



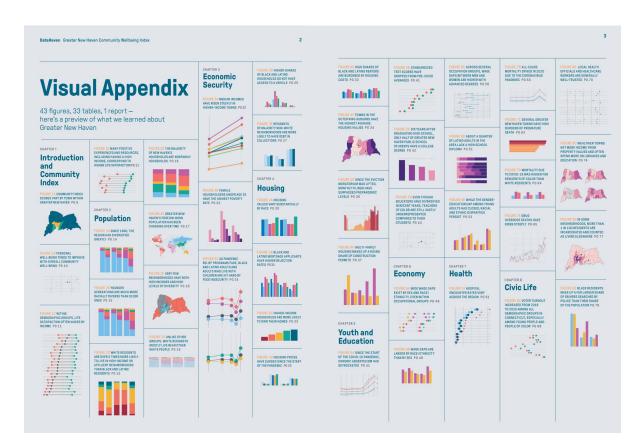
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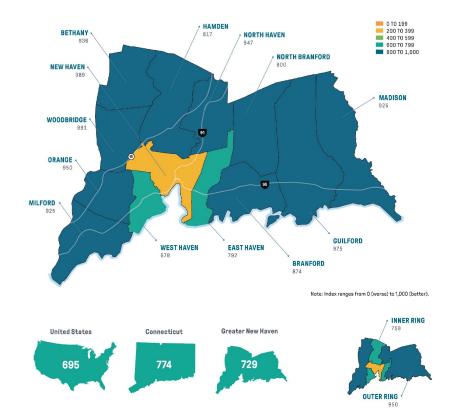
Conclusion and Endnotes

### **Greater New Haven**

- Data are collected statewide, but for the Greater New Haven Community Wellbeing Index, the region is defined as a 13-town area
- A diverse range of urban, suburban, and rural communities shaped by many important factors such as industrialization, immigration, migration, highway expansions, redlining and discrimination

FIGURE 1A

### Community Index scores vary by town within Greater New Haven INDEX SCORE BY TOWN, 2020





## **DataHaven Community Wellbeing Survey**

- Data from live interviews of over 40,000 randomly-selected adults are one of the sources used throughout the Index
- Over 80 partners support the survey
- Survey data are prominently used in dozens of community health assessments statewide



## **DataHaven Town Equity Reports**

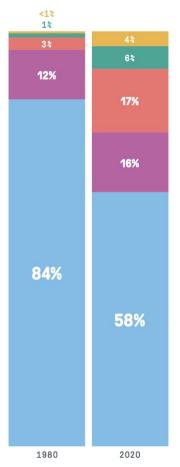
In addition to the Community Wellbeing Index, survey and more data for all 169 Connecticut towns at ctdatahaven.org/connecticut-town-equity-reports





## **Population and Demographics**

- State and GNH population increasingly diverse, especially among younger generations
- Latinos are fastest growing racial/ethnic group since 1980
- 14 percent of GNH population is foreign-born
- Largest share of immigrants who entered in 2010 or later are from Asia (46 percent).

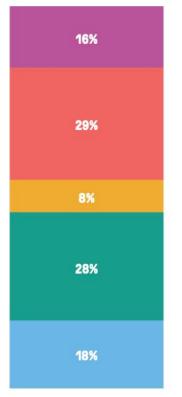


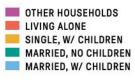
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## **Population and Demographics**

- Population grew by 0.3 percent while total households grew by 2 percent in GNH between 2010 and 2020.
- New Haven grew at 3 percent and remains one of the fastest growing cities in the state
- Nonfamily households grew the most, especially single-person households.
- Nonfamily households are most likely to be renters.









# Family Resources and Financial Wellbeing

Indicator	Connecticut	Greater New Haven
Limited car access	10%	14%
HH earning <\$50K without broadband internet	28%	25%
Childcare slots as a share of child pop.		38%
Just getting by financially	26%	26%
Negative net worth	14%	16%
Underemployed	16%	15%
Difficulty paying for food	11%	13%

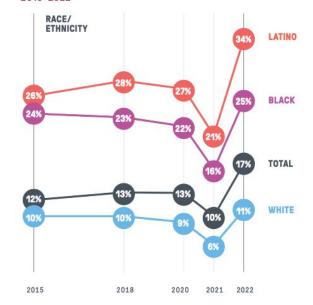


## **Macroeconomic Effects**

- Pandemic relief programs provided a short reprieve from food insecurity, which is now higher than pre-pandemic levels
- Inflation led to a 13 percent increase in the cost of groceries between 2021 and 2022

#### As pandemic relief programs fade, Black and Latino adults and adults who live with children are hit hard by food insecurity

SHARE OF ADULTS REPORTING FOOD INSECURITY BY RACE/ ETHNICITY AND PRESENCE OF CHILDREN, CONNECTICUT, 2015–2022





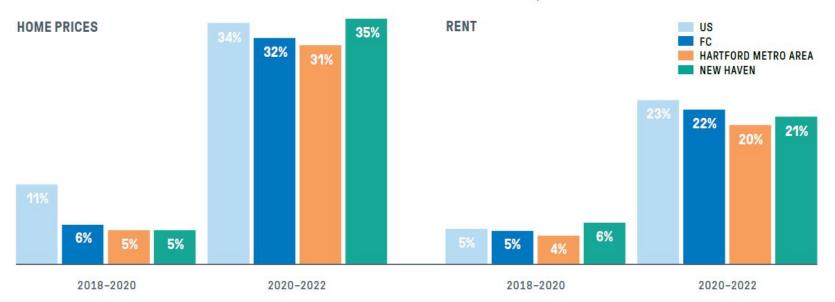
# **Housing Insecurity**

- 32k households in GNH pay at least half their income towards housing costs
  - This includes 19k renter households (more than 1 in 4 renters regionwide) and
  - 10k households in New Haven alone
- Homeownership rates region-wide dropped from 64 to 60 percent between 2010 and 2020
- 1 percent of CT adults fear eviction or foreclosure is imminent
- These trends are more extreme for younger, BIPOC, and low-income householders, as well as renters
- Average rent in New Haven County increased by 28 percent from June 2018 to June 2022

## **Housing Insecurity**

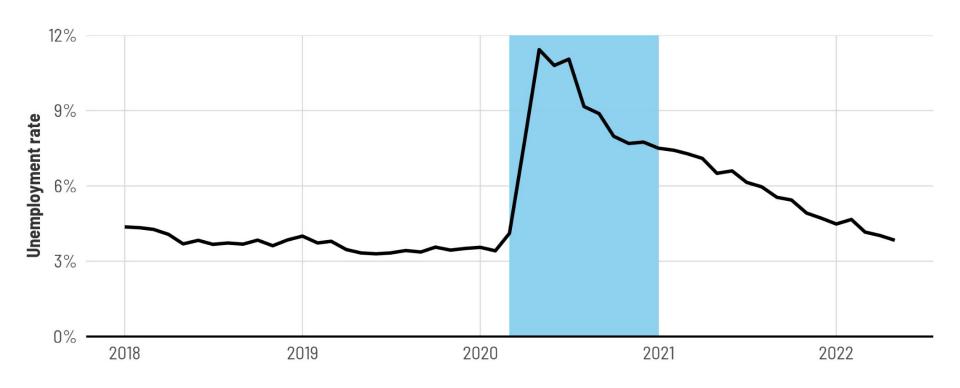
#### Housing prices have surged since the start of the pandemic

PERCENT CHANGE IN AVERAGE HOME PRICES AND MONTHLY RENT BY COUNTY, 2018-2022





# **Unemployment and Recovery**



## Job Losses 2020–2022

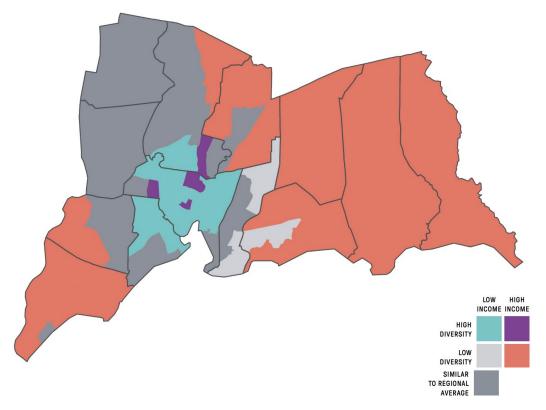
Many lost jobs are not in the industries growing since 2022

Industry	Jobs (2020Q1)	Jobs (2022Q1)	Pct. Change
All Industries	382,300	378,000	-1%
Health Care and Social Assistance	76,100	72,600	-5%
Educational Services	61,000	60,500	-1%
Retail Trade	43,900	42,400	-3%
Manufacturing	29,700	28,800	-3%
Accommodation and Food Services	28,400	26,200	-8%

All industries and top five industries by employment in GNH

## **Income and Racial Segregation**

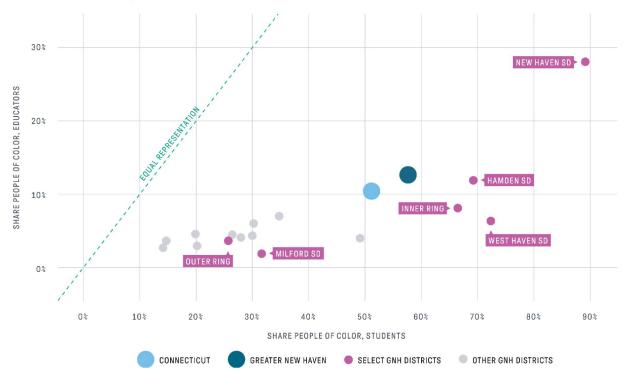
- The average white resident of GNH lives in a neighborhood with 73 percent white neighbors, while residents of color have more diverse neighbors
- Only 4 percent of GNH residents live in high income and high diversity neighborhoods



## Youth & Education

Even though educators have diversified in recent years, teachers of color are still vastly underrepresented compared to their students

NON-WHITE SHARE OF STUDENTS AND EDUCATORS BY DISTRICT, 2021–22 SCHOOL YEAR WITH LINE SHOWING EQUAL SHARES OF STUDENTS AND EDUCATORS



- 58% of GNH public school students are people of color, vs only 13% of educators
- Black students are over 3 times more likely to have been suspended in the past school year than white students
- Current childcare slots cover about 22% of children ages 0–2, 61% ages 3–4
- The average childcare slot costs about \$300/week for ages 0–2, \$270/week for ages 3–4



## Youth & Education

#### Impacts of the pandemic

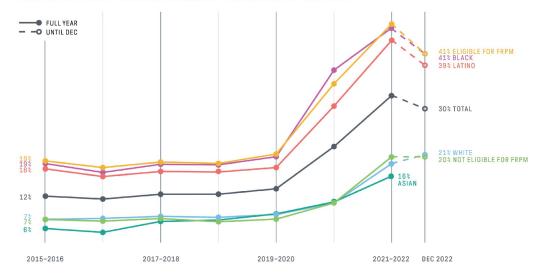
- Lots still unknown
- Chronic absenteeism way up but beginning to subside
  - As before, stratified by race/ethnicity & income
- 8th grade English SBAC pass rate: 45% in SY 2021-22 vs 50% pre-COVID average

#### **Educational outcomes**

- 50% of GNH public high school graduates earn a college degree within 6 years
- 8% of GNH adults have no high school diploma
  - 23% of Latino adults

#### Since the start of the COVID-19 pandemic, chronic absenteeism has skyrocketed

SHARE OF STUDENTS CHRONICALLY ABSENT BY RACE/ETHNICITY AND ELIGIBILITY FOR FREE/REDUCED PRICE MEALS, GREATER NEW HAVEN PUBLIC SCHOOLS, 2015–16 TO 2022–23 SCHOOL YEARS



## **Civic Life**

#### Views of local community assets

SHARE OF ADULTS, GREATER NEW HAVEN, 2021

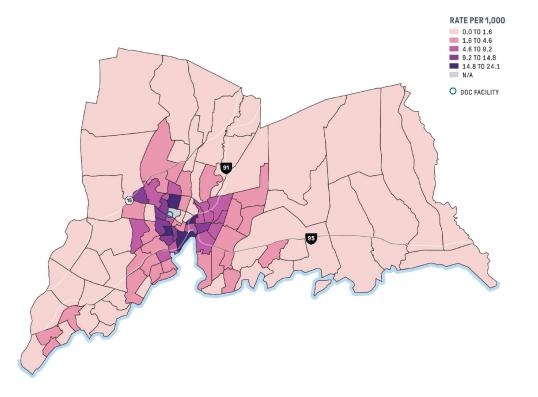
LOCATION	GOOD PARKS	HIGH QUALITY RECREATIONAL FACILITIES	SAFE BIKING	STORES IN WALKING DISTANCE	AFFORDABLE, HIGH QUALITY PRODUCE
Connecticut	78%	74%	68%	56%	76%
Greater New Haven	75%	73%	71%	65%	74%
New Haven	59%	73%	71%	78%	54%

- 88% of GNH adults say they're satisfied with the area where they live, same as state
- Similar to other areas, city residents find neighborhoods more walkable than suburban ones
- Equalized net grand list per capita ranges from \$83,801 in West Haven, \$87,950 in New Haven to \$248,542 in Madison
- School spending per pupil ranges from \$14,906 in West Haven to \$21,154 in Milford

## **Criminal Justice & Incarceration**

In some neighborhoods, more than 1 in 100 residents are incarcerated and counted as living elsewhere

ESTIMATED INCARCERATION RATE PER 1,000 PEOPLE BY TRACT OF RESIDENCE, GREATER NEW HAVEN, 2020, WITH CT DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTION (DOC) FACILITIES



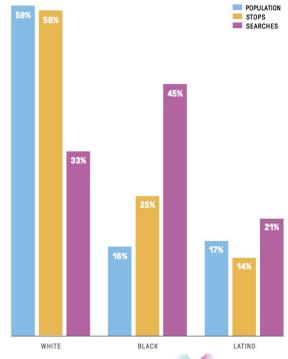
- High incarceration rates in some New Haven neighborhoods
- New state law counts incarcerated people based on last residence, not prison
  - More equitable distribution of resources, legislative power
- 30% of white adults, 21% of Latino adults, 5% of Black adults said police do excellent job keeping residents safe
- 24% of white adults, 40% of Latino adults, 47% of Black adults have a relative who's been in jail

## **Police Interactions**

- Black and Latino drivers are more likely to be stopped and searched than white drivers
- White drivers, when searched, are more likely to have contraband than Black and Latino drivers
- In GNH, 31 percent of Black adults and 13 percent of Latino adults say they have been unfairly treated by police, compared to 10 percent of white adults

#### Black residents make up a far larger share of drivers searched by police than their share of the population

SHARE BY RACE OF POPULATION, DRIVERS STOPPED BY POLICE, AND DRIVERS SEARCHED BY POLICE WHERE RACE IS KNOWN, GREATER NEW HAVEN POLICE DEPARTMENTS. 2018–2020



## **Social Drivers of Health**

TABLE 7B **Experiences of discrimination** LOCATION ACCESSING HEALTH CARE AT WORK OR LOOKING FOR WORK INTERACTING WITH POLICE Greater New Haven New Haver BY DEMOGRAPHIC WITHIN GREATER NEW HAVEN 2% Female Age 18-34 Age 35-49 Age 50-64 2% Age 65+ 1% White 14% Black Latino Under \$30K \$30K-\$100K \$100K+

- During the past 3 years, Black adults were 5 times as likely as white adults to report being discriminated against in healthcare settings, and 14 times as likely as white adults to report being unfairly stopped by police
- 46 percent of adults earning less than \$30,000 didn't get dental care, compared to 18 percent of adults earning \$100,000 or more

### **Health Outcomes**

#### Drug overdose deaths have risen steeply

AGE-ADJUSTED ACCIDENTAL OVERDOSE DEATH RATE PER 1 MILLION RESIDENTS BY RACE/ETHNICITY, GREATER NEW HAVEN. 2012–2021 6-MONTH ROLLING MEAN



- The first two years of COVID-19 were the most fatal years for overdoses in GNH history
- Fentanyl is present in 80 percent of fatal overdoses; xylazine is emerging concern

TABLE 7J

#### Overdose deaths

ACCIDENTAL OVERDOSE DEATH COUNTS AND ANNUALIZED AGE-ADJUSTED RATES PER 1 MILLION RESIDENTS, 2014–2016 TO 2020–2021

	2014-2016		2017-2019		2020 AND 2021	
LOCATION	COUNT	RATE PER MILLION	COUNT	RATE PER MILLION	COUNT	RATE PER MILLION
Connecticut	2,137	102	3,119	149	2,781	193
Greater New Haven	276	98	367	133	451	246
East Haven	21	131	32	196	32	289
Hamden	30	83	29	84	45	182
New Haven	96	129	137	185	209	445
West Haven	46	138	56	163	61	273

## **Environment and Public Safety**

- Since 2001, average temperatures have increased 1 degree Fahrenheit in New Haven County.
- The average temperature of heat waves has slightly decreased but the number of heat waves has increased.
- Almost half of New Haven residents fear gun violence, and 1 in 8 have witnessed a shooting in the past year.
- In Greater New Haven, more than 80 percent of vehicle-related collisions with pedestrians and cyclists resulted in injury or fatality.





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