A note from our director

CTData continued to operate virtually in 2021 and has lots to celebrate!

We were selected to participate in programs to help us create innovative new data services, we welcomed three new staff members, and we partnered on a seminal report, Essential Equity: Women, Covid-19, and Rebuilding CT.

Here are few highlights of our collaborations with partners:

- CT Zoning Atlas with DesegregateCT
- CT Town Profiles with AdvanceCT

As the Census State Data Center, we continued to assist data users across the state find and use census data. We created a one-stop resource for decennial Census data: Census 2020 Data Hub. On the site users can find: easy to use raw data files, analysis of the Redistricting Data, and a Diversity Index tool for 169 towns.

We were accepted into the Social Enterprise Accelerator program offered by the Hartford Foundation-- more to come in 2022!

Our Hartford Data Collaborative initiative is also a partner in the North Hartford Ascend Pipeline project, a five-year federally funded award starting in Jan 2022.

Our CTData Academy continued to offer virtual workshops and created customized workshops for the UConn School of Social Work, Aurora Foundation grantees, and Community Action Agencies.

As we embark another exciting year, we reflect with gratitude on our ongoing partners, the new partnerships we forged in 2021, and the opportunities that await in 2022.

We will continue to make data accessible, expand the data capacity of organizations, help build a more robust data infrastructure in Connecticut, and provide analysis for the state to make data-informed decisions.

Michelle Riordan-Nold
Our staff

We welcomed three new staff members this year! Learn more about our staff on our website.

Kate Bittinger Eikel
Data Integration Strategist

Jason Cheung
Data Analyst

Sarah Eisele-Dyrli
Assistant Director

Geethika Fernando
Data & Community Engagement Manager

Jasmine Honegan
Data Engagement Specialist

Ilya Ilyankou
Civic Technologist

Lori Reynolds
Communications & Program Assistant

Michelle Riordan-Nold
Executive Director
Mission

We implement our mission by:

• Leading, convening, and facilitating statewide conferences and forums in bringing data users together to advance a common agenda around data development, access, standards, and use.

• Holding and designing CTData Academy workshops that increase data literacy and expand organizational capacity.

• Partnering with organizations to liberate, analyze, process, and visualize data.

• Making data digestible and intelligible through visualizations and data storytelling for public consumption and reuse.

• Providing a data “helpline” by assisting data users with obtaining, displaying, interpreting, and using data.

What We Value

In striving to operate with the highest professional standards, CTData adheres to the following values:

• Integrity
• Collaboration
• Respect
• Curiosity, Creativity, and Passion
• Data for Equity
Our Services

Data Workshops  Data Helpline

Special Projects – Technical Tools

Data Strategic Planning©

Customized Data Literacy Training

Data Visualization  Data Analysis

Integrated Data Systems
Empower an ecosystem of data users

CTData (mini) Conference 2021

More than 170 people joined us from over 45 Connecticut towns for our 14th annual CTData Conference. Sessions included:

- **Data tools with the U.S. Census Bureau** (Community Resilience Estimates, Pulse Program).
- **Coffee with CTData!** A chance to learn about what CTData has been doing to support data users in CT.
- **PUMAs: What are they and how might they change?** Learn more about these geographies and give your input into what Connecticut’s PUMAs should look like for the next decade.
- **Do No Harm with Data Viz** with special guests, Alice Feng and Jonathan Schwabish (sponsored by the Hartford Foundation for Public Giving, and hosted by the Equity in Data Community of Practice).

View all the recordings on our [website](#).

Equity in Data Community of Practice

During 2021, more than 325 people signed up and expressed interest in the Equity in Data Community of Practice, and over 200 people from across the state attended. Some of the special topics we hosted included:

- Data Walks with our partners from the Sudanese American House of Connecticut, Inc. and Hartford Health Initiative.
- Applying equitable data principles with special guests from the Urban Institute.
- **Improving demographic data collection** with special guests from Connecticut’s Office of Health Strategy and the Schusterman Family Philanthropies.

During 2022, we will continue meeting the 3rd Tuesday of each month.

Learn more about the [Equity in Data Community of Practice](#) or [join us here](#).
Making data accessible

Data projects & consulting. Click on any link to see more.

DATASETS

• 2020 Census Redistricting Data by county, town, tract
• 2020 Racial Profiling data
• New Business Registrations

DATA PLATFORMS

• Nursing Data Portal
• Women and Girls Data Platform
• Secretary of State Business Registration Search Enhancements
• OpenCheckbook
• Connecticut Zoning Atlas
• Enhanced Town Profiles
• Census 2020 Data Hub
• Housing Data Profiles

DATA ANALYSIS

• Essential Equity: Women, Covid-19, and Rebuilding CT
• Population Decline: Hartford Youth, Past 3 Decades
• Who are Connecticut veterans?
• Covid-19: A Year in Review
• Connecticut's "Booming" Housing Market
• 2020 Election: Our Findings

Census 2020:

• Connecticut Housing Increasing Faster than Population
• Diversity Index of our towns
• Population Changes in Connecticut, 2010 to 2020
• Most Common Race or Ethnicity by Census Tract
Building data literacy

The CTData Academy increases data literacy, builds data capacity, and supports organizations across the state to effectively use data.

During 2021, we continued our workshops virtually, integrating collaborative technology to give participants an interactive, hands-on experience.

We held customized workshops for nonprofit and state partners including the Department of Social Services Community Services Block Grant (Community Action Agencies), Aurora Foundation for Women and Girls, the Women Funders Collective, the UCONN School of Social Work Performance Improvement Center, and Infosys Business Analysts Training.

Our 2022 calendar will be up here in January.
The Hartford Data Collaborative (HDC) is a network of Hartford-area nonprofit organizations, Hartford city agencies, state agencies, and philanthropic partners that facilitate data sharing and data integration between human service organizations. More details on our projects are on [HDC’s website](#).

- Convened regular meetings of our Executive Board and Data Oversight Committee and added 6 new Board members.
- Facilitated data walks and discussions with data partners and researchers about HDC projects.
- Strengthened data sharing partnerships using HDC’s established legal framework.
- Completed 6 data linking projects related to opportunity youth, Hartford Public School students, and returning citizens.
- Continued increasing data capacity of data partners through data training and informed consent workshops.
- Sustained collaboration, support, and funding for HDC.
As the Census State Data Center, CTData serves as the statewide resource for census-related questions. This year we:

- Provided over 31 hours of census data assistance to partners through our data helpline. Over 1 in 5 of these were census-related.
- Participated as a Data Steward in the Opportunity Project. [Learn more here.](#)
- Hosted a session at our conference by Census Bureau staff on the Community Resilience Estimates and the Pulse Program (Household Pulse and Business Pulse Surveys).
- Created the [Census 2020 Data Hub](#). This includes:
  - Analysis of the 2020 Census Redistricting data.
  - Diversity Index for Connecticut Towns
  - Maps to help analyze the data.
  - The 2020 redistricting data for public use (cleaned and prepared by CTData staff).
  - A crosswalk of tract and block to town.
- Held a community input session on PUMA delineation and are in the process of developing 2020 PUMA designations.
Media Features

Below are just a few media outlets where we were featured in 2021.

- CTData
- Collaborative
- Next City
- CT
- ctpost
- Republican American
- Stamford Advocate
- Hartford Courant
- CT Insider
- Examiner
- Journal Inquirer
- The New York Times

Westchester & Fairfield County Business Journal
## What’s Next in 2022?

### Census Data
- Decennial data releases
- ACS 2016-2020 data
- Submitting PUMAs to be applied in 2022

### Projects
- Evictions data
- Data platforms for the CT Comptroller including OpenPayroll, OpenCheckbook, OpenPensions, Open Budget.
- New data and summary analysis for the Racial Profiling Prohibition Project

### Events
- Equity in Data Community of Practice
- CTData Academy workshops

### Capacity Building
- Community Action Agencies Technical Assistance and custom workshops
- Supporting grassroots nonprofits in the Hartford region

### Growing Team
New research staff joining soon, expanding our analysis capacity.

### Developing our business plan for a new service through the Social Enterprise Accelerator

### Working with Bridgeport Prospers to develop a Bridgeport Data Collaborative
2021 Partners

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Many thanks to our board of directors

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