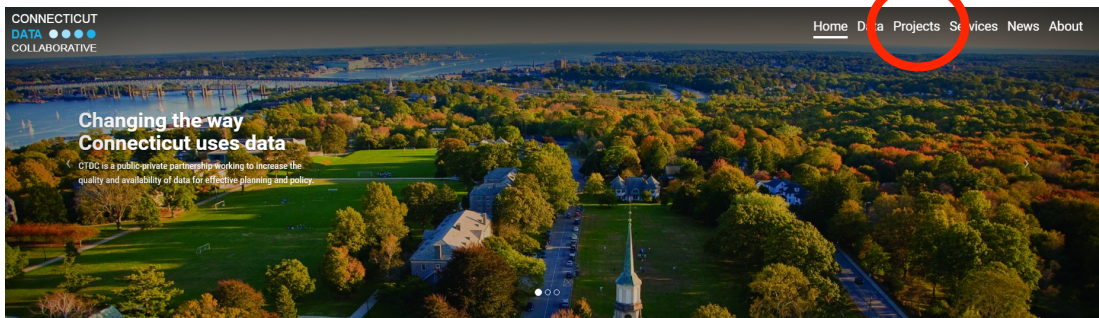


**This manual provides instructions on how to access and explore the CONNECT Dashboards**

(ctdata.org or connect.ctdata.org)

### STEP 1: Find the dashboards

- Two ways to get there: type in the web address connect.ctdata.org and you will get there immediately or follow the steps below on how to access the dashboards from the CT Data Collaborative's website
- On the homepage of ctdata.org, click "Projects" in the upper right hand corner of the screen

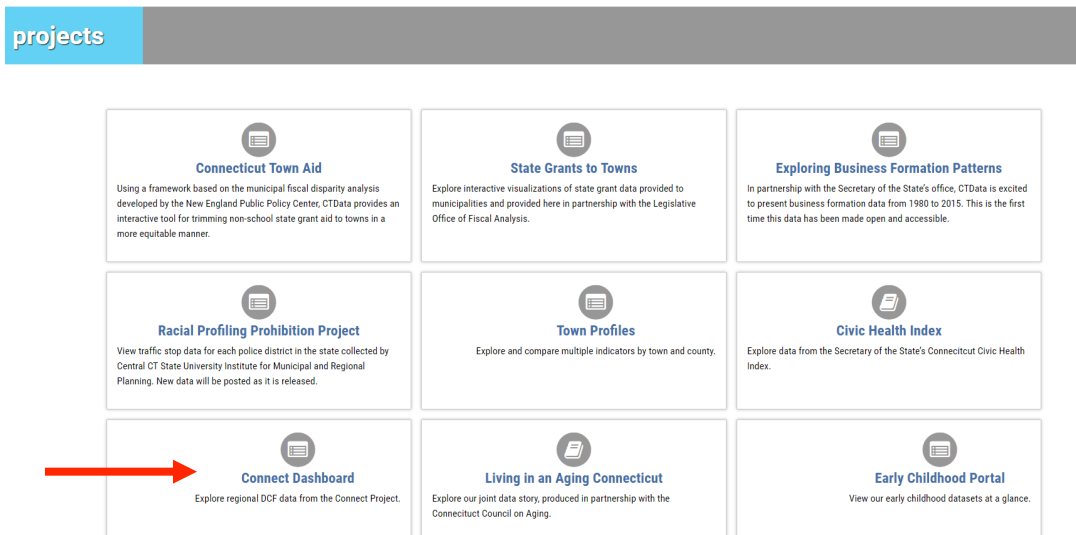


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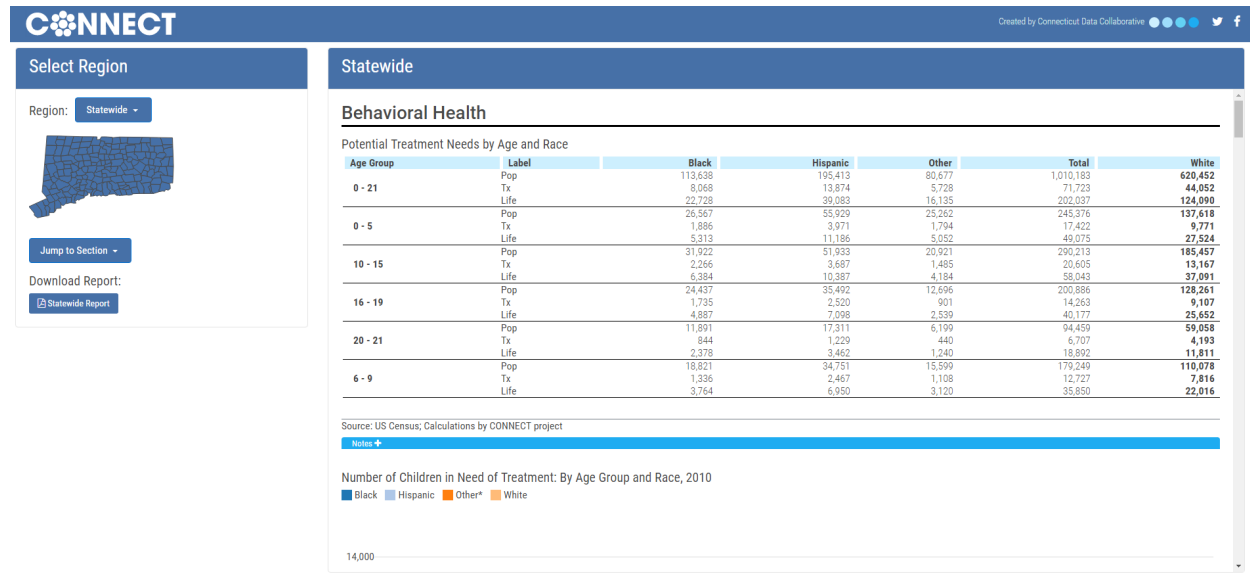
In addition to providing open access to structured and processed data, we can also work with you on to solve your custom data needs. Contact us for more information.

- Click the box that says "Connect Dashboard"



### STEP2: Get Oriented to the Dashboard

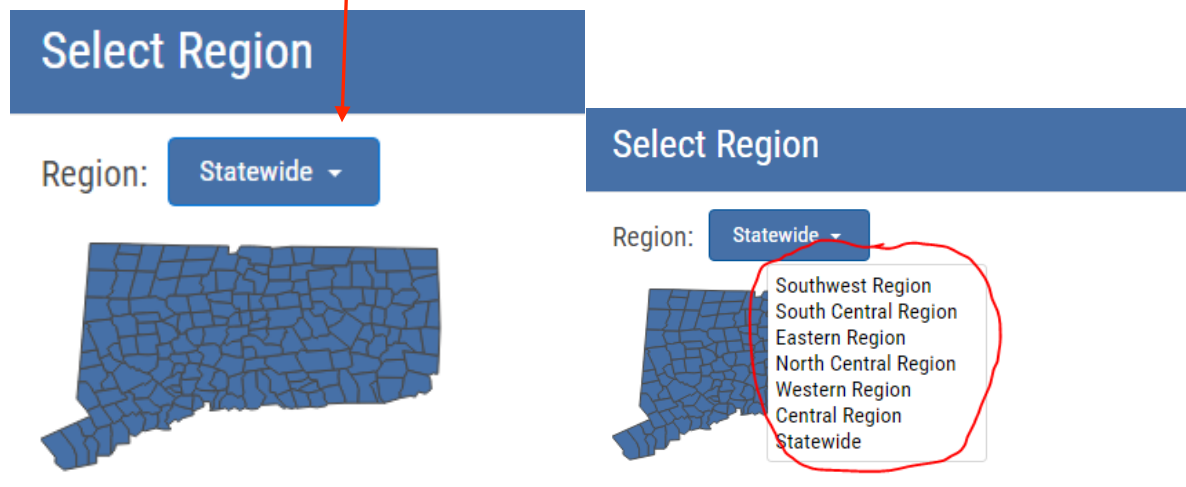
- You will first see 'Statewide' data; this is the default view
- On the left you have the option to change the region, change the category of data - "Jump to Section" or download a PDF Report of the dashboard
- On the right side of the screen are different visualizations of the data



### Step 3: User Options

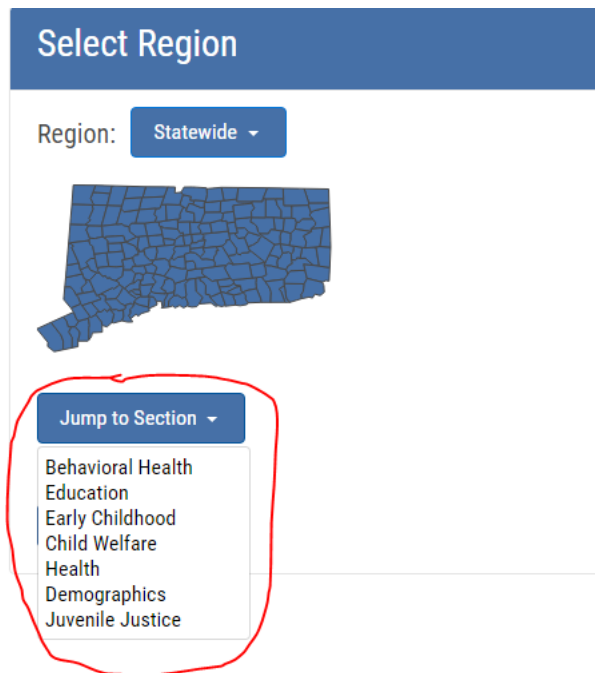
#### Regional Views

- To change the regional data you're viewing: click the 'Statewide' Box
- A drop down of the DCF regions appears. Select the region of interest



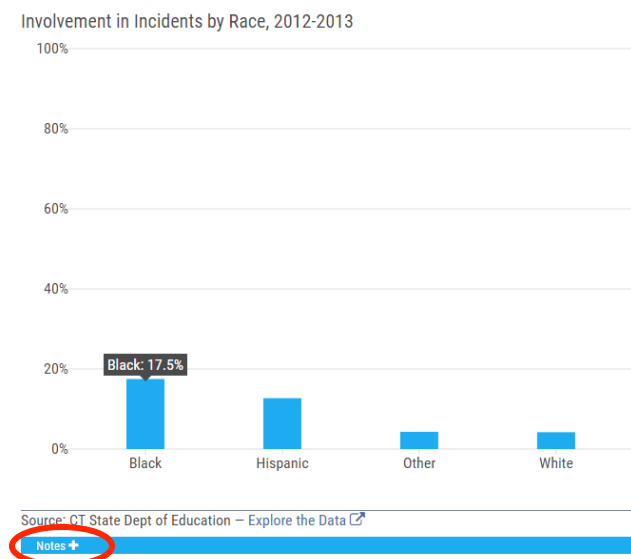
### Categories of Data


- The data provided in the dashboard is grouped into seven categories. To go to a particular section, click on the “Jump to Section” button and highlight the particular category.



### Exploring the Visualizations

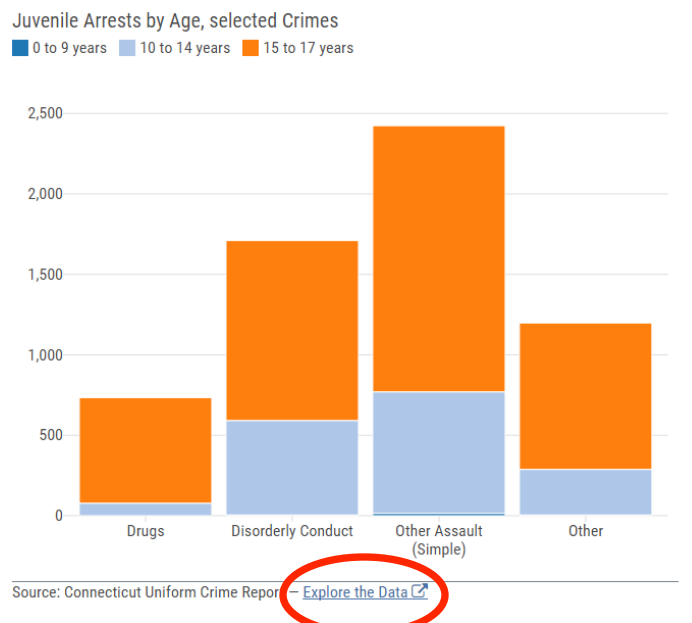
- Data are displayed in either tables, pie charts, or bar charts. Hovering over the bars in the bar charts displays the value.
- At the bottom of each visualization there is a ‘Notes’ section. This provides important information about the data such as definitions of race categories or important caveats about the data.



- If you see on the bottom of the visualization next to the source: [Explore the Data](#)  that means you can click on the link and it will take you to that particular dataset on the main page. You will be taken away from the CONNECT dashboards and into the main part of ctdata.org. By clicking on that link, you now have the ability to explore and visualize town level data.

For example:

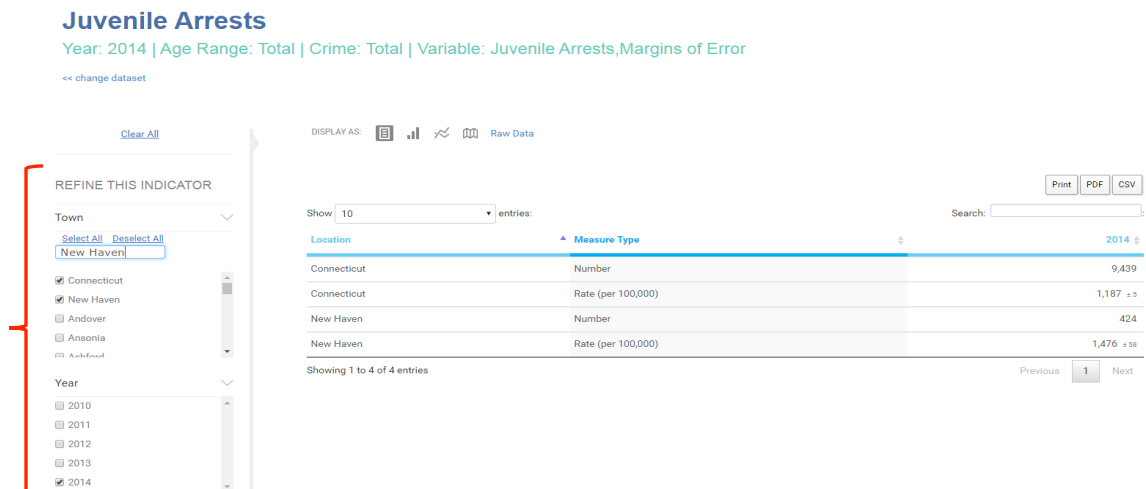
Step 1: Click on Explore the Data (see red circle below)



Step 2: A new browser window will open



Step 3: And you will see the screen below. From here you can adjust the filters on the left - and see town level data; more years' worth of data; and other dimensions in the dataset



### We want your feedback!

At the bottom right-hand side of every screen you will see the following:

The screenshot shows the CONNECT dashboard interface. On the left is a 'Select Region' sidebar with a map of Connecticut and a 'Statewide' dropdown. The main content area is titled 'Statewide' and 'Behavioral Health'. It displays a table titled 'Potential Treatment Needs by Age and Race' with columns for Age Group, Label, Black, Hispanic, Other, Total, and White. Below the table is a 'Notes' section with a legend for 'Number of Children in Need of Treatment: By Age Group and Race, 2010' showing Black, Hispanic, Other\*, and White categories. At the bottom right, a blue button labeled 'Feedback or dataset request?' is circled in red.

Age Group	Label	Black	Hispanic	Other	Total	White
0 - 21	Pop	113,638	195,413	80,677	1,010,183	620,452
	Tx	8,068	13,874	5,728	71,723	44,052
	Life	22,728	39,083	16,135	202,037	124,090
0 - 5	Pop	26,567	55,929	25,262	245,376	137,618
	Tx	1,886	3,971	1,794	17,422	9,771
	Life	5,313	11,186	5,052	49,075	27,524
10 - 15	Pop	31,922	51,933	20,921	290,213	185,457
	Tx	2,266	3,687	1,485	20,605	13,167
	Life	6,394	10,387	4,184	58,043	37,091
16 - 19	Pop	24,437	35,492	12,696	200,886	128,261
	Tx	1,735	2,520	901	14,263	9,107
	Life	4,887	7,098	2,539	40,177	25,652
20 - 21	Pop	11,891	17,311	6,199	94,459	59,058
	Tx	844	1,229	440	6,707	4,193
	Life	2,378	3,462	1,240	18,892	11,811
6 - 9	Pop	18,821	34,751	15,599	179,249	110,078
	Tx	1,336	2,467	1,108	12,727	7,616
	Life	3,764	6,950	3,120	35,850	22,016

Clicking on the button, will expand it as shown below. Type in your feedback or make a request – be sure to provide your email so we can follow-up if we have any questions.

Feedback or dataset request?

Please give us your feedback or describe a dataset to add?

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