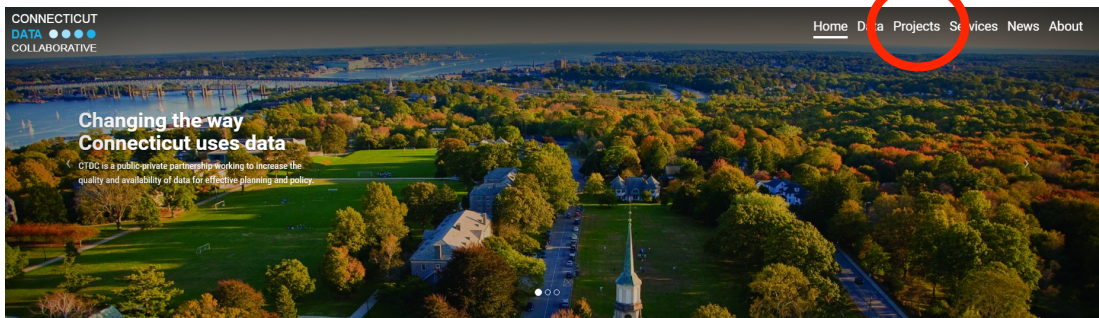**This manual provides instructions on how to access and explore the CONNECT Dashboards**

(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
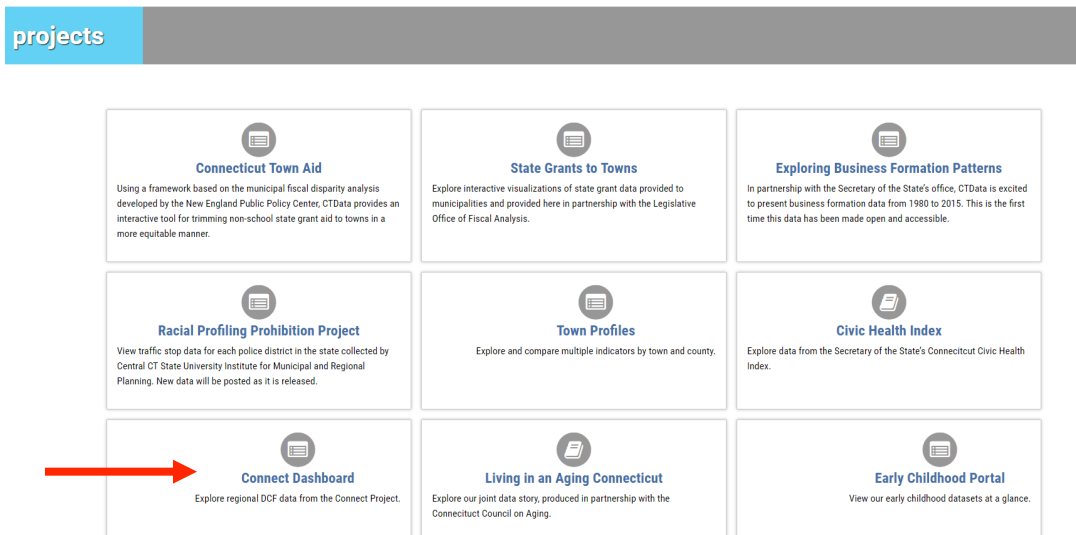

➢ Click the box that says "Connect Dashboard"

**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
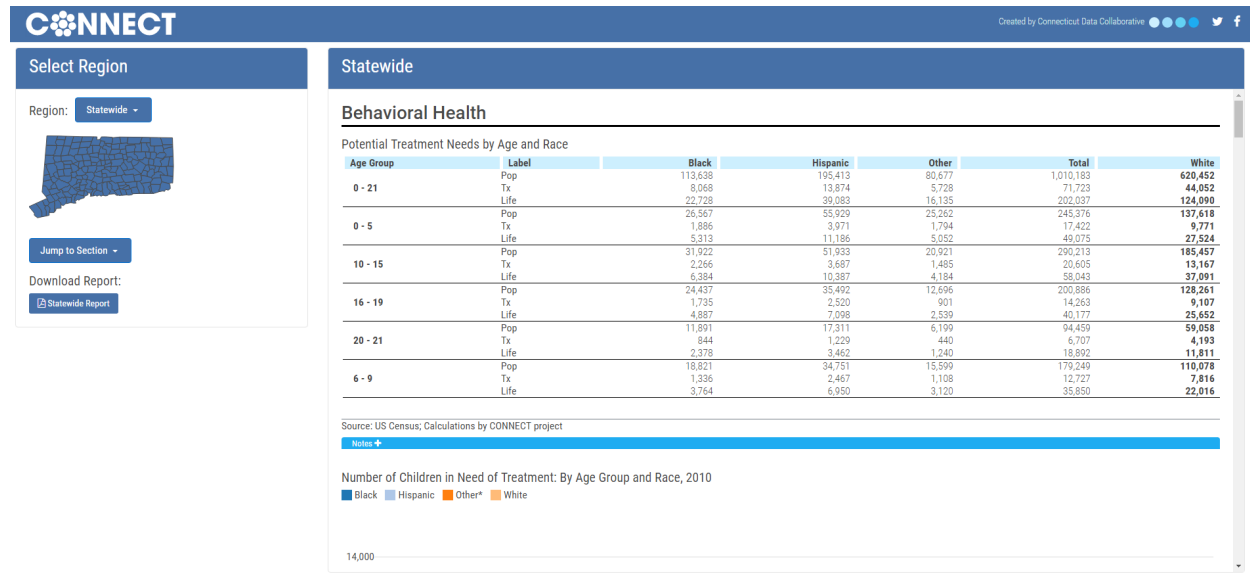
Step 3: User Options
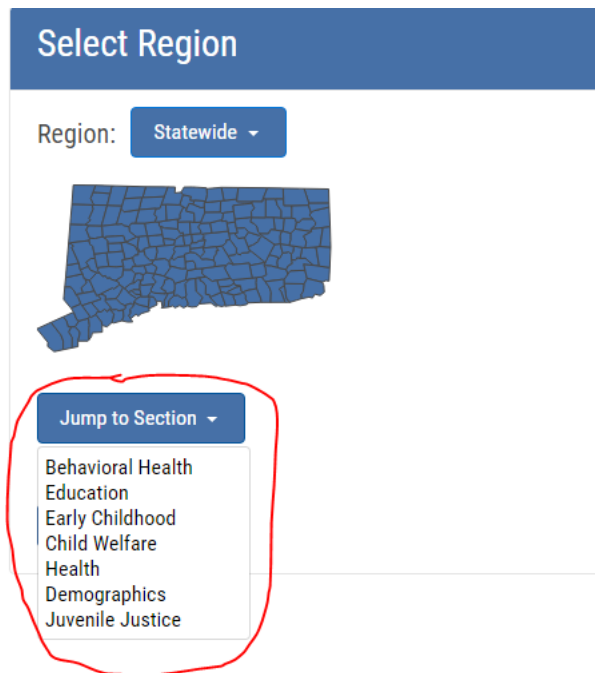
Regional Views

➢ 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
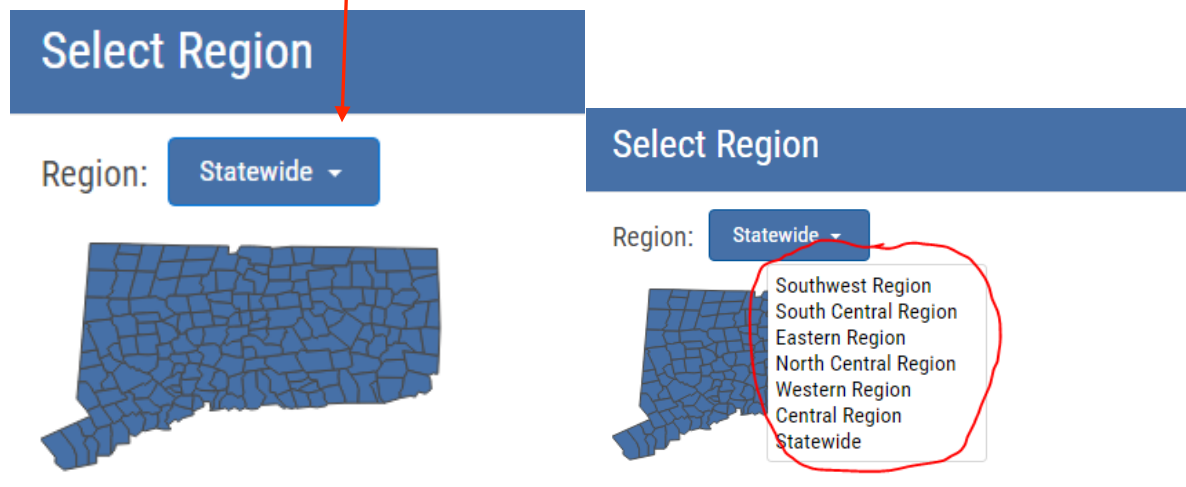
Categories of Data

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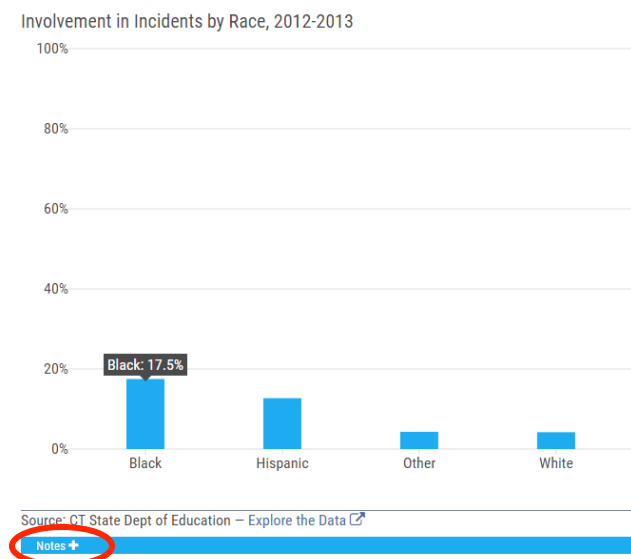
➢ If you see on the bottom of the visualization next to the source: Explore the Data ⬈ that means you can click on the link and it will take you to that particular dataset on the main page. You will be taken away from the CONNECT dashboards and into the main part of ctdata.org. By clicking on that link,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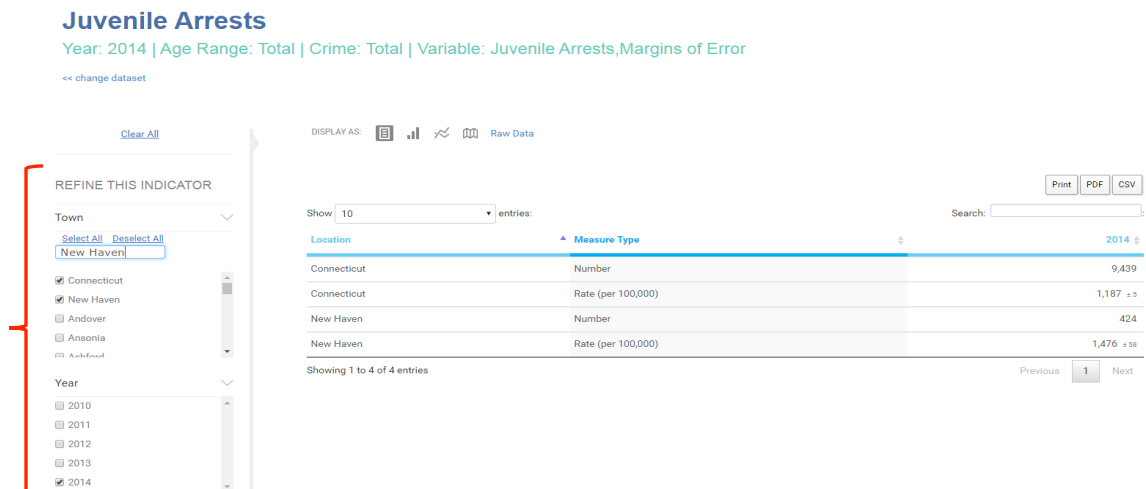
For example:

Step 1: Click on Explore the Data (see red circle below)
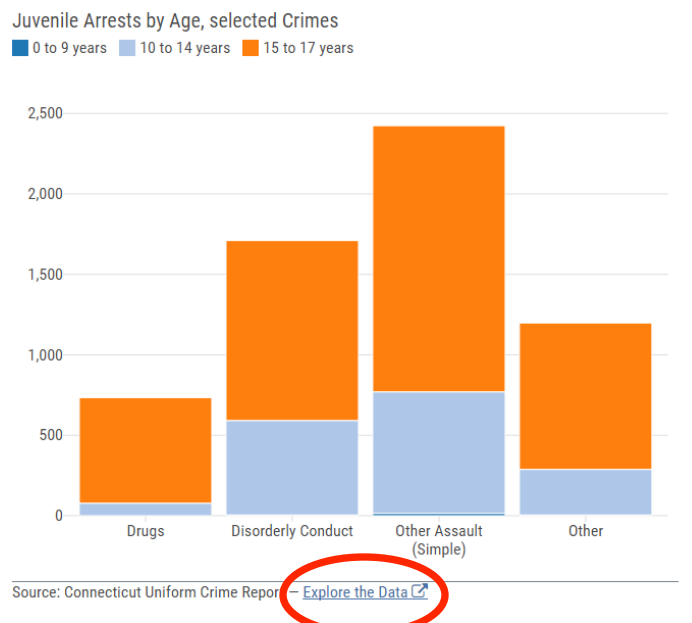
Step 2: A new browser window will open

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:

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.