

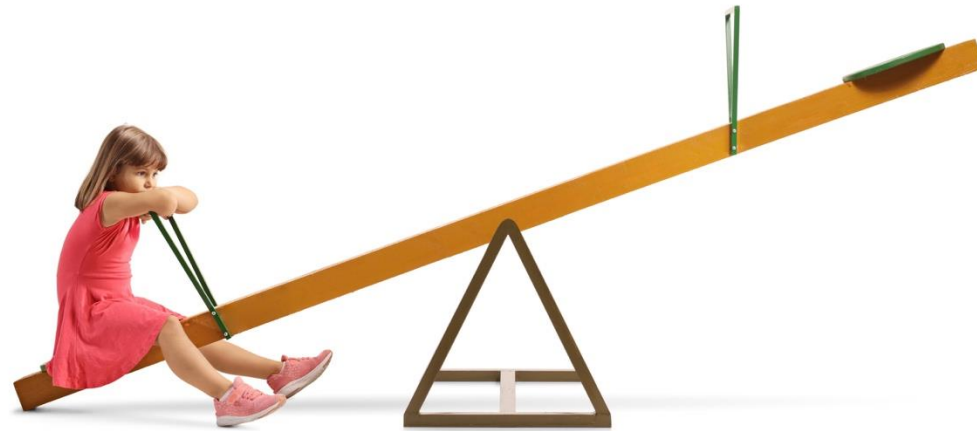


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Is Connecticut A Great Place To Be A Child?



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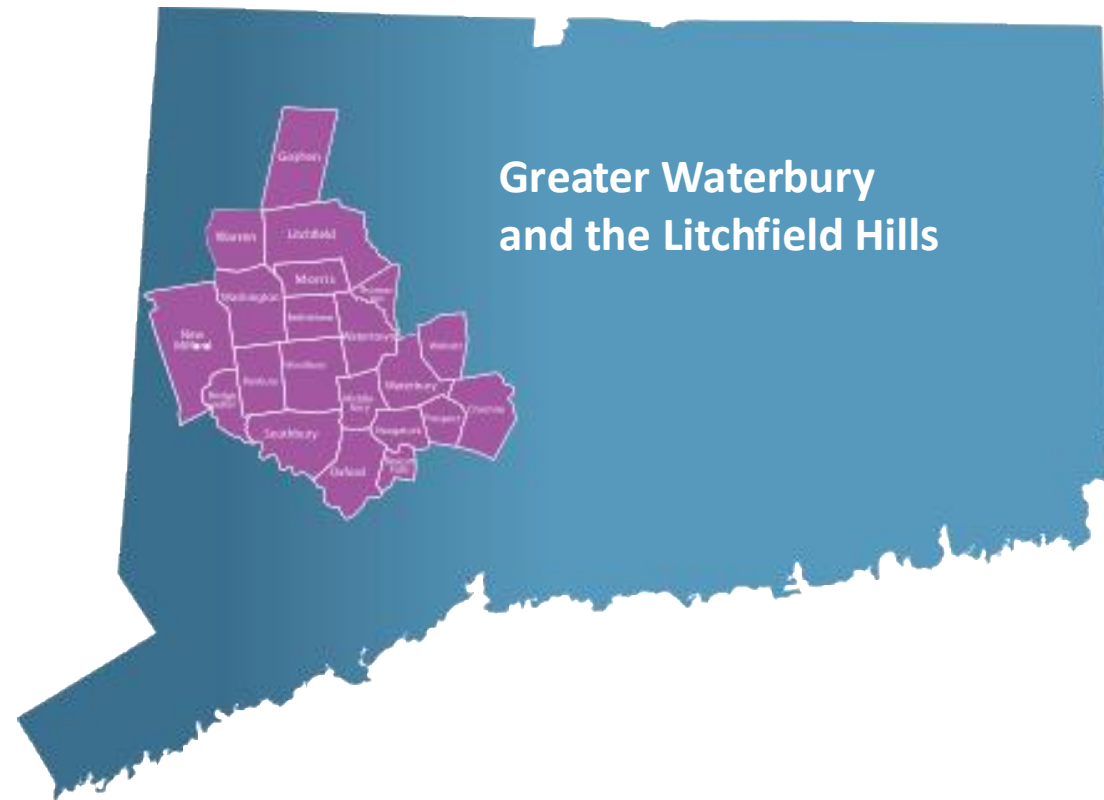


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Our Mission

Fostering an equitable and inclusive community
in Greater Waterbury and Litchfield Hills
by inspiring generosity, supporting organizations,
and cultivating effective leaders.

We Joined
the End Child Poverty Now! campaign





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- Non-profit with a 30-year history of public service
- Mission is to empower people to create thriving communities by collecting and ensuring access to data on well-being, equity, and quality of life
- **DataHaven Community Wellbeing Survey** has interviewed 52,000 randomly-selected adults in every CT town since 2015, including 6,169 adults in Greater Waterbury
- Free technical assistance to 200 agencies per year
- DataHaven is a formal affiliate of the National Neighborhood Indicators Partnership of the Urban Institute (Washington, DC)



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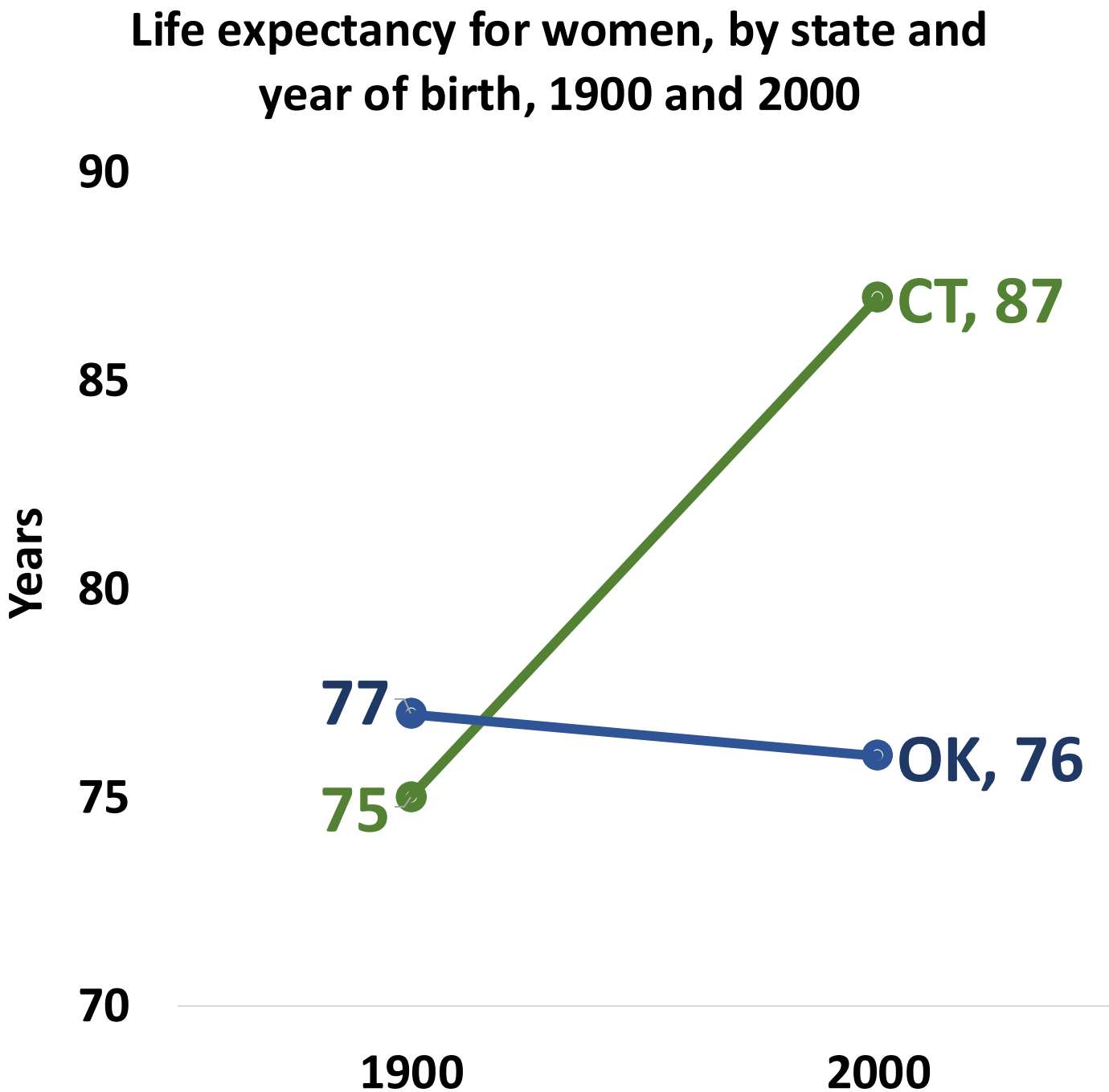
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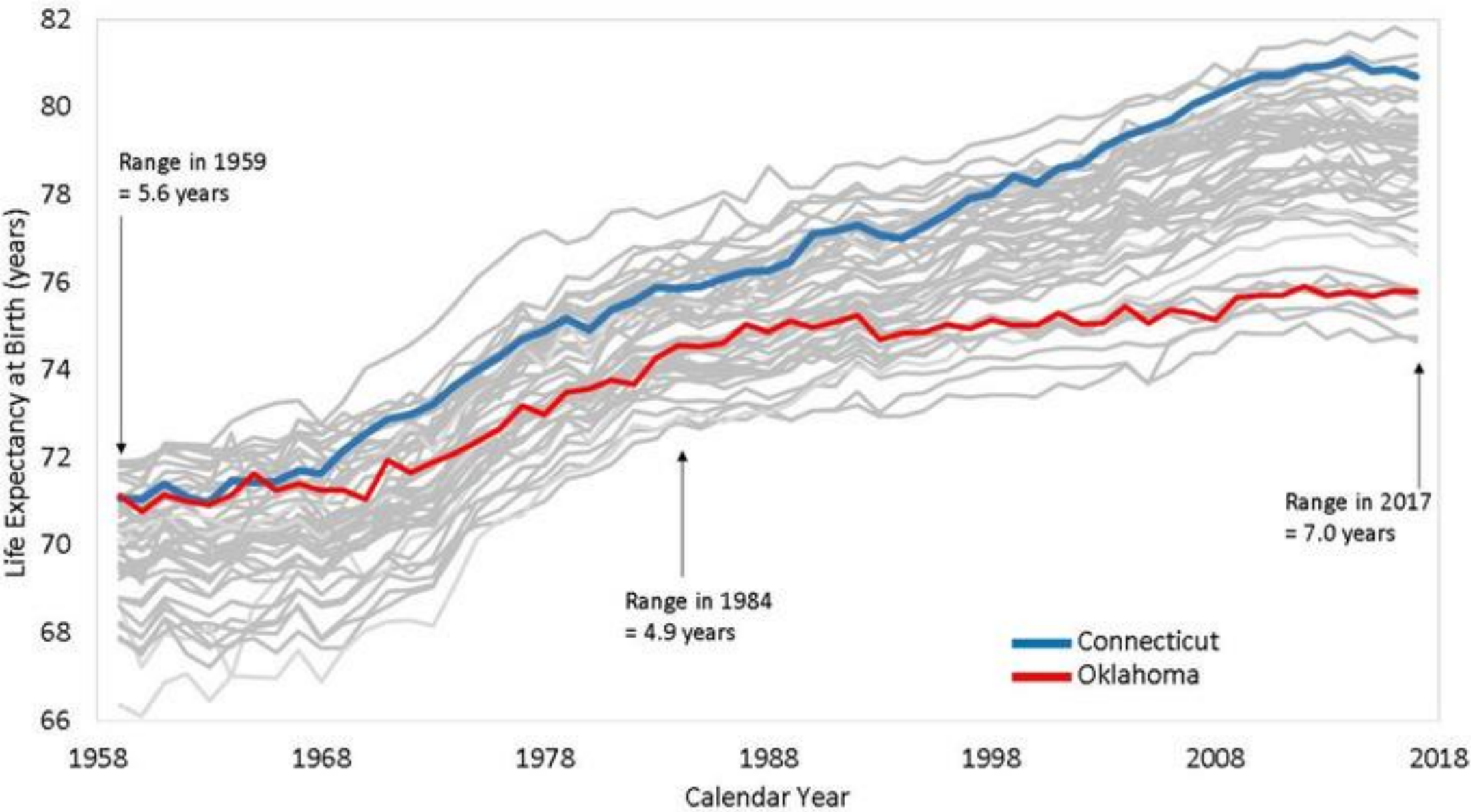
Life expectancy for women in some Southern states has barely budged in more than 100 years

A century of advancements in medicine and improvements in health care has had little impact in some states, a new study from Yale researchers finds.



Source: Holford TR, McKay L, Tam J, Jeon J, Meza R. All-Cause Mortality and Life Expectancy by Birth Cohort Across US States. JAMA Netw Open. 2025;8(4):e257695. doi:10.1001/jamanetworkopen.2025.7695





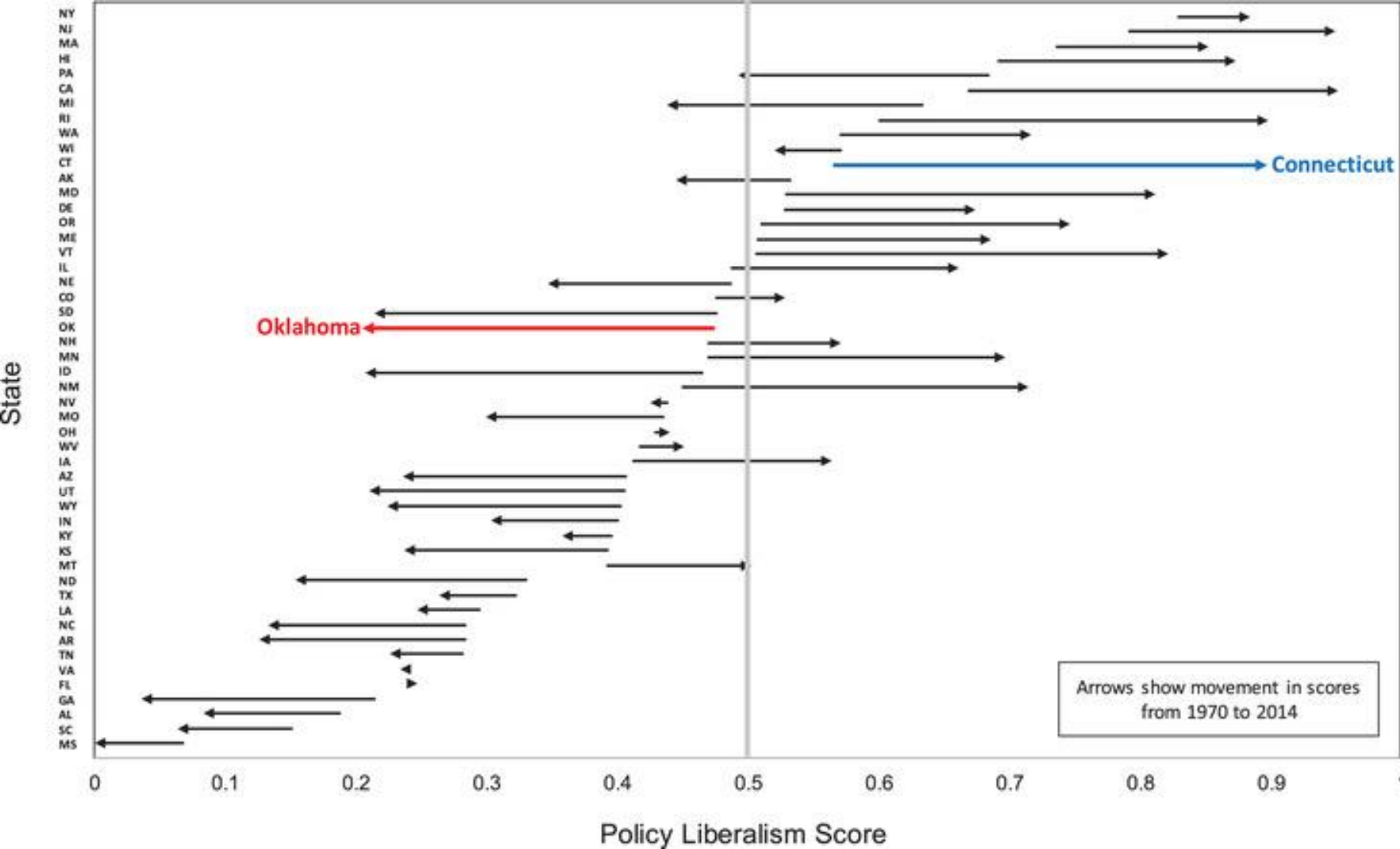
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Source: KFF State Health Facts,
Population Distribution by Race/Ethnicity,
Timeframe 2023, accessed May 2025 at
<https://www.kff.org/statedata/>

	CT	OK
White, Non-Hispanic	61%	62%
Hispanic or Latino	19%	13%
Black	10%	6%
Other	10%	18%

Source: KFF State Health Facts,
Unemployment Rate (Seasonally
Adjusted), Timeframe January 2025;
Health Insurance Coverage of the Total
Population, Timeframe 2023; Number of
Voters and Voter Registration as a Share
of the Voter Population, Timeframe
November 2022, accessed May 2025 at
<https://www.kff.org/statedata/>

	CT	OK
Unemployment Rate	3.3%	3.3%
Medicaid Coverage Rate	23%	23%
Voter Registration	70%	68%



- Tobacco
- Private labor
- Immigration
- Civil rights
- Environment
- Gun control
- LGBTQ rights
- Abortion
- Voting

Source: Montez et al. (2020). US State Policies, Politics, and Life Expectancy. The Milbank Quarterly 98(3):1-34.
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"Many state policies, such as minimum wage, the earned income tax credit, abortion laws, paid family leave, and Medicaid, are particularly salient to women given that they are more likely than men to be employed in low-wage jobs, raising children, caring for aging parents, and interfacing with medical institutions, among other such obstacles."

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Conservative State Policies Damage U.S. Life Expectancy

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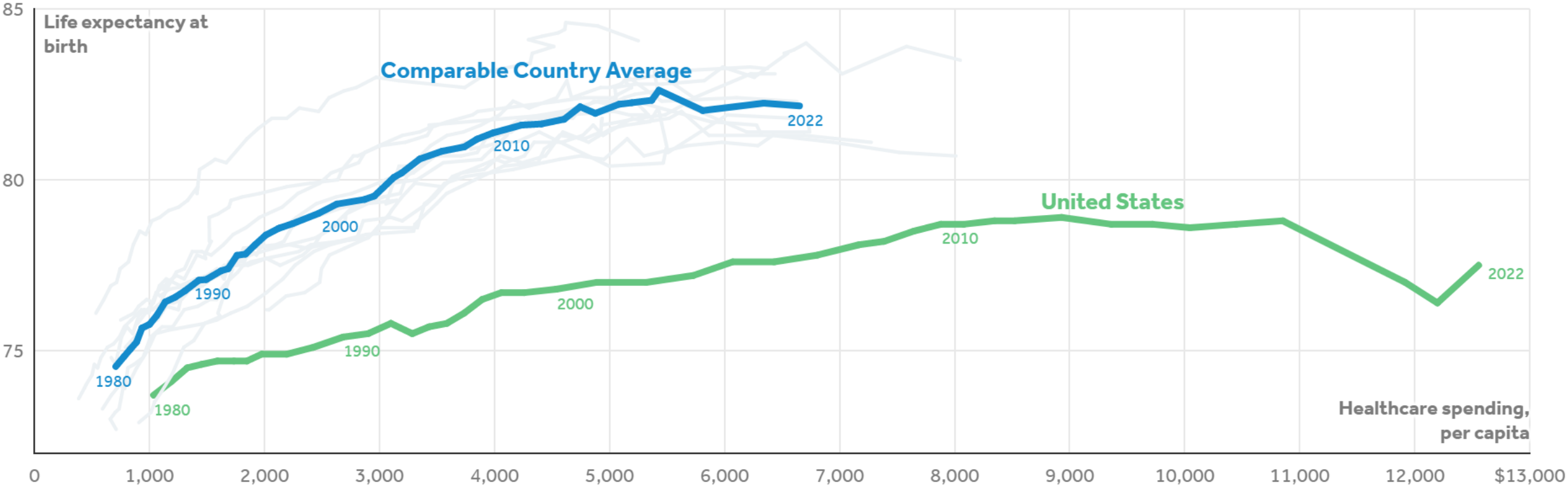
Americans die younger than people in other high-income countries.¹ This gap in life expectancy between the U.S. and other countries emerged in the 1980s and has grown ever since.¹ Since that time, gaps in life expectancy between U.S. states also expanded.² The difference between the highest and lowest life expectancy states has grown to 7.0 years—the largest ever recorded.³ These two trends are related: the dismal life expectancy trends of some states have been an anchor on overall U.S. life expectancy.

For instance, between 1980 and 2017, life expectancy rose by just 2.2 years in Oklahoma (73.6 to 75.8 years) but 5.8 years in Connecticut (74.9 to 80.7 years) [See Figure 1]. Life expectancy in Oklahoma now falls between that of Serbia and Brazil, while Connecticut falls between Denmark and Costa Rica.

KEY FINDINGS

- U.S. state policy trends since the 1980s have cut short American lives, particularly for women.
- U.S. life expectancy gains since 2010 would be 25% greater for women and 13% greater for men if states policies had not changed in the way they did, with many becoming more conservative.
- Liberal state policies could raise U.S. life expectancy by over 2 years; conservative state policies could reduce it by 2 years.

Life expectancy and healthcare spending per capita, 1980-2022

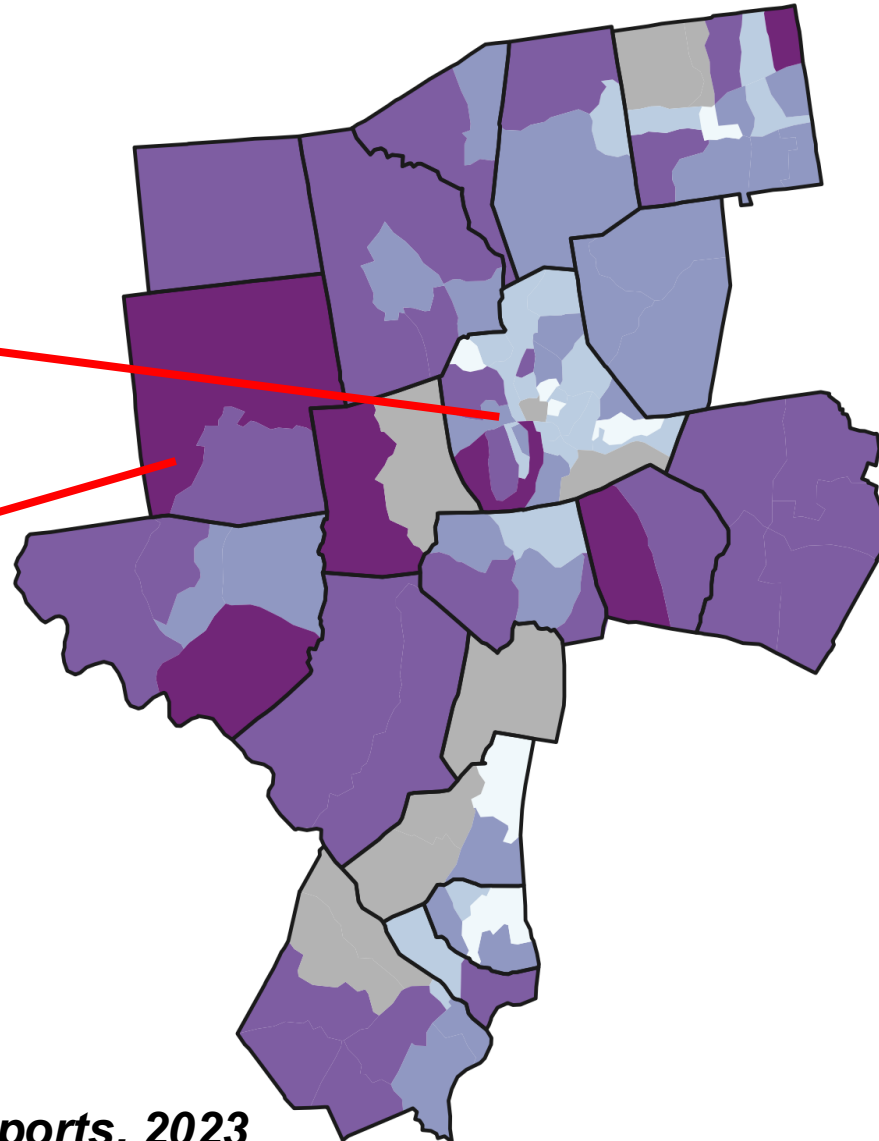


Notes: Comparable countries include: Australia, Austria, Belgium, Canada, France, Germany, Japan, the Netherlands, Sweden, Switzerland, and the U.K. See Methods [section](#) of "How does U.S. life expectancy compare to other countries?"

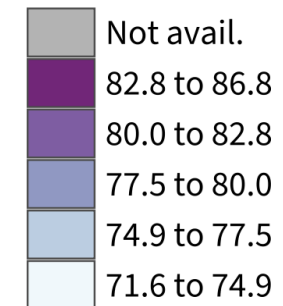
FIGURE 13: LIFE EXPECTANCY, NAUGATUCK VALLEY COG BY CENSUS TRACT, 2015

Waterbury: 76.8 years

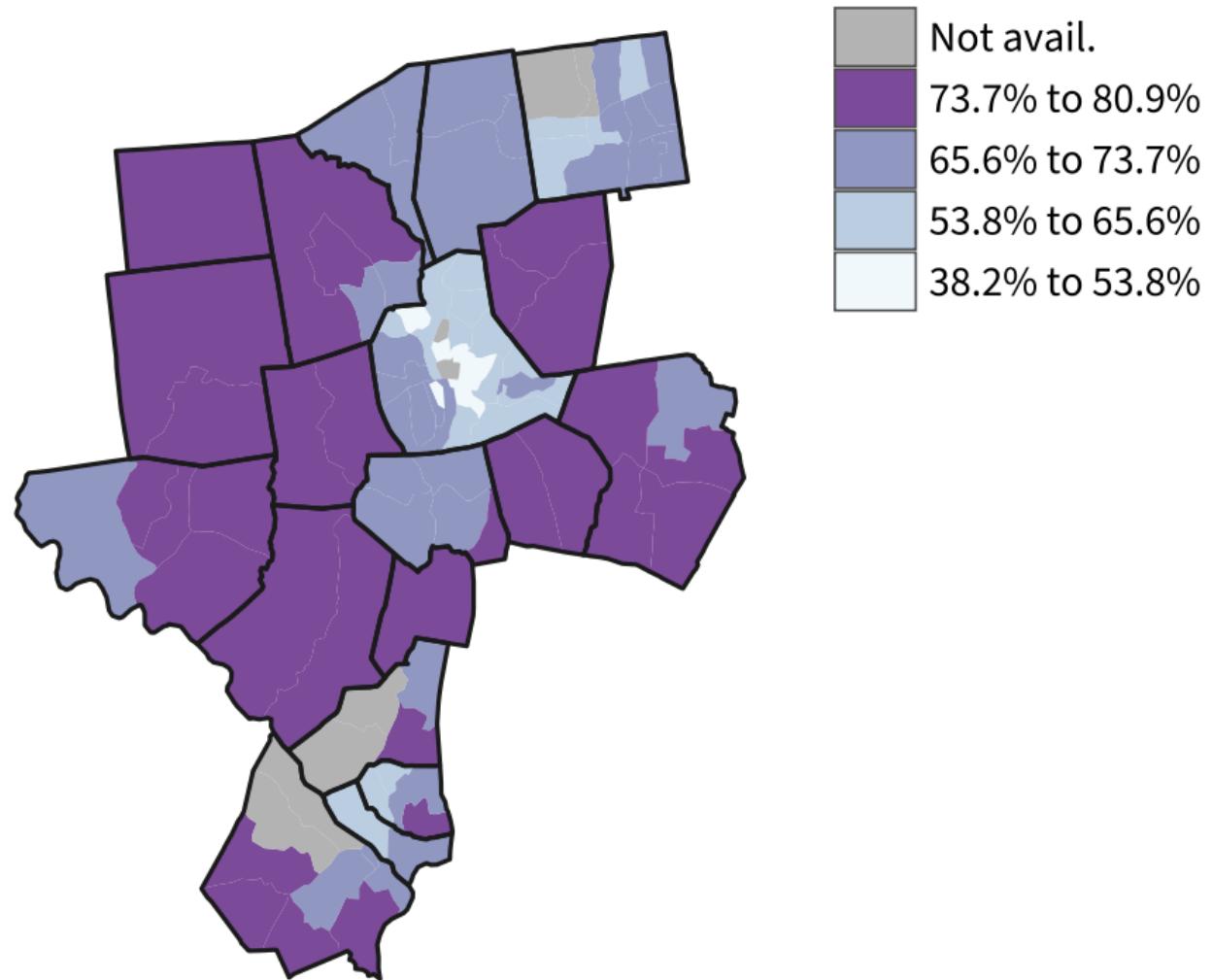
Woodbury: 84.5 years



**Life expectancy
(years)**



Dental visit in past year, 2020

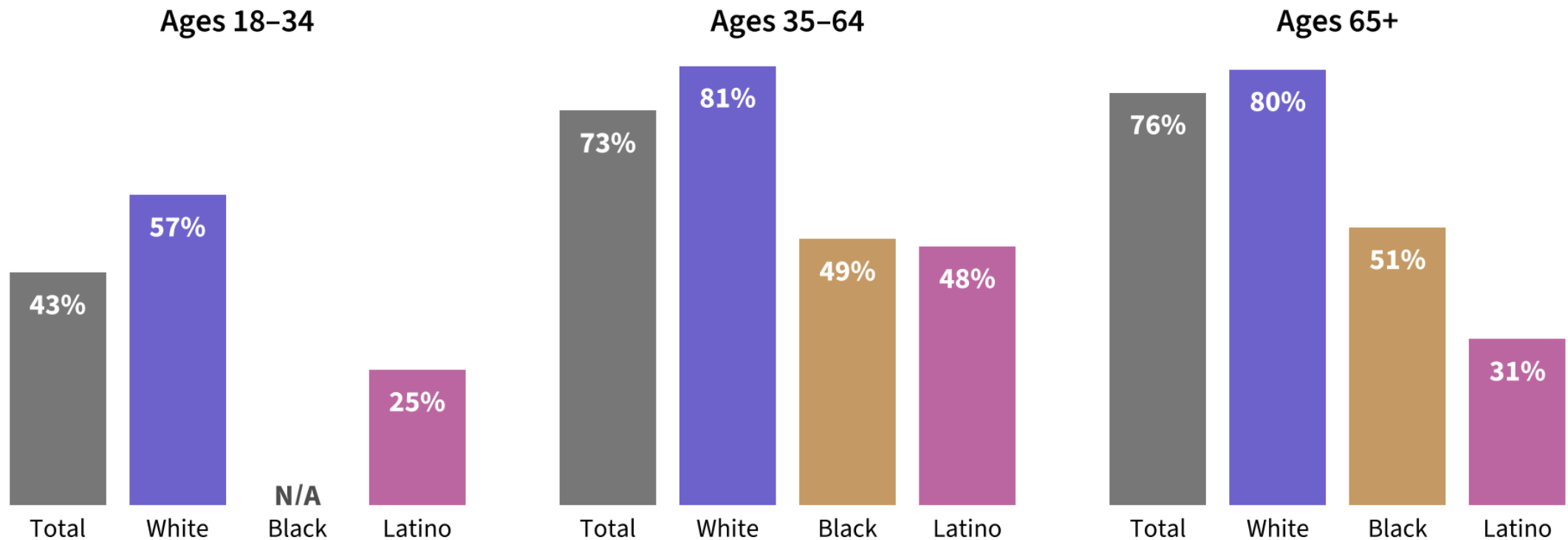


Drivers of well-being and child-friendliness

Indicator	Percent of all adults		
	CT Statewide	Greater Waterbury	Waterbury
City or area is good place to raise children	68%	63%	29%
Agree there are safe places to ride bicycles	66%	55%	40%
Feel safe walking at night	66%	63%	48%
Good quality of parks	71%	69%	46%
Trust neighbors	81%	80%	62%
Food insecurity rate	18%	21%	34%
Transportation insecurity rate	15%	15%	30%

Source: 2024 DataHaven Community Wellbeing Survey

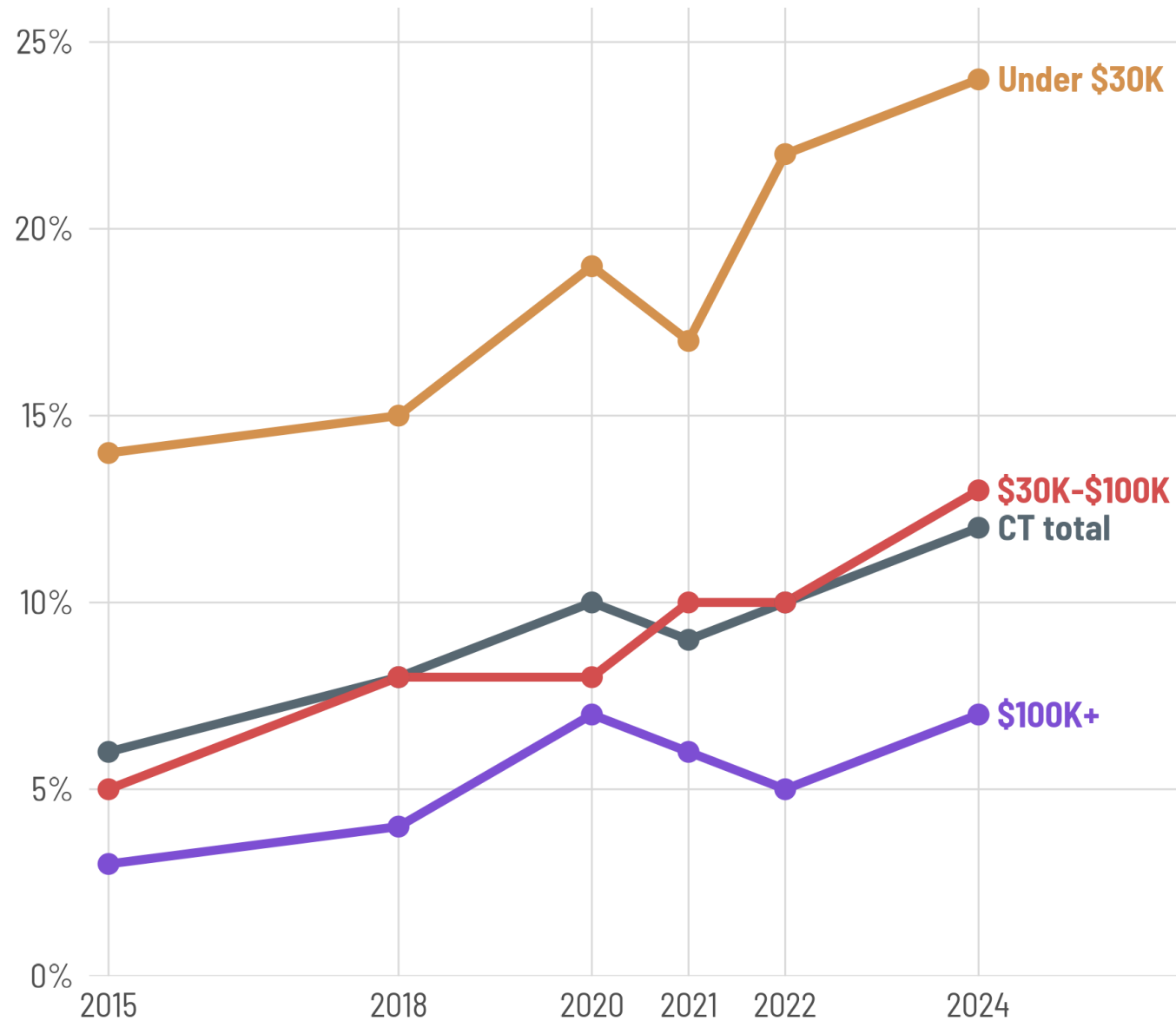
FIGURE 5: HOMEOWNERSHIP RATES BY AGE AND RACE/ETHNICITY OF HEAD OF HOUSEHOLD, NAUGATUCK VALLEY COG, 2021 (WITH PROXY AREA)



Source: DataHaven Town Equity Reports, 2023

Almost 1 in 4 lower-income adults faces housing insecurity

Share of Connecticut adults reporting housing insecurity by income, 2015–2024

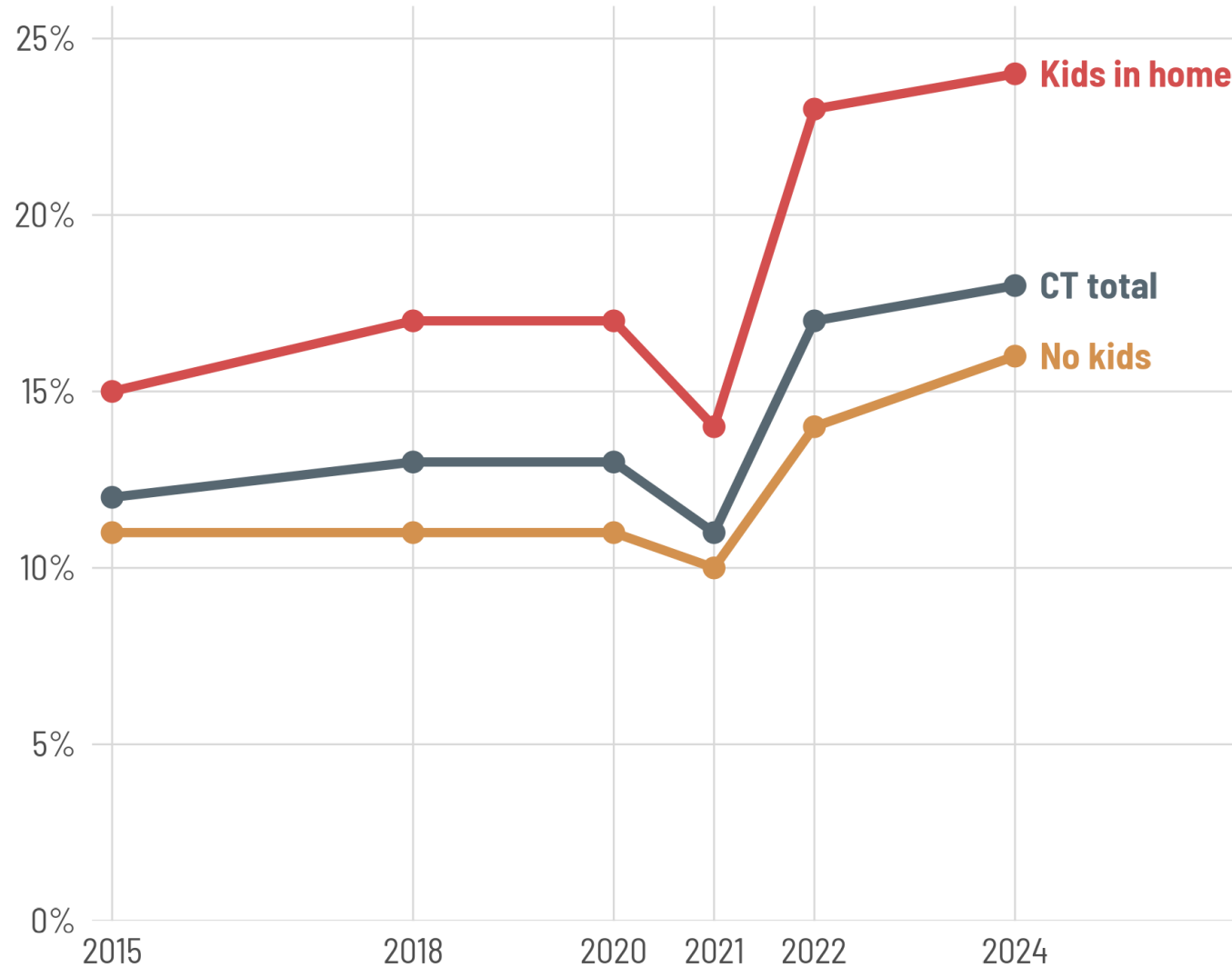


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After losing relief programs, food insecurity rates are higher than before the pandemic

Share of Connecticut adults reporting food insecurity
By presence of children, 2015–2024

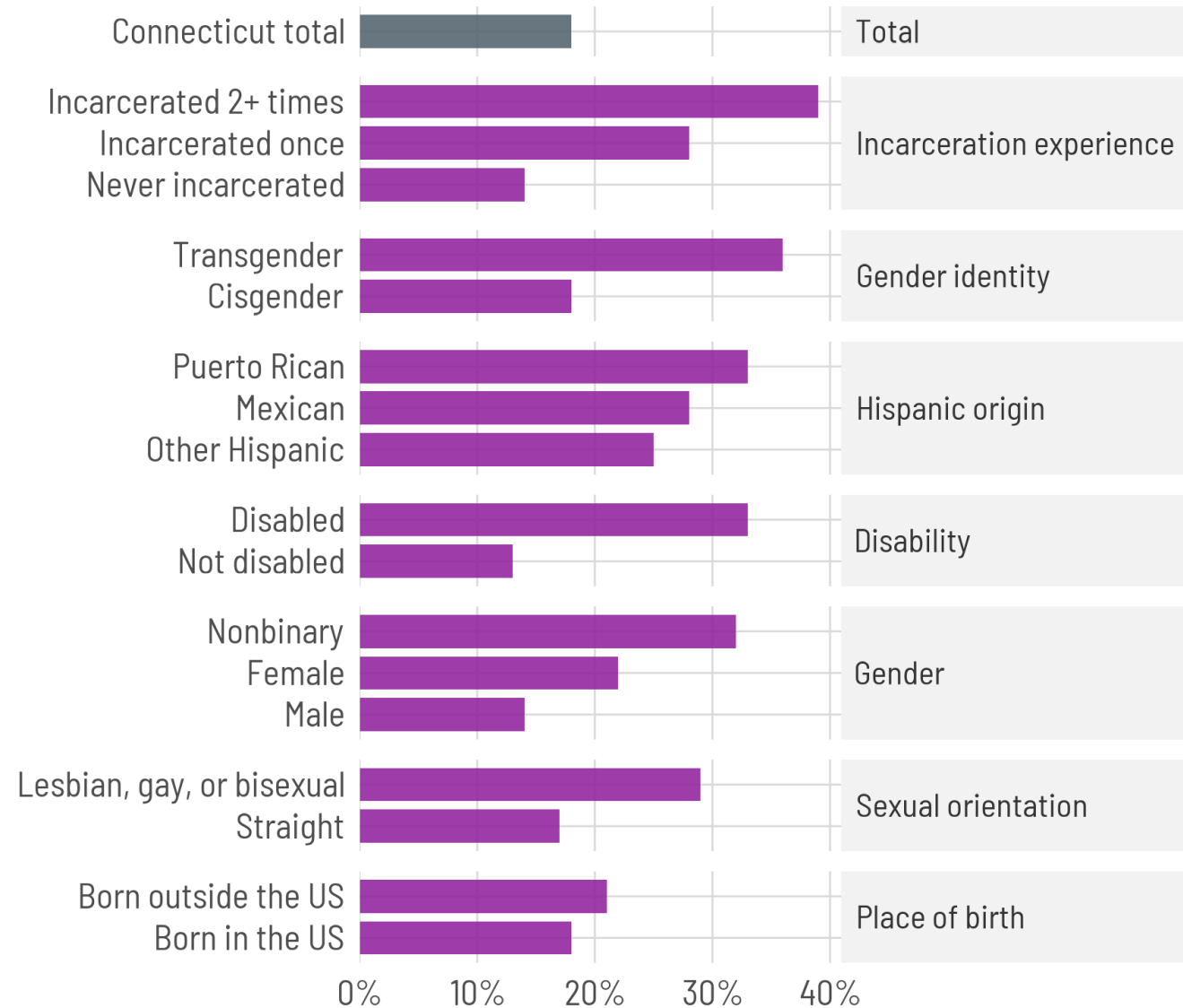


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Inclusion of new demographic groups in our surveying gives a more nuanced view of basic needs of residents

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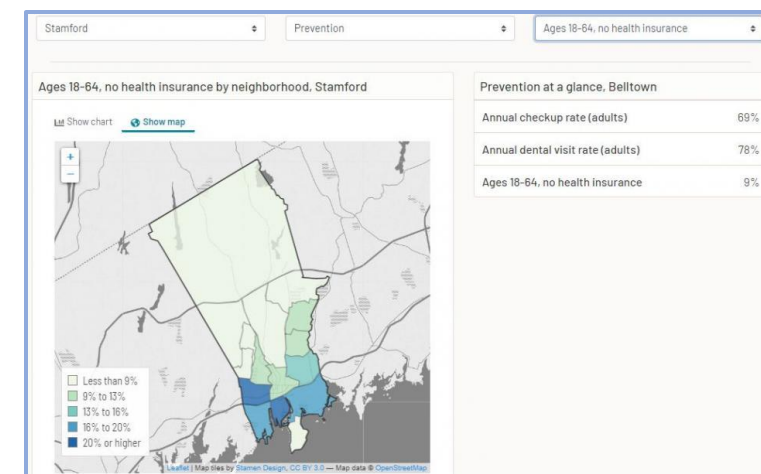
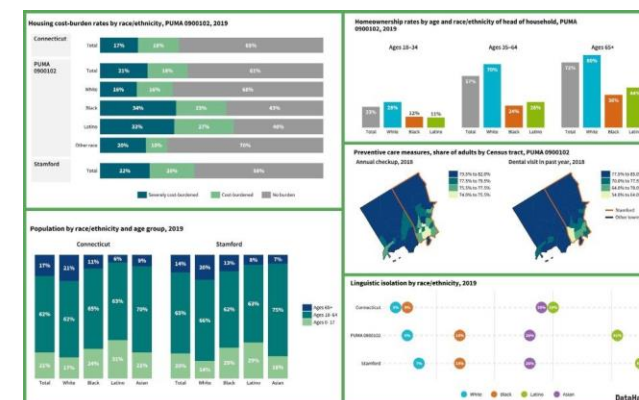


Source: DataHaven Community Wellbeing Survey

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