CTData celebrated a year of transition and growth in 2019. We launched innovative new data projects, welcomed three new staff members, and assumed the role of leading the Hartford Data Collaborative—an initiative centered on building an integrated data system across nonprofits and the city.

As the Census State Data Center, we bolstered our outreach around Census 2020, culminating in a series of workshops at our annual conference in November that provided crucial insights into planning for the decennial count. We also released an analysis of the findings from the American Community Survey 5-year estimates to highlight major patterns and trends and inform policy and advocacy efforts statewide. To solidify our commitment to an accurate census, we proudly accepted a position to serve on Connecticut’s Complete Count Committee and help prepare the state for Census 2020.

In partnership with Trinity College and Capital Community College’s Liberal Arts Action Lab, we received a grant from the Urban Institute, the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, and the Center for Disease Control and Prevention, enabling us to examine the relationship between health and housing in Hartford.

We convened advocates and stakeholders across the Greater Hartford area and from all sectors to explore these findings and join a constructive discussion about how to leverage the data to create a sustainable impact.

We encouraged both individuals and organizations to transform their relationship with data by releasing their fears and misconceptions and empowering them to take stock of the data they collect, how they use it, and tell their story through Data Strategic Planning ©. Our CTData Academy workshops increased participants’ data literacy and cultivated their confidence to advance their professional development and utilize data in their work.

As we embark on this exciting year, we reflect with gratitude on our ongoing partners, the new partnerships we forged in 2019, and the opportunities that await in 2020. We will continue to make data accessible, expand the data capacity of organizations, and help build the data infrastructure and provide the analysis for the state to make data-informed decisions.
This year, we held 3 large convenings to connect data lovers and users across the state.

**OPPORTUNITIES IN USING CROSS-SECTOR DATA**

Over 20 key stakeholders across the Greater Hartford region participated in a facilitated interactive discussion about our data liberation project with the Liberal Arts Action Lab: Health in Hartford’s Neighborhoods. The meeting included a data walk, where participants reviewed and discussed data visualizations from the report.

**WORKFORCE & EDUCATION DATA FORUM**

Over 30 stakeholders from multiple sectors joined CTData and the State’s Chief Data Officer to discuss education and workforce development outcomes. The group identified and prioritized the most pressing data questions related to these topics. We also identified existing data sources and discussed gaps in data collection and dissemination.

**CTDATA CONFERENCE: COUNTING WHAT MATTERS**

More than 130 people joined us for our 12th CTData Conference. At the conference, our speakers shared how they count what matters. We learned about overcoming fears, how to understand migration data, new ways of thinking about child welfare data, how to tell our data story, using census tools, and creating a data culture.
CTData helps people understand and work with their data. Below are just a few examples of what we completed in 2019.

**DATA VISUALIZATION**
- Open Communities Alliance Housing Mobility App
- Nursing Data Portal
- Women and Girls Data Platform
- Secretary of State Business Registration Search Enhancements

**DATA ANALYSIS**
- Community Mental Health Affiliates Equity Analysis
- Town Profiles
- Supervising student projects for Wesleyan Praxis Class

**DATA TRAININGS**
- Intro to Public Data Trainings for 5 Infosys new Business Analyst Cohorts

**DATA STRATEGIC PLANNING**
- Vita Health and Wellness District Community Learning Collaborative
The CTData Academy increases data literacy, builds data capacity, and enables organizations across the state to effectively use data.

As a result of participating in the training, I am no longer intimidated by data as I learn specific user-friendly shortcuts to work with data.

2019 was a milestone year for the CTData Academy!

We launched 3 new public workshops, held customized internal workshops for nonprofit and state partners, provided 90-minute data clinic consultations for nonprofits, and launched our High School Civic Data Program to build essential data literacy skills for students.
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. In the first half of 2019, HDC completed its planning phase and is transitioning to implementation.

- Established two-tiered governance structure: Executive Board and Data Oversight Committee.
- Held 13 formal meetings and numerous one-on-one in-person and virtual meetings.
- Drafted and vetted foundational legal documents (i.e., MOU, data sharing agreement, and data use license).
- Started building the data capacity of partner organizations through training and technical assistance.
- Piloted, reviewed, and approved the first HDC use case about opportunity youth.
- Established sustained collaboration, support, and funding for HDC.
USING CENSUS DATA

As the Census State Data Center, CTData serves as the statewide resource for census-related questions. This year we:

• Provided 16 hours of census data assistance to partners through our data helpline.
• Attended the 2019 American Community Survey Data Users and State Data Center Conferences.
• Served on the Statewide Complete Count Committee.
• Participated and won 2nd place in the CT Census Create-A-Thon.
• Released blogs and data tools about the ACS and differential privacy.
• Began writing a letter to support COGS as county equivalents.
• Started participating in the Census 2020 Count Review process.
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Our work is made possible through the generous support from and partnerships with many organizations across the state. Below are our 2019 partners.
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