

## **Measuring Equity in Action**Connecting Local Data to Sustainable CT Actions

Sustainable CT knows that municipalities statewide have the power and potential to ensure every neighborhood can thrive—no matter where residents come from, what they look like, or how much they earn. Its voluntary municipal certification process fosters inclusivity, resiliency and vibrancy, with a core commitment to equity.

But where is the best place to start? How should communities prioritize among actions in Sustainable CT's roadmap? How can progress over time be measured? And how can you better understand your community to help optimize for equity?

DataHaven, a non-profit research organization that has served Connecticut since 1992, has designed this series of equity reports to help you better understand your community. Reports for each town are available on <a href="the DataHaven website">the DataHaven website</a>.

These reports use data from federal and state agencies, as well as in-depth local surveys of randomly -selected adults, to provide a detailed overview of social and economic conditions in your community.

Going one step beyond the typical local profiles, these reports present how conditions vary by neighborhood, as well as differences by race and ethnicity in your community and/or adjacent communities, to the extent that the public data allow. DataHaven will be adding additional information to these reports based on stakeholder feedback.

Please review your municipality's data and think about which data points might be most useful for informing initiatives that target equity and sustainability in your town, and which additional information you would like to collect from other sources.

And please e-mail <u>info@sustainablect.org</u> to let us know how this report can be refined to support your community.

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