



Basic Human Needs (BHN) Emergency Assistance 2022 Final Reporting Summary

**Learnings from 2022 Emergency
Assistance Grantees' Reporting**



How do we use reporting and why do we share it?

The Hartford Foundation combines grantees' Emergency Assistance Grants reporting to:

- Confirm and expand on our understanding of basic needs data & community knowledge
- Shape and improve grantmaking that responds to the basic needs landscape

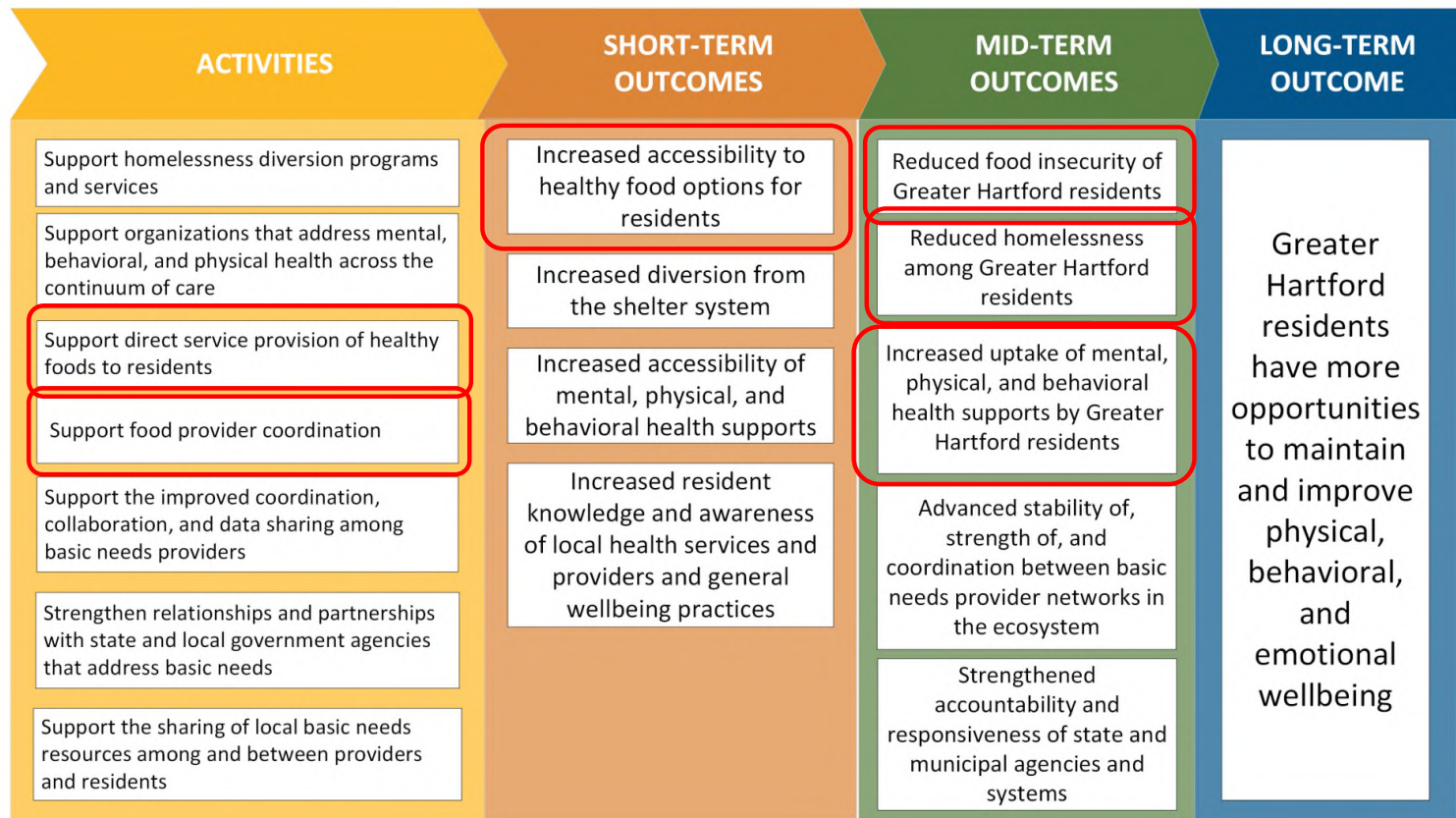
We also share this aggregate descriptive information, outputs, trends, and professional observations with our nonprofit partners. While the contents of this summary are broad, we hope that the themes, numbers, and perspectives contained in the deck validates and/or magnifies your assessment, understanding, and questions about the work.

LOGIC MODEL: Basic Human Needs 2023



Stakeholders: Black & Latinx Residents | Greater Hartford Residents Who Do Not Have Their Basic Needs Met | Government Partners | Greater Hartford Nonprofits & Community Partners | Welfare Service Providers | Hartford Foundation for Public Giving

Strategic Commitments: The Foundation's strategic outcomes were developed to contribute to the Foundation's dual strategic priorities of dismantling structural racism and advancing social and economic mobility in Greater Hartford's Black and Latinx communities. We acknowledge that we are only one contributor within a larger ecosystem and strive to be a supporting force of the articulated outcomes.



The logic model on the left is a graphic depiction of our Basic Human Needs grantmaking area. We use this high-level summary to guide our grantmaking approach.

Contextual Community Data



Inflation rate peaked at 7.6% in Connecticut in 2022

(Inflation data: https://www.bls.gov/regions/mid-atlantic/news-release/consumerpriceindex_northeast.htm)



A family of 4 would need to make at least \$126,000 to meet their basic needs, according to a 2023 ALICE report

(Latest ALICE report: https://alice.ctunitedway.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/09/23UFA_Report_Connecticut_4.11.23_FINAL.pdf)



The median household income in Greater Hartford is \$82,000 (DataHaven Community WellBeing Index 2023)



Inter-relationship between food and housing security: a person with food security is more likely to experience housing security and vice versa as they make hard choices about where limited household dollars are allocated



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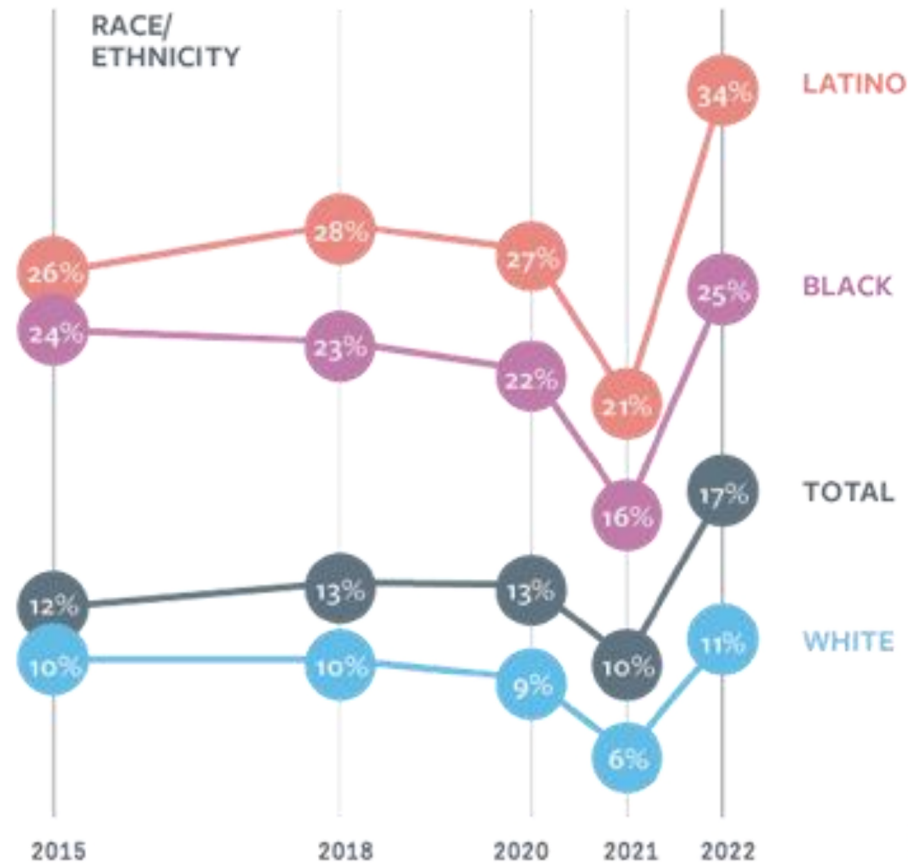
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Food Security

- ✓ Food insecurity plummeted during the Covid-19 pandemic due to an influx of social safety net resources
- ✓ As pandemic relief programs ended and food prices and inflation surged, **food insecurity trended sharply upward** with Black and Latino adults and households with children hit harder by this trend

AS PANDEMIC RELIEF PROGRAMS FADE, BLACK AND LATINO ADULTS ARE HIT BY FOOD INSECURITY | SHARE OF ADULTS REPORTING FOOD INSECURITY BY RACE/ETHNICITY, CONNECTICUT, 2015-2022

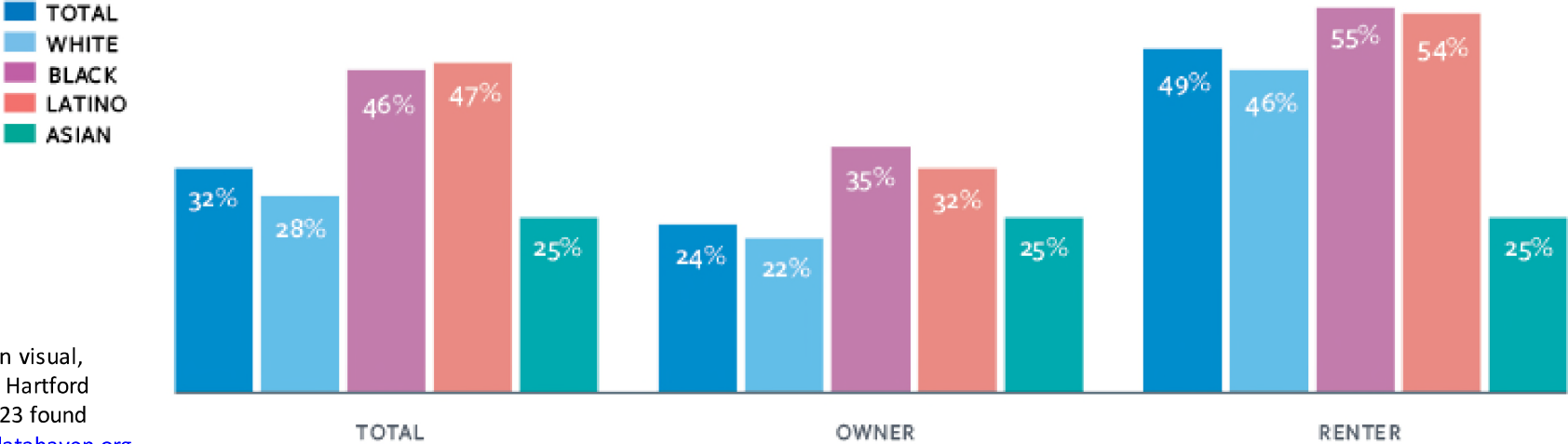


Food security visual, DataHaven Greater Hartford Wellbeing Index 2023 found at: https://www.ctdatahaven.org/sites/ctdatahaven/files/DataHaven_GH2023-web.pdf

Housing Cost and Stability

- ✓ About a **third of all Greater Hartford households** and **nearly half of renters** are **housing cost burdened**
- ✓ Higher proportions of Latino and Black residents are experiencing housing cost burden

HIGH SHARES OF BLACK AND LATINO RENTERS ARE BURDENED BY HOUSING COSTS
COST-BURDEN RATES BY TENURE AND RACE/ETHNICITY OF HEAD OF HOUSEHOLD, GREATER HARTFORD, 2020



Housing cost burden visual, DataHaven Greater Hartford Wellbeing Index 2023 found at: https://www.ctdatahaven.org/sites/ctdatahaven/files/DataHaven_GH2023-web.pdf

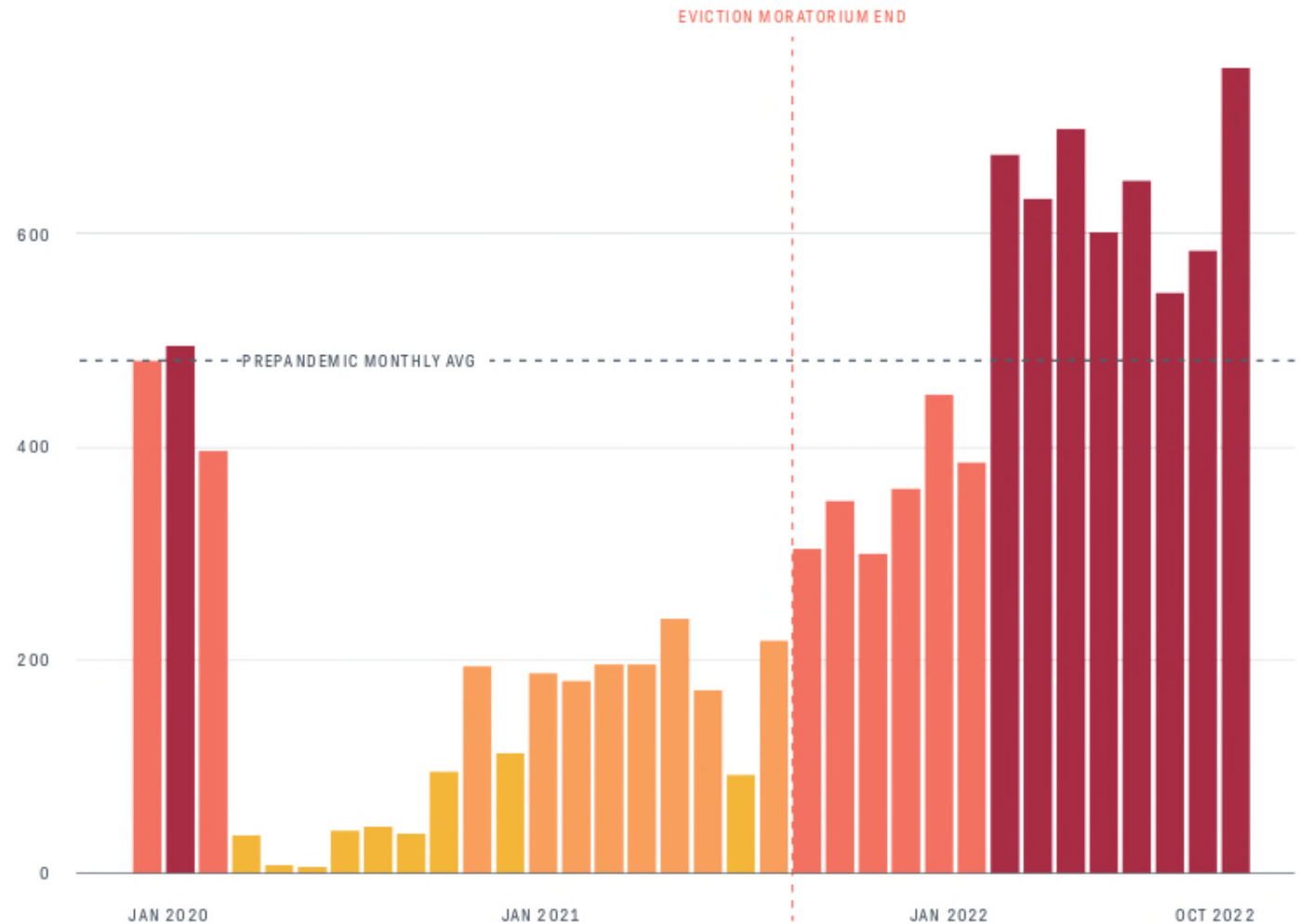
Eviction

- ✓ Since the federal eviction moratorium ended, **eviction filings have risen above pre-pandemic levels.**
- ✓ Eviction filings have increased **more than two-fold in Greater Hartford** since the end of the moratorium.
- ✓ **Hartford and East Hartford renters were several times more likely to face eviction** than outer suburban renters

Eviction visual,
DataHaven Greater
Hartford Wellbeing
Index 2023

Since the moratorium eviction was lifted, monthly filings have surpassed pre-pandemic levels

MONTHLY EVICTION FILINGS, GREATER HARTFORD, JAN 2020 TO OCT 2022





Grantees' Activities, Impressions, and Impact in the Emergency Assistance Landscape

In 2022, 102 organizations applied to BHN Emergency Assistance, requesting a total of \$1,389,939.

Of those who applied, 77 organizations received a total of \$663,812.

Based on 71 reports...*

238,067 people were served

43 organizations distributed food

At least 2,018,551 meals served**

**As of December 29, 2023, the numbers on this slide and the following two slides are based on reporting of organizational level data, not on Foundation-only funding.*

***Meals include sit-down meals, to-go meals, weekend backpacks, care packages, holiday baskets, delivered meals and food items, food items obtained from pantries, etc.*



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Item/Service Provided	Quantity <i>(as available)</i>
Baby Formula	977
Diapers	142,102
Christmas Toys/Gift Cards	83
Clothing	5322
Educational Support	1,553
Food	2,018,551
Household Items	1,198
Hygiene Products	150,881
Shelter	5,673
Tents & Sleeping Bags	—
Winter Care Packages	808

Item/Service Provided	Quantity <i>(as available)</i>
Case Management	1,278
Financial Assistance	4,733
Medical Assistance	221
Mobility Assistance Devices	4
Rental Assistance	9
Resource Packages	—
Transportation Assistance	205
Utility Assistance	168

Demographics Served (based on application data)

- Families
- Children
- People experiencing homelessness or housing insecurity
- People experiencing mental, behavioral Issues
- People with disabilities
- Adults
- Infants
- Elderly people
- Immigrants/Refugees
- Survivors of human trafficking
- Returning citizens

Community Benefits: Clients Feel Cared For

- Alleviate parents' stress about providing for their children
 - Baby-specific needs (i.e., formula, wipes, diapers)
 - School-aged children-specific needs (e.g., backpacks, uniforms, books)
- Accommodate people's unique needs to access services and programs
- Stabilize people's housing situations
 - Prevent homelessness
 - Assisting residents to needed household items (i.e., kitchen supplies, furniture)
 - Equip people to safely live outdoors while finding adequate housing (i.e., boots, winter coats, sleeping bags, tents)
- Connect people to needed services
- Connect people to each other

Community Benefits: Food Choice

- More food choices in pantries have multiple benefits:
 - More opportunities to practice cultural sensitivity.
 - Easier for individuals to manage their unique health and nutritional needs, especially with regards chronic health conditions such as diabetes and heart disease.
 - Alleviates financial burden as people are using pantries strategically to obtain items that are typically unobtainable for various reasons (e.g., not covered by SNAP, too expensive in stores).



Grantees' Observations and Knowledge of the Current Landscape

Greater Needs Throughout Greater Hartford

- About 91% of grantees noted seeing more clients and/or needs for services in 2022 compared to previous years.
- Eighty percent of grantees have attributed this increased need by clients to rising costs of basic needs items, especially food.
- Several organizations have stated that the people they serve often have multiple needs that the organization is not equipped to appropriately address.
 - Several mentioned their clients often have mental and behavioral issues in addition to needing food and/or shelter.



More Clients, More Needs

"We continue to observe and experience an ever-increasing need and demand for our services. [O]ur financial assistance through our...program only met 50% of the average household need of \$1,500."

Take-Aways

- Reporting from grantee partners confirms and supports:
 - Residents in the Greater Hartford Region are increasingly experiencing hardship around basic needs
 - Basic needs are deeply interrelated and attending to food and housing needs requires a nuanced, culturally relevant, and person-centered approach. Organizations need flexible support to respond to the complex needs of residents
 - The importance of funding direct food, housing, and mental/behavioral health services and supports along with more systemic interventions



The Hartford Foundation thanks all of you for serving the Greater Hartford community.

If you'd like to anonymously provide feedback about grant reporting for Basic Human Needs Emergency Assistance grants, visit this link:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/EmergencyAssistanceGrants>