COMMISSION ON RACIAL EQUITY IN PUBLIC HEALTH

CONNECTICUT GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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2023 Disparity Data Report Addendum

Pursuant to C.G.S. § 19a-133, the Commission on Racial Equity in Public Health is tasked with reporting on "racial disparities in the state's criminal justice system and its impact on the health and well-being of individuals and families." The Commission has identified a set of eight criminal justice metrics to report on by race and ethnicity.

Three metrics were obtained from the Department of Correction and included in the Commission's previously posted data report. These metrics include:

- Adult (2): Incarcerated Population, Post-Release Supervision
- Juvenile (1): Secure Confinement

The Commission requested and received five metrics from the Court Support Services Division (CSSD) of the Judicial Branch. These metrics include:

- Juvenile (3): Court Referral Rates, Residential Population Rates, Probation Rates
- Adult (2): Arrest Rates, Probation Rates

The Commission analyzed the raw data and prepared the tables below. The tables reflect data per 10,000 people by race/ethnicity. All rates were calculated using demographic data from the United States Census American Communities Survey (2021, 5-year estimate). In these data, juveniles include children and youth between the ages of 10-17 and adults are defined as individuals who are 18 years of age and older. All of these data are snapshots of July 1st metrics.

State of Connecticut data experts have identified difficulties with state-level data interpretation due to White individuals often being overrepresented and Hispanic individuals being underrepresented in the data. This is a result of inconsistent ethnic/racial data collection methods (self-reported vs. officer-reported based on perception). Thus, in these data, White individuals may be overrepresented and Hispanic individuals may be underrepresented.

Juvenile Data

The tables below contain data for three juvenile justice metrics: Court Referral Rates, Residential Population Rates, and Probation Rates.

Table 1.1

A **juvenile court referral** is an arrest/incident where a referral is made to the court. A Probation Supervisor reviews and assigns the referral to a Juvenile Probation Officer for risk and behavioral health screening. Based on the screening results, the Juvenile Probation Officer makes a recommendation concerning how the referral will be handled. Court referrals may be:

- Not accepted by the court
- Diverted to community-based services
- Accepted and handled non-judicially (child doesn't appear in front of the judge)
- Accepted and handled judicially (judge-involved)

Court Referral Rates* for Children/Youth (ages 10-17) in Connecticut on July 1ˢᵗ					
	2018	**2019**	**2020**	**2021**	**2022**
White	137	135	77	77	107
Black	653	656	407	407	488
Hispanic	313	282	160	125	138
Other**	26	21	13	13	17
Source: Raw data provided by the Connecticut State Judicial Branch, Court Support Services Division. Data aggregated by the Commission on Racial Equity in Public Health.					
*Rates per 10,000 by race/ethnicity calculated using data from U.S. Census American Communities Survey (2021, 5-year estimate)					
**Other includes Asian, American Indian/Alaska Native, Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander, Unknown, Multiracial, and those whose data was omitted.					

Table 1.2

Juvenile probation is a legal status of an adjudicated delinquent, where the client is ordered by a judge to cooperate with specific conditions while being supervised by a Juvenile Probation Officer for a specified period of time.

Probation Rates* for Children/Youth (ages 10-17) in Connecticut on July 1st					
	2018	**2019**	**2020**	**2021**	**2022**
White	15	14	6	8	10
Black	68	77	36	51	63
Hispanic	31	36	17	20	18
Other**	2	2	1	1	1
Source: Raw data provided by the Connecticut State Judicial Branch, Court Support Services Division. Data aggregated by the Commission on Racial Equity in Public Health.					
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Table 1.3

The *juvenile residential population* refers to persons ordered by the court to be detained pending the disposition of their case or are court-involved persons who receive treatment and services in a facility.

Residential Population Rates* for Children/Youth (ages 10-17) in Connecticut on July 1st					
	2018	**2019**	**2020**	**2021**	**2022**
White	8	8	2	4	6
Black	110	99	45	63	78
Hispanic	56	44	17	18	20
Other**	2	2	0	1	1
Source: Raw data provided by the Connecticut State Judicial Branch, Court Support Services Division. Data aggregated by the Commission on Racial Equity in Public Health.					
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Adult Data

The tables below contain data for two adult metrics: Arrest Rates and Probation Rates.

Table 2.1

An *arrest* occurs when a police officer takes an individual into custody and charges them with a crime (custodial arrest), or an individual is charged with a crime and served with a summons to appear in court (non-custodial arrest).

Adult Arrest Rates* in Connecticut on July 1st					
	2018	**2019**	**2020**	**2021**	**2022**
White	400	379	285	297	308
Black	1,228	1,235	950	1,007	1,012
Hispanic	223	181	133	122	94
Other**	98	111	76	89	106
Source: Raw data provided by the Connecticut State Judicial Branch, Court Support Services Division. Data aggregated by the Commission on Racial Equity in Public Health.					
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Table 2.2

Adult probation refers to a period of supervision in the community in lieu of a prison sentence. At conviction, an individual can receive probation along with a suspended term of incarceration and is then supervised by a probation officer for a period of time set by a judge.

Adult Probation Rates* in Connecticut on July 1st					
	2018	**2019**	**2020**	**2021**	**2022**
White	96	89	80	64	68
Black	379	367	356	303	317
Hispanic	252	249	235	152	215
Other**	44	37	33	26	32
Source: Raw data provided by the Connecticut State Judicial Branch, Court Support Services Division. Data aggregated by the Commission on Racial Equity in Public Health.					
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