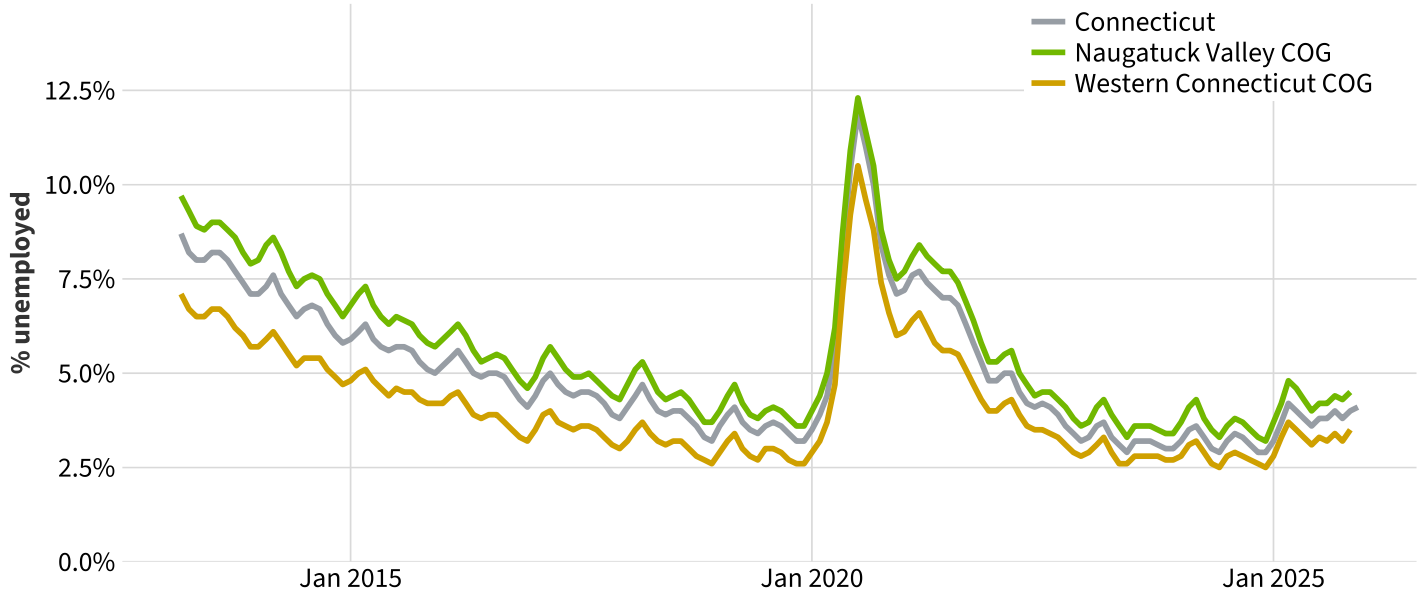
At the end of 2024, there were 220,095 total jobs in the Western DMHAS service area, with the largest share in the Health Care and Social Assistance sector. While many industries saw major job losses early on in the COVID-19 pandemic, by early 2023 the number of jobs statewide had nearly caught back up to pre-pandemic counts.

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

	Connecticut		Western DMHAS	
	Total jobs	Avg annual pay	Total jobs	Avg annual pay
All Sectors	1,661,750	$88,616	220,095	$73,129
Health Care and Social Assistance	288,522	$67,540	41,687	$64,519
Retail Trade	163,032	$46,058	29,073	$44,859
Manufacturing	154,738	$101,418	21,372	$96,571
Accommodation and Food Services	123,696	$31,794	17,173	$30,072
Construction	61,726	$89,655	11,085	$86,198

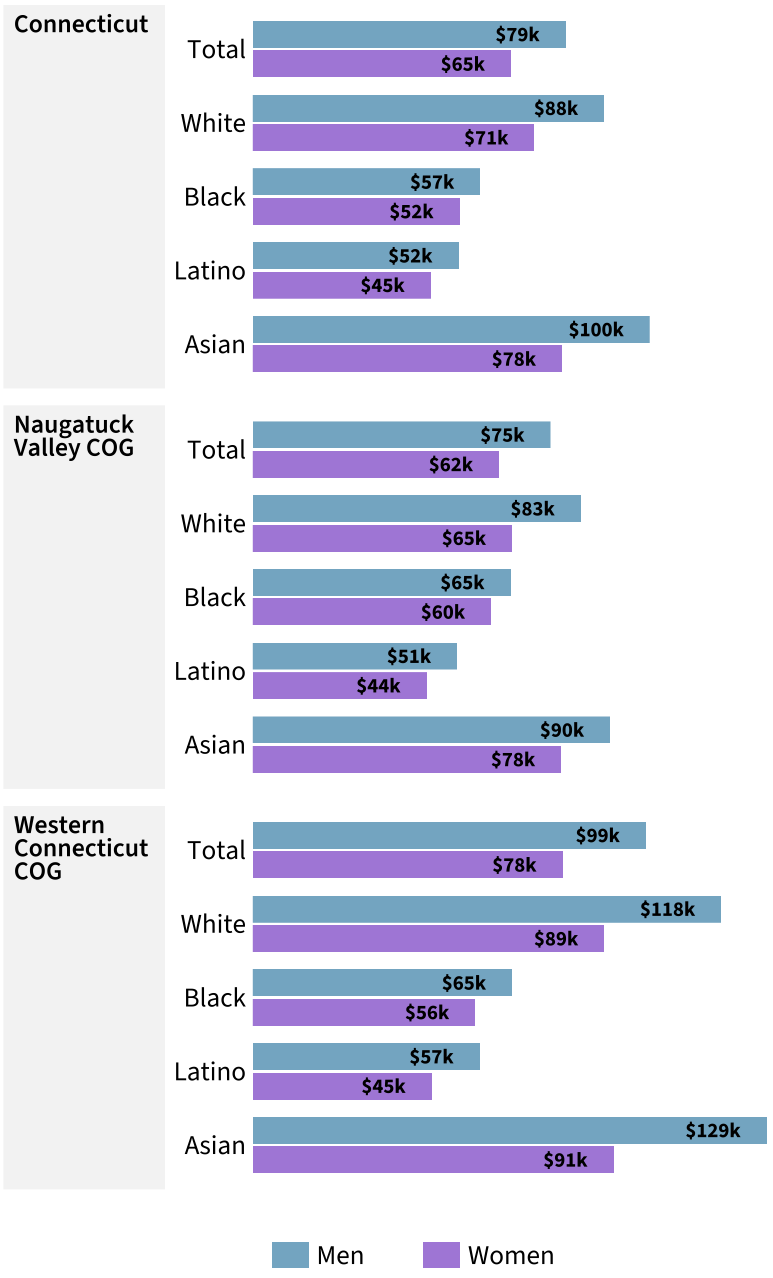
Nationwide, the onset of the pandemic led to a huge spike in unemployment rates, mirrored across Connecticut. At its peak in July 2020, Connecticut's unemployment rate was 12.1 percent. As of November 2025, unemployment rates for Connecticut, Naugatuck Valley COG, and Western Connecticut COG were 4.2 percent, 4.7 percent, and 3.7 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.

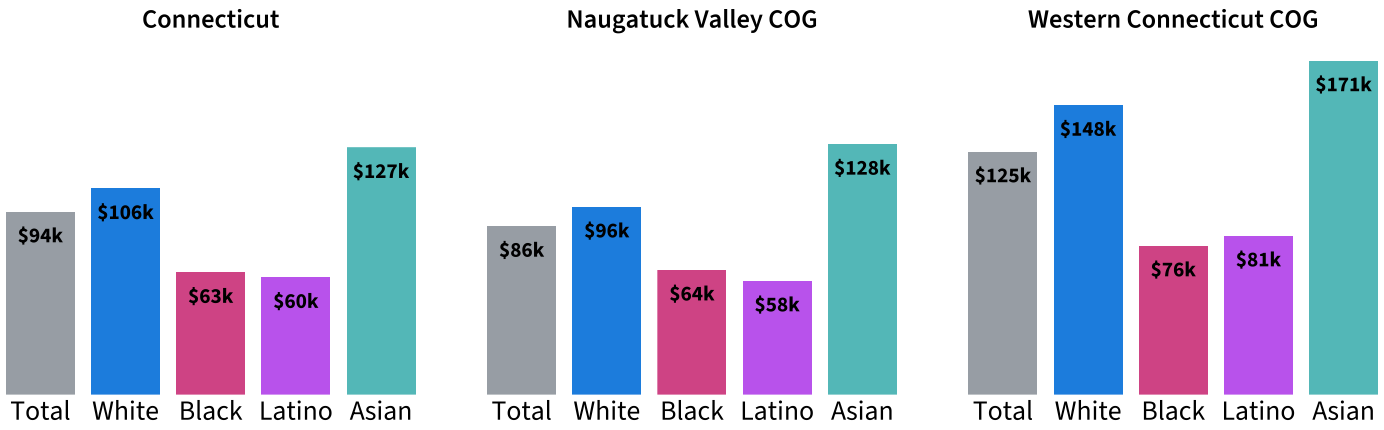
FIGURE 11: MEDIAN INCOME BY RACE/ETHNICITY AND SEX FOR FULL-TIME WORKERS AGES 25 AND OVER WITH POSITIVE INCOME, 2023



INCOME & WEALTH

Town-level median household incomes in the Western DMHAS area range from $51,642 in Waterbury to $176,719 in Redding. 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 WESTERN 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%
Naugatuck Valley COG	N/A	$86,365	N/A	N/A
Western Connecticut COG	N/A	$124,553	N/A	N/A
Goshen	$114,039	$161,354	+$47,315	+41%
Washington	$115,554	$89,135	−$26,419	−23%

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
Population living below poverty level										
Connecticut	351,948	10%	138,047	6%	63,296	17%	127,248	20%	14,633	9%
Western DMHAS	60,443	10%	24,835	6%	11,406	21%	20,555	19%	N/A	N/A
Naugatuck Valley COG	46,175	10%	17,322	6%	9,744	20%	16,774	20%	1,241	7%
Western Connecticut COG	45,372	7%	15,798	4%	9,143	14%	17,714	14%	1,373	4%
Population without broadband internet at home										
Connecticut	217,900	6%	128,311	6%	32,747	9%	45,954	7%	4,934	3%
Western DMHAS	40,142	7%	23,506	6%	5,573	10%	8,242	8%	N/A	N/A
Naugatuck Valley COG	33,451	8%	18,926	7%	5,769	12%	6,586	8%	N/A	N/A
Western Connecticut COG	26,243	4%	12,114	3%	4,298	7%	7,910	6%	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

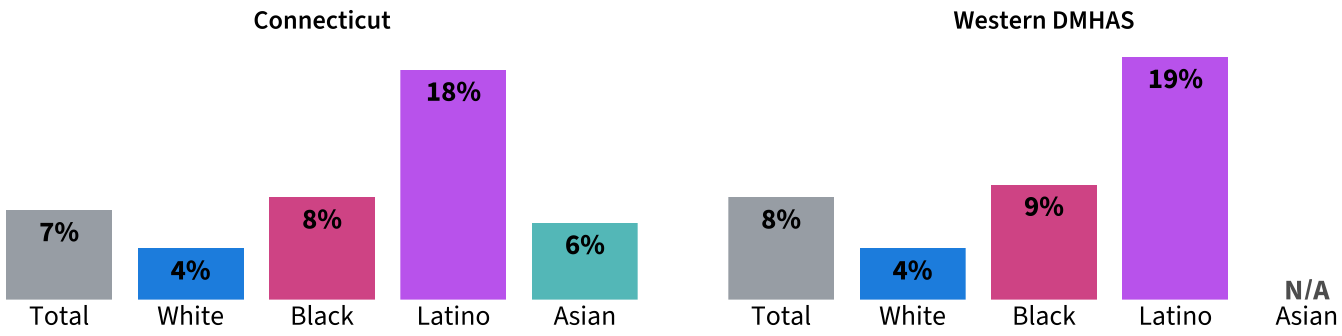
	Total		White		Black		Latino		Asian	
	Count	Share	Count	Share	Count	Share	Count	Share	Count	Share
Households receiving food stamps/SNAP										
Connecticut	165,735	12%	63,550	7%	36,404	25%	57,830	28%	4,553	8%
Western DMHAS	26,212	11%	11,553	7%	4,983	23%	8,628	26%	N/A	N/A
Naugatuck Valley COG	25,030	14%	10,462	9%	4,854	24%	8,615	31%	N/A	N/A
Western Connecticut COG	15,481	7%	5,545	4%	4,769	20%	4,338	12%	N/A	N/A
Households without a vehicle										
Connecticut	122,113	9%	53,623	6%	26,046	19%	32,047	16%	5,154	9%
Western DMHAS	19,134	8%	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Naugatuck Valley COG	15,977	9%	6,653	6%	3,171	17%	4,434	16%	N/A	N/A
Western Connecticut COG	14,408	6%	6,370	4%	3,812	16%	3,420	9%	720	6%

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.

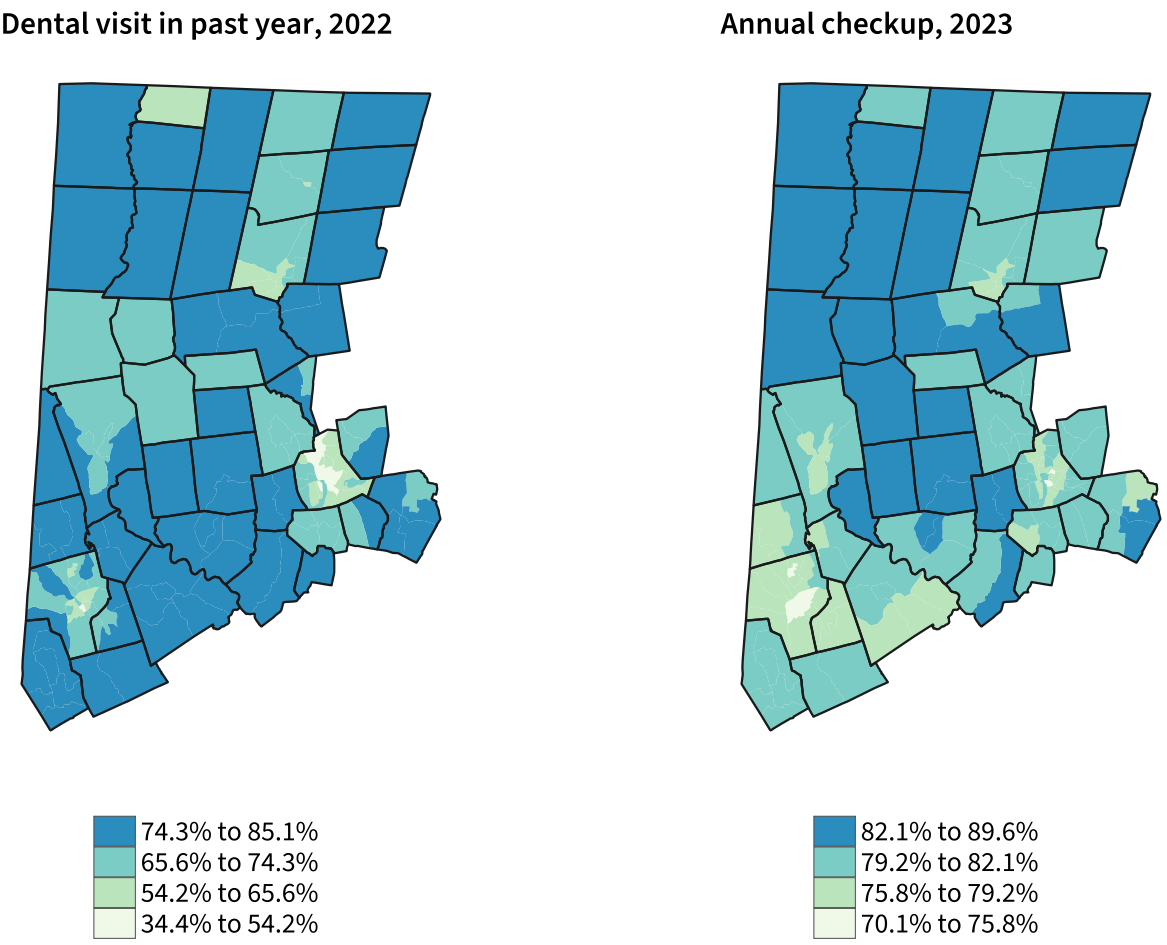
Health-related challenges begin with access to care. Due to differences in workplace benefits, income, and eligibility factors, Black and especially Latino people are less likely to have health insurance than white people. At the time of writing, tens of thousands of people across Connecticut are projected 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, 80 percent of the adults in the Western 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, WESTERN DMHAS SERVICE AREA



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

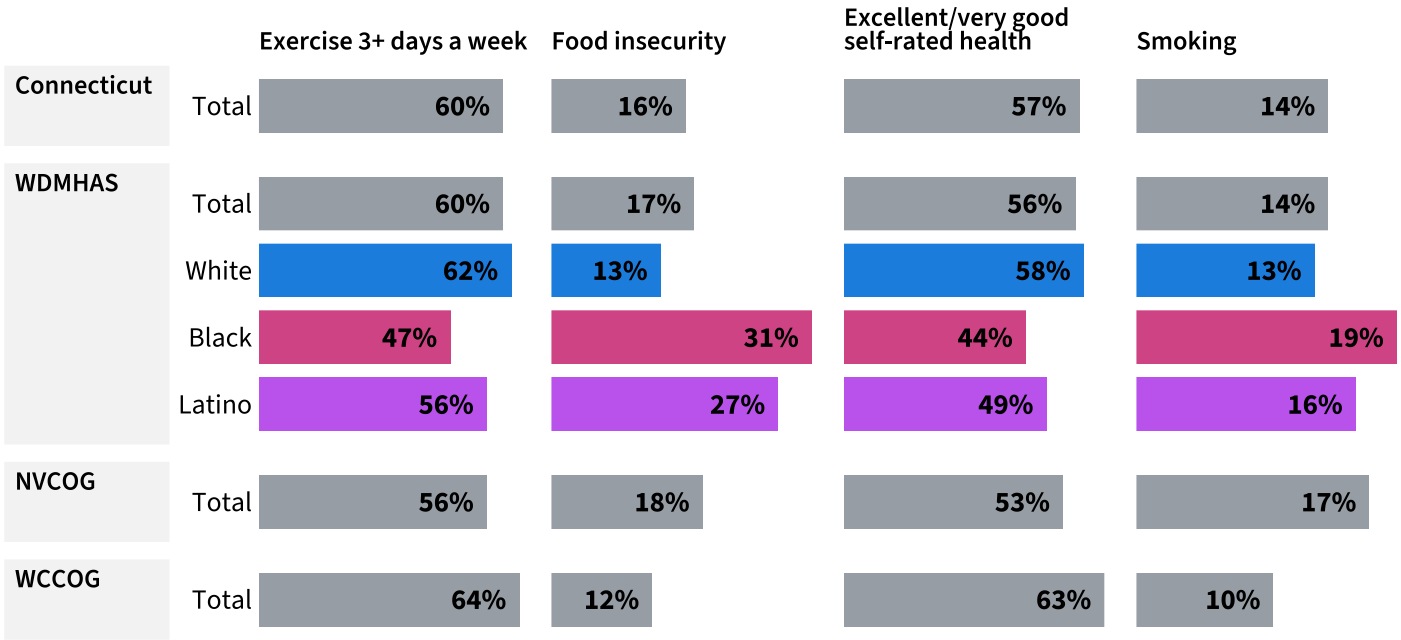
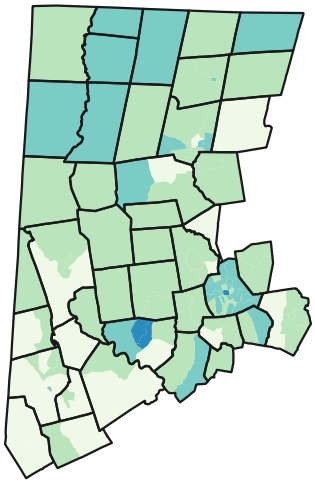


FIGURE 16: SELECTED HEALTH INDICATORS BY AGE AND RACE/ETHNICITY, SHARE OF ADULTS, WESTERN DMHAS SERVICE AREA, 2015–2024

	Diabetes				Hypertension				Asthma			
	Total	White	Black	Latino	Total	White	Black	Latino	Total	White	Black	Latino
Ages 18-34	2%	1%	5%	3%	11%	9%	24%	10%	12%	12%	14%	12%
Ages 35-49	7%	6%	12%	8%	21%	21%	28%	23%	12%	15%	N/A	11%
Ages 50-64	13%	11%	28%	23%	38%	35%	71%	35%	11%	9%	N/A	15%
Ages 65+	20%	19%	26%	32%	58%	57%	86%	54%	8%	7%	N/A	N/A

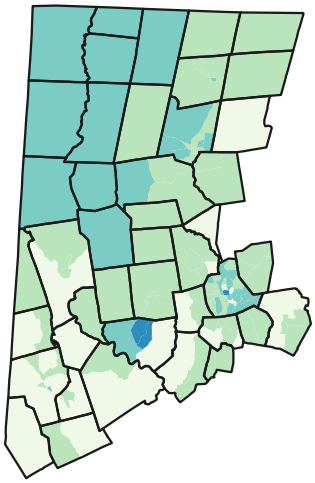
FIGURE 17: CHRONIC DISEASE PREVALENCE, SHARE OF ADULTS BY CENSUS TRACT, WESTERN DMHAS SERVICE AREA

High blood pressure, 2023



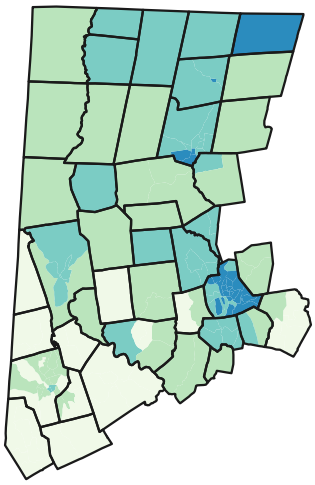
- 44.5% to 50.0%
- 34.0% to 44.5%
- 30.0% to 34.0%
- 24.3% to 30.0%

Coronary heart disease, 2023



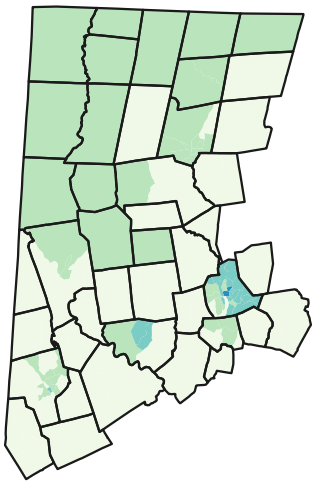
- 9.9% to 13.8%
- 6.8% to 9.9%
- 5.6% to 6.8%
- 3.3% to 5.6%

Current asthma, 2023



- 11.6% to 13.3%
- 10.7% to 11.6%
- 10.1% to 10.7%
- 9.3% to 10.1%

Diabetes, 2023



- 19.0% to 26.9%
- 12.6% to 19.0%
- 9.6% to 12.6%
- 6.6% to 9.6%

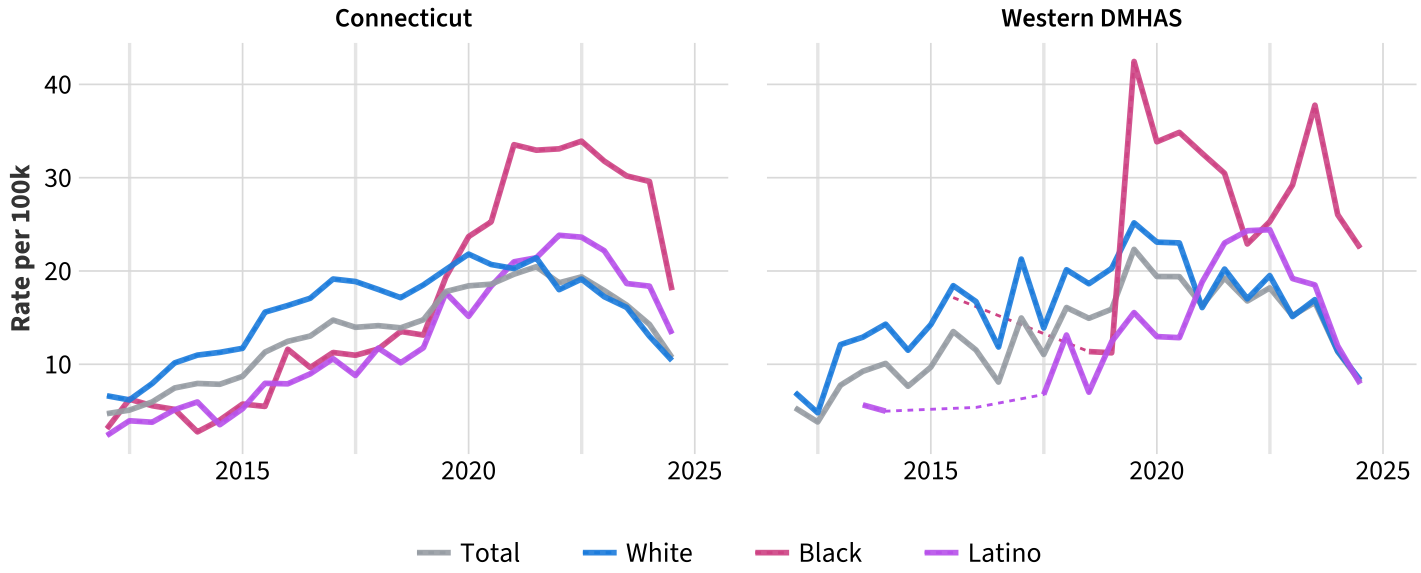
Mental health issues like depression and anxiety can be linked to social determinants like income, employment, and environment, and can pose risks of physical health problems as well, including by complicating a person's ability to keep up other aspects of their health care. People of color and younger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

		By age				By race/ethnicity		
	Total	Ages 18-34	Ages 35-49	Ages 50-64	Ages 65+	White	Black	Latino
Experiencing anxiety								
Connecticut	14%	19%	15%	11%	10%	12%	16%	20%
Western DMHAS	14%	20%	15%	12%	12%	12%	13%	22%
Naugatuck Valley COG	14%	18%	16%	11%	10%	12%	12%	17%
Western Connecticut COG	14%	20%	12%	12%	11%	12%	15%	20%
Bothered by depression								
Connecticut	12%	18%	11%	9%	7%	10%	14%	17%
Western DMHAS	12%	19%	13%	8%	8%	10%	17%	16%
Naugatuck Valley COG	14%	20%	15%	10%	9%	12%	17%	18%
Western Connecticut COG	8%	13%	7%	6%	6%	8%	10%	10%

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.

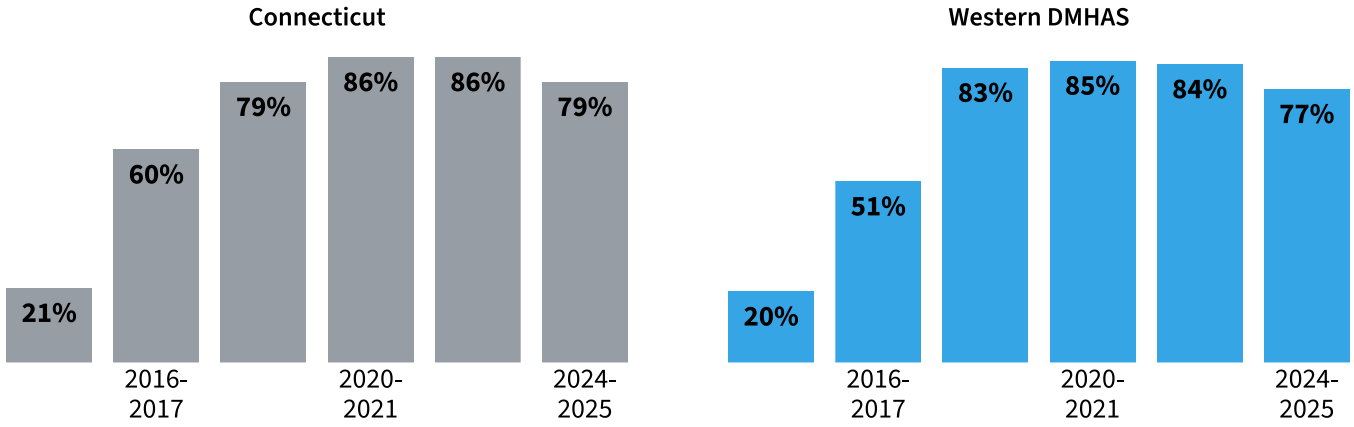
FIGURE 18: AGE-ADJUSTED SEMI-ANNUAL RATES OF DRUG OVERDOSE DEATHS PER 100,000 RESIDENTS BY RACE/ETHNICITY, 2012–2024



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, 51 percent of the drug overdose deaths in the Western DMHAS area involved fentanyl; in 2024 and 2025, this share was 77 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 Naugatuck Valley COG, 150 people per 100,000 residents took PrEP in 2024; in Western Connecticut COG, this was 197 per 100,000.

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

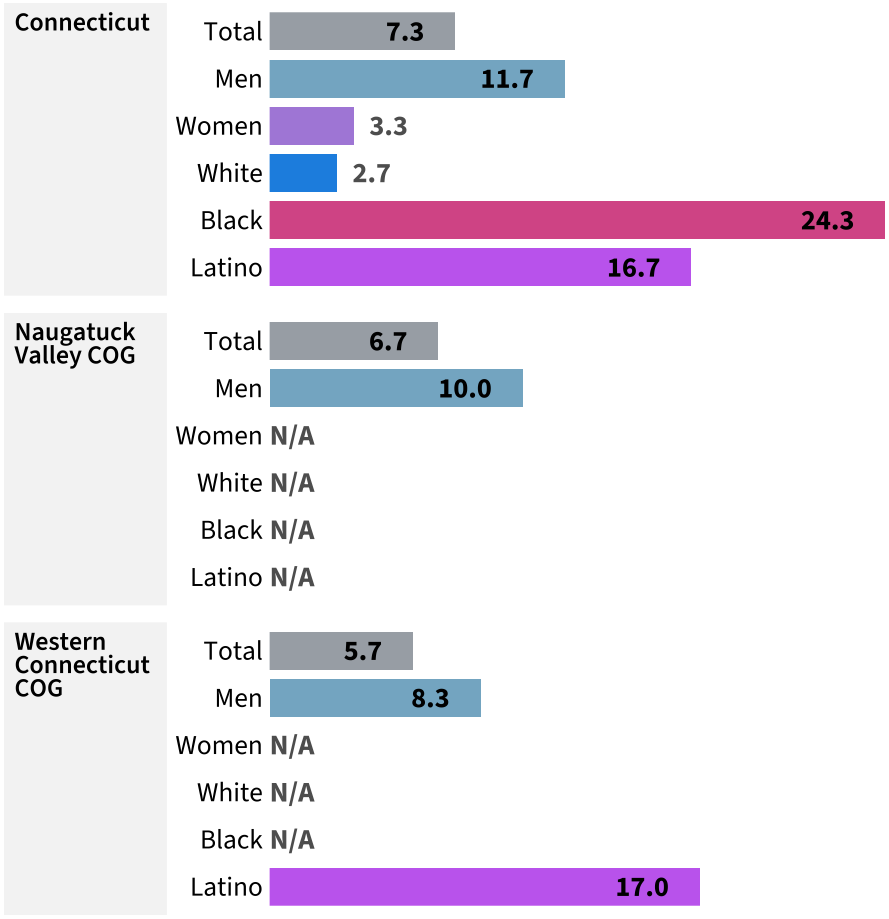
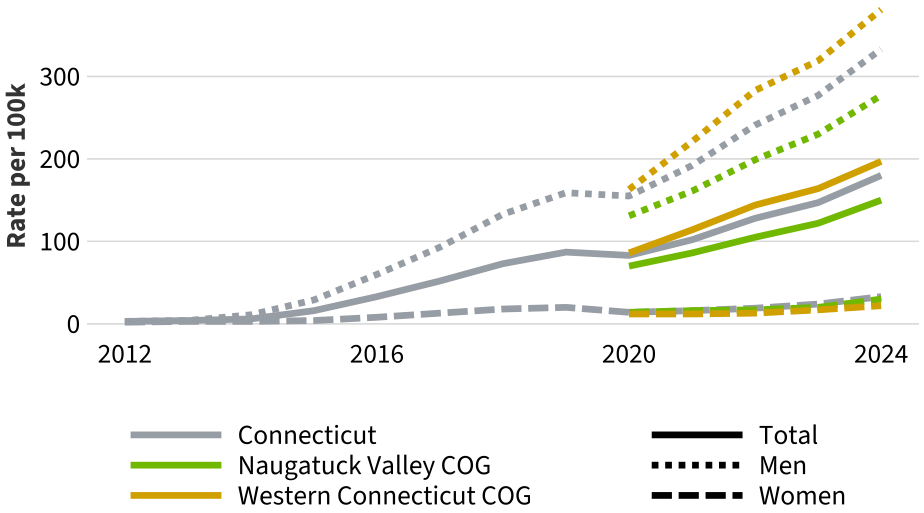


FIGURE 21: RATE OF PREP USAGE PER 100,000 RESIDENTS AGES 13 AND OVER, 2012–2024



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

				Latina			
	Total	White	Black	Latina (overall)	Puerto Rican	Other Latina	Asian
Late or no prenatal care							
Connecticut	3.7%	2.5%	5.2%	5.2%	3.2%	6.6%	3.4%
Fairfield County	4.4%	3.1%	5.7%	6.0%	3.5%	6.6%	3.5%
Litchfield County	3.5%	2.3%	9.7%	7.2%	N/A	9.4%	N/A
New Haven County	4.6%	3.0%	5.5%	6.2%	4.1%	8.4%	4.6%
Low birthweight							
Connecticut	8.0%	6.3%	13.3%	8.5%	10.1%	7.3%	9.2%
Fairfield County	7.2%	5.3%	12.5%	7.9%	9.5%	7.5%	8.7%
Litchfield County	6.1%	5.9%	10.3%	6.0%	5.6%	6.2%	N/A
New Haven County	8.7%	6.6%	13.8%	8.8%	9.9%	7.6%	9.4%
Infant mortality (per 1k live births)							
Connecticut	4.6	2.8	9.1	6.0	N/A	N/A	N/A
Fairfield County	3.7	2.2	6.1	5.3	N/A	N/A	N/A
Litchfield County	3.6	3.4	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, 5.6 percent of children tested in the Western 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.

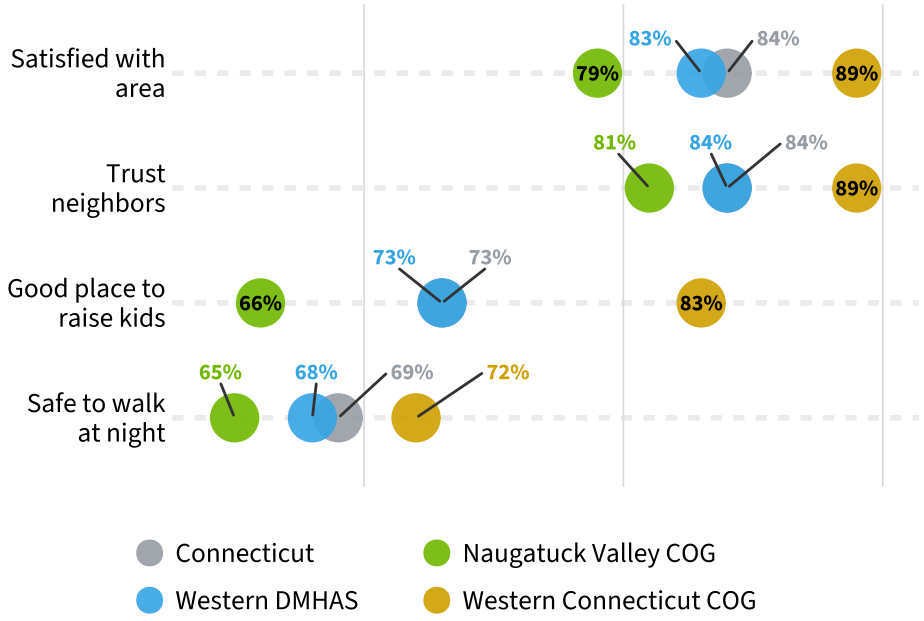
TABLE 15: HOUSEHOLDS LIVING IN STRUCTURES BUILT BEFORE 1960 BY RACE/ETHNICITY OF HEAD OF HOUSEHOLD, 2023

	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%
Western DMHAS	86,466	35%	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Naugatuck Valley COG	67,774	38%	44,405	37%	8,282	44%	12,071	44%	875	15%	3,331	48%
Western Connecticut COG	80,031	34%	55,872	37%	7,847	34%	13,429	37%	2,791	24%	3,032	35%

CIVIC LIFE & COMMUNITY COHESION

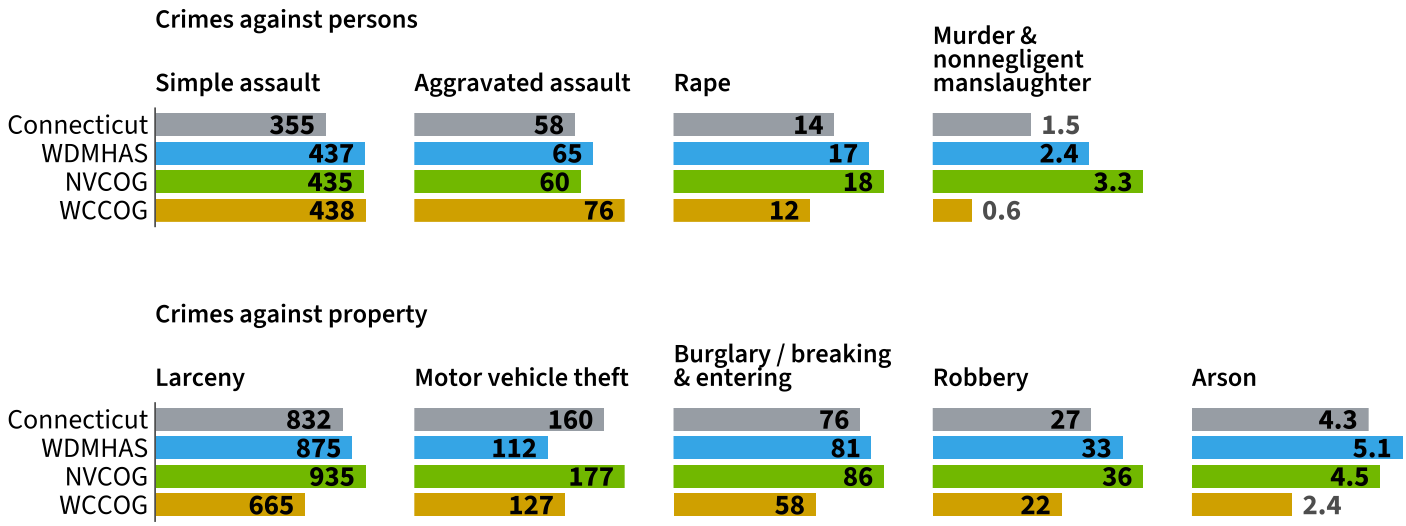
Beyond individual health, several measures from the DataHaven Community Wellbeing Survey show how local adults feel about the health of their neighborhoods. High quality of life and community cohesion can positively impact resident well-being through the availability of resources, sense of safety, and 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, 83 percent of adults in the Western 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



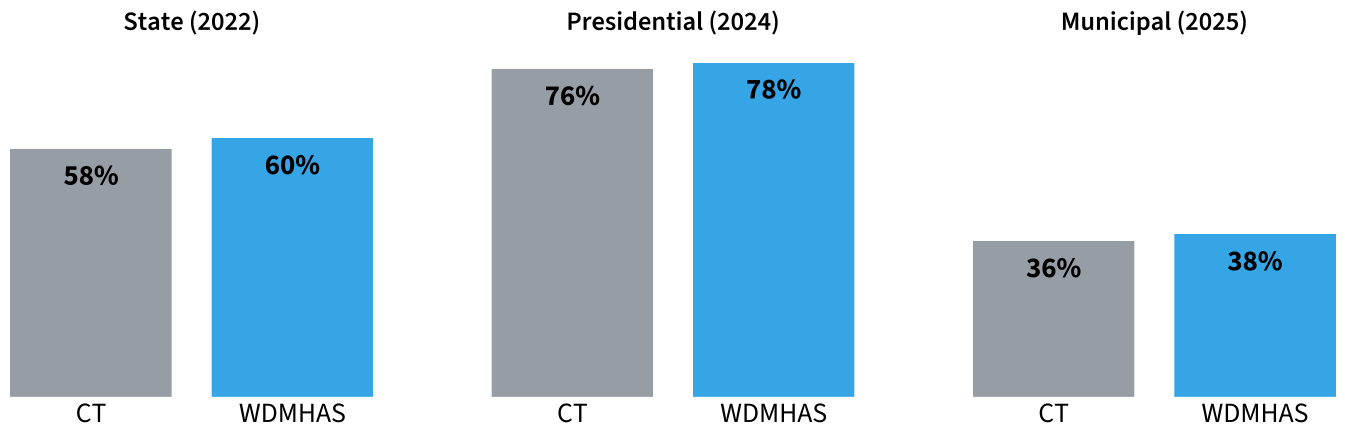
A lack of trust in and engagement with local government and experiences of unfair treatment by authorities can impair community well-being and cohesion. Fifty-two percent of Western DMHAS area adults feel their local government is responsive to residents' needs.

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%
Western DMHAS	52%	65%	15%
Naugatuck Valley COG	48%	60%	16%
Western Connecticut COG	59%	70%	14%

Seventy-eight percent of the Western DMHAS service area's eligible voters, or 317,467 people, voted in the 2024 presidential election, and 60 percent (236,719 people) voted in the 2022 state election.

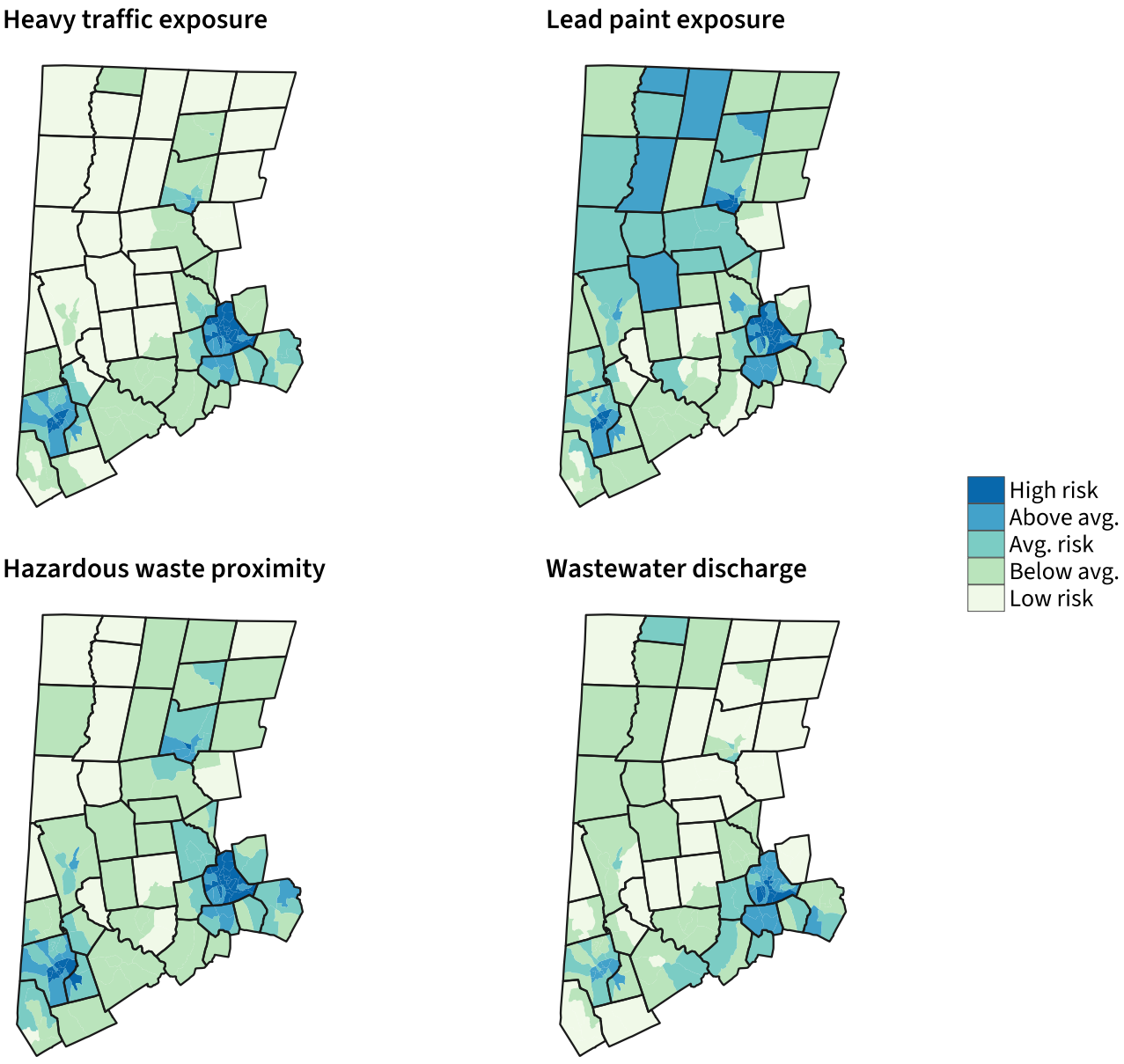
FIGURE 24: REGISTERED VOTER TURNOUT, 2022–2025



ENVIRONMENT & SUSTAINABILITY

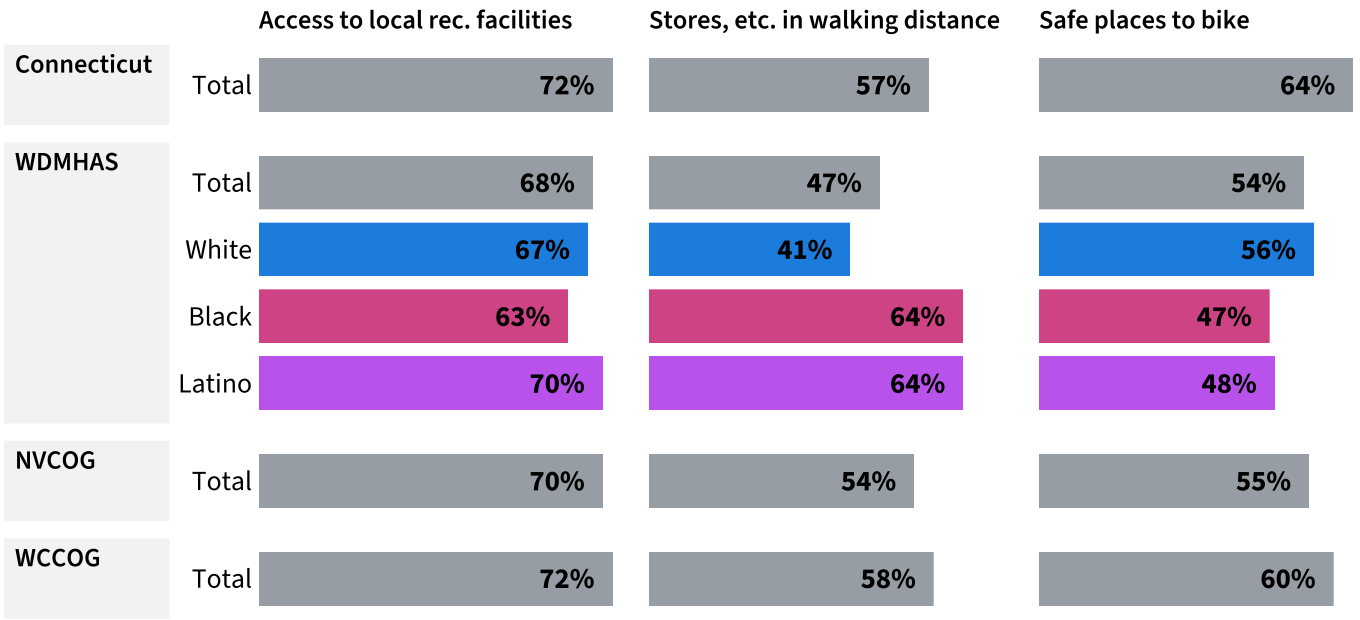
Many environmental factors—from access to outdoor resources to tree canopy to exposure to pollutants—can have direct impacts on residents' health and quality of life. Environmental justice is the idea that these factors of built and natural environments follow familiar patterns of socioeconomic disparities 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, WESTERN DMHAS SERVICE AREA, 2024



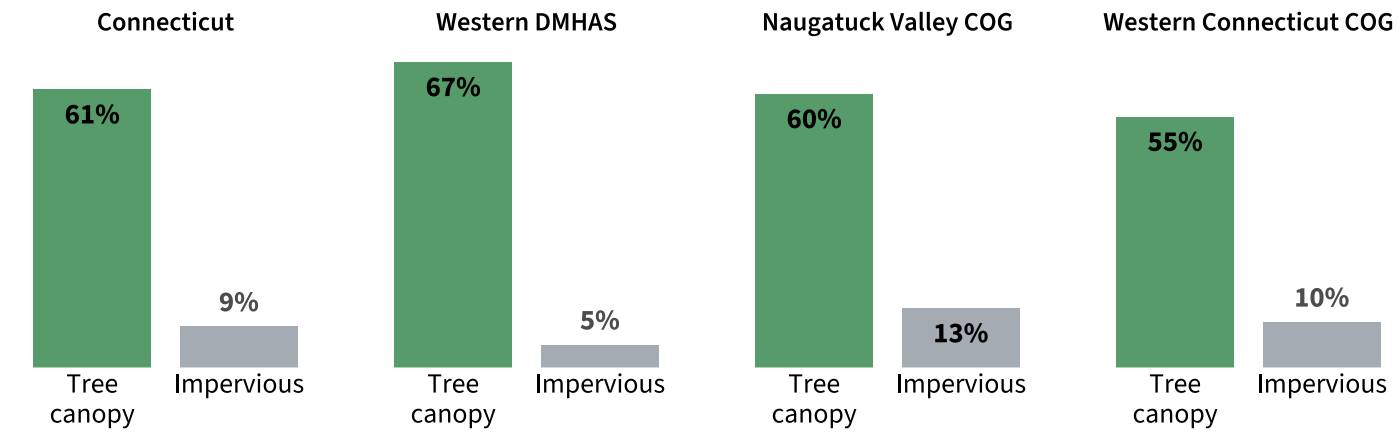
High-quality built environment resources, such as recreational facilities and safe sidewalks, help keep residents active and bring communities together. Walkable neighborhoods also encourage decreased reliance on cars, lower emissions, and ease traffic congestion. Throughout Connecticut, Black and Latino residents are largely concentrated in denser urban areas which tend to offer greater walkability. Of adults in the Western DMHAS service area, 47 percent report having stores, banks, and other locations they need in walking distance, lower 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 67 percent of the Western DMHAS area's total area is tree canopy, with another 25 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 Western 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%
Western DMHAS	624,254	625,286	21%	10%	10%
Barkhamsted	3,647	3,652	18%	5%	5%
Beacon Falls	6,000	6,089	16%	6%	4%
Bethel	20,358	20,498	22%	9%	4%
Bethlehem	3,385	3,398	20%	6%	8%
Bridgewater	1,662	1,670	13%	4%	3%
Brookfield	17,528	17,490	22%	6%	6%
Canaan	1,080	1,140	15%	6%	17%
Cheshire	28,733	28,852	22%	6%	4%
Colebrook	1,361	1,463	16%	6%	7%
Cornwall	1,567	1,438	15%	5%	16%
Danbury	86,518	86,086	20%	16%	11%
Goshen	3,150	3,181	18%	5%	6%
Hartland	1,901	1,881	17%	5%	3%
Harwinton	5,484	5,529	20%	5%	4%
Kent	3,019	3,041	14%	6%	10%
Litchfield	8,192	8,249	16%	5%	4%
Middlebury	7,574	7,736	23%	5%	5%

	Total population (2020 Decennial Census)	Total population (2023 ACS)	% pop. under 18, 2023	% adults w/o health insurance, 2023	Poverty rate, 2023
Morris	2,256	2,100	18%	5%	4%
Naugatuck	31,519	31,634	20%	9%	6%
New Fairfield	13,579	13,558	26%	7%	4%
New Hartford	6,658	6,684	21%	5%	2%
New Milford	28,115	28,161	22%	7%	8%
Newtown	27,173	27,384	22%	6%	5%
Norfolk	1,588	1,732	16%	5%	10%
North Canaan	3,211	3,200	25%	9%	19%
Oxford	12,706	12,870	22%	5%	2%
Prospect	9,401	9,414	23%	6%	2%
Redding	8,765	8,756	20%	5%	4%
Ridgefield	25,033	24,992	25%	5%	3%
Roxbury	2,260	2,184	14%	4%	3%
Salisbury	4,194	4,206	22%	5%	5%
Sharon	2,680	2,710	6%	5%	8%
Sherman	3,527	3,508	14%	5%	3%
Southbury	19,879	19,973	19%	5%	3%
Thomaston	7,442	7,476	22%	6%	3%
Torrington	35,515	35,481	18%	10%	14%
Warren	1,351	1,474	12%	6%	5%

	Total population (2020 Decennial Census)	Total population (2023 ACS)	% pop. under 18, 2023	% adults w/o health insurance, 2023	Poverty rate, 2023
Washington	3,646	3,648	20%	6%	12%
Waterbury	114,403	114,356	22%	18%	24%
Watertown	22,105	22,171	17%	7%	5%
Winchester	10,224	10,242	15%	7%	14%
Wolcott	16,142	16,192	20%	6%	2%
Woodbury	9,723	9,787	16%	5%	6%

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	Western DMHAS
On another topic, how well would you say you are managing financially these days? Would you say you are… *(Just getting by, Finding it difficult, Finding it very difficult)*	36%	38%
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? *(Yes)*	16%	16%
In the last 12 months, have you not had enough money to provide adequate shelter or housing for you or your family? *(Yes)*	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? *(Yes)*	14%	13%
Do you have access to a car when you need it? Would you say you have access… *(Very often or Fairly often)*	89%	89%

B. NEIGHBORHOOD ASSETS

	Connecticut	Western DMHAS
Many stores, banks, markets or places to go are within easy walking distance of my home. *(Strongly agree or Somewhat agree)*	57%	47%
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. *(Strongly agree or Somewhat agree)*	65%	55%
My neighborhood has several free or low cost recreation facilities such as parks, playgrounds, public swimming pools, etc. *(Strongly agree or Somewhat agree)*	72%	68%
I do not feel safe to go on walks in my neighborhood at night. *(Strongly disagree or Somewhat disagree)*	69%	68%
People in this neighborhood can be trusted. *(Strongly agree or Somewhat agree)*	84%	84%
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? *(Great influence, Moderate influence, or A little influence)*	67%	65%

C. PERSONAL WELLBEING

	Connecticut	Western 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? *(Excellent or Very good)*	57%	56%
Overall, how satisfied are you with your life nowadays? *(Completely satisfied or Mostly satisfied)*	66%	65%
Overall, how happy did you feel yesterday? *(Completely or Mostly)*	69%	69%
Overall, how anxious did you feel yesterday? *(Completely or Mostly)*	13%	14%
How often do you get the social and emotional support you need? *(Always or Usually)*	68%	67%

D. QUALITY OF LIFE

	Connecticut	Western DMHAS
Are you satisfied with the city or area where you live? *(Yes)*	84%	83%
How responsive local government is to the needs of residents *(Excellent or Good)*	52%	52%
The job done by the police to keep residents safe *(Excellent or Good)*	75%	75%
The ability of residents to obtain suitable employment *(Excellent or Good)*	52%	49%
As a place to raise children *(Excellent or Good)*	73%	74%
The condition of public parks and other public recreational facilities *(Excellent or Good)*	75%	74%
The availability of affordable, high-quality fruits and vegetables *(Excellent or Good)*	71%	72%

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FIGURE AND TABLE NOTES

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

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Table 5. Number and share of assisted housing units by town, 2023. DataHaven analysis (2026) of Connecticut Department of Housing 2023 Affordable Housing Appeals List. Accessed via https://data.ct.gov/d/3udy-56vi

Table 6. Tenure and vacancy, 2023. DataHaven analysis (2026) of US Census Bureau American Community Survey 2023 5-year estimates. Note that except for large cities, town-level estimates are unreliable due to low numbers of vacant units.

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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.

Table 8. Public K–12 student enrollment by English language learner status, free/reduced price meal eligibility, and special education designation, 2024-25. DataHaven analysis (2026) of enrollment data from the Connecticut State Department of Education, accessed via EdSight at http://edsight.ct.gov At the school district level, not all groups may be shown due to CTSDE data suppression rules for small enrollment counts, even though they may represent more than 1% of the school district population.

Figure 8. Selected academic and disciplinary outcomes by student race/ethnicity, 2023-24 and 2024-25 school years. DataHaven analysis (2026) of Smarter Balanced Assessment Consortium (SBAC) testing (3rd and 8th grade English/language arts), discipline, and four-year graduation data from the Connecticut State Department of Education, accessed via EdSight. Not all groups' values may be included, or in some cases may be based on estimates, due to CTSDE data suppression rules for small counts. Because students can be suspended more than once in a school year, the suspension rate represents the percentage of students with one or more suspension or expulsion during the school year.

Figure 9. Educational attainment by race/ethnicity, share of adults ages 25 and up, 2023. DataHaven analysis (2026) of US Census Bureau American Community Survey 2023 5-year estimates.

Table 9. Jobs and wages in Western DMHAS service area's 5 largest sectors, 2024. DataHaven analysis (2026) of annual employment data from the Connecticut Department of Labor. Note that in some cases, especially for smaller towns or where data were deemed unreliable for whatever reason, data have been suppressed by the department. In a few cases, that may mean large sectors in an area are missing from the analysis here. Available at https://www1.ctdol.state.ct.us/lmi/202/202_annualaverage.asp

Figure 10. Monthly unemployment rate, 2013–2025, 3-month rolling average. DataHaven analysis (2026) of US Bureau of Labor Statistics Local Area Unemployment Statistics. Available at https://www.bls.gov/lau

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Figure 12. Median household income by race/ethnicity of head of household, 2023. DataHaven analysis (2026) of US Census Bureau American Community Survey 2023 5-year estimates and Ruggles, et al (2025).

Table 10. Median household income, with largest increase and decrease of Western 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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Table 12. Selected household economic indicators by race/ethnicity of head of household, 2023. DataHaven analysis (2026) of US Census Bureau American Community Survey 2023 5-year estimates and Ruggles, et al (2025).

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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

Figure 19. Share of drug overdose deaths involving fentanyl, aggregated to two-year periods, 2014–2025. DataHaven analysis (2026) of Accidental Drug Related Deaths. Connecticut Office of the Chief Medical Examiner.

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

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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 25. EPA Environmental Justice Index by tract, Western 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.

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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

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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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