



CONNECTICUT

State of the State

Dramatically Improved Fiscal Position



Budget surpluses for six straight years



Rainy day fund maxed out @ \$4.1 billion



Credit ratings upgrades by all four agencies, with Fitch and Moody's **improving from "Stable" to "Good"**



Pension debt paid down by \$8.5B



Nearly \$1 Billion of Taxes Cut Over Last Two Years



Biggest middle- and working-class **income tax cut** since income tax established in 1991



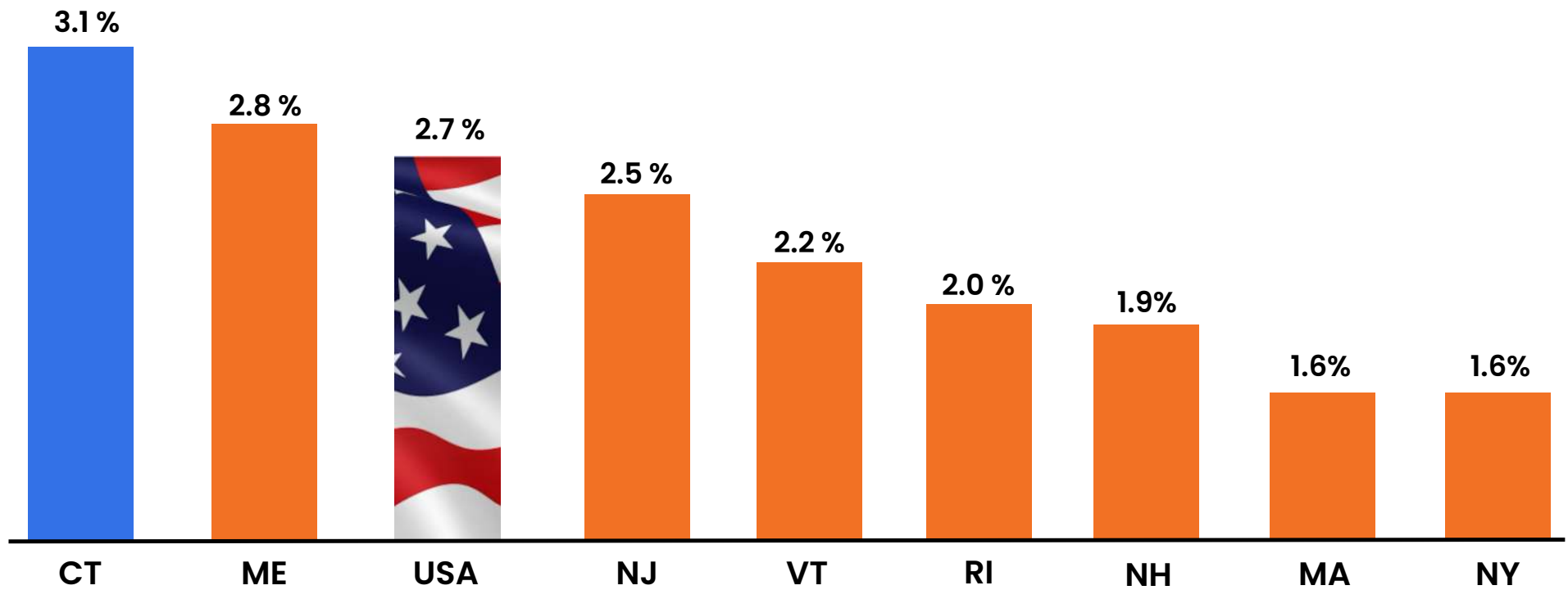
Car tax cap to improve affordability



Eliminating income tax on **pensions and annuities**



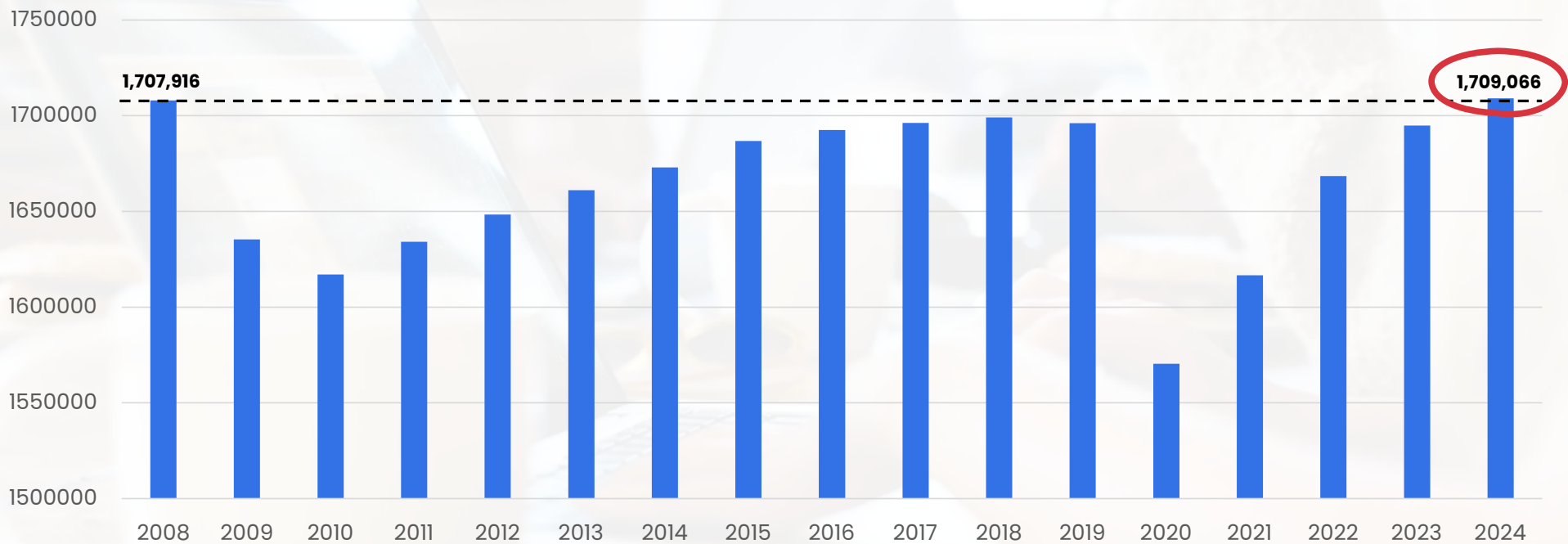
Economic Growth in Context – 2 Year CAGR



Source: Bureau of Economic Analysis; 2021-2023 CAGR

Connecticut Hits Historic Employment Highs

Nonfarm Employment Annual Average



SOURCE: CTDOLE Data; <https://www1.ctdol.state.ct.us/lmi/ctnonfarmemployment.asp>

This Did



A Great Place To Live, Work, and Play

#2 Happiest State in US

*NiceRx study

Most Diverse State in NE

*US Census Bureau

#4 Most Educated State in US

*WalletHub study

#1 State for College Readiness

*US News & World Report

#2 Best Community College System

*WalletHub study

#2 Best K-12 Public Schools in the US

*WalletHub study

#4 Best State for Working Mothers

*WalletHub study

#2 Most Accessible Healthcare in US

*Forbes

#1 State for Personal & Residential Safety

*WalletHub study

#1 State in America for Hiking

*Why This Place study

#2 State for LGBTQ+ Business Climate Index

*Out Leadership report

Population Trends

2024 Population Growth

4th

straight year
of population
growth

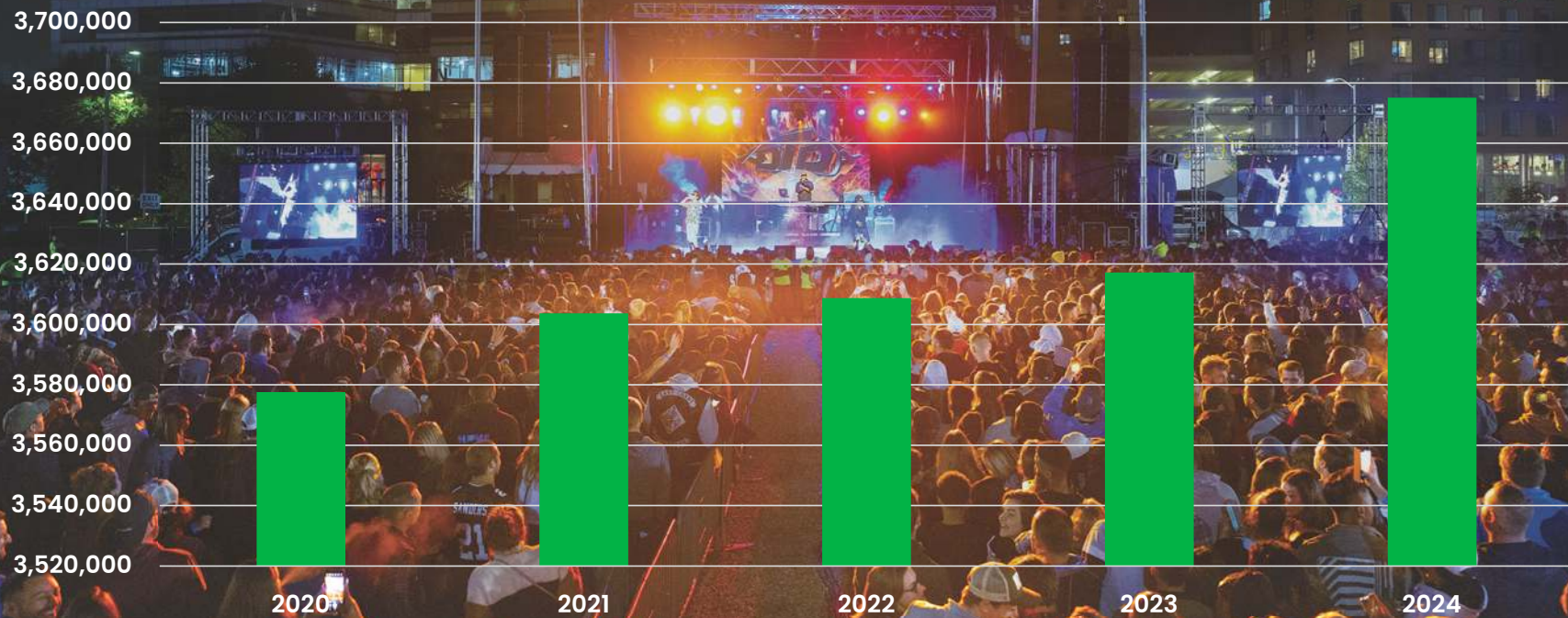
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Source: Census Bureau, Population Division

How Our Population Has Grown Since 2020

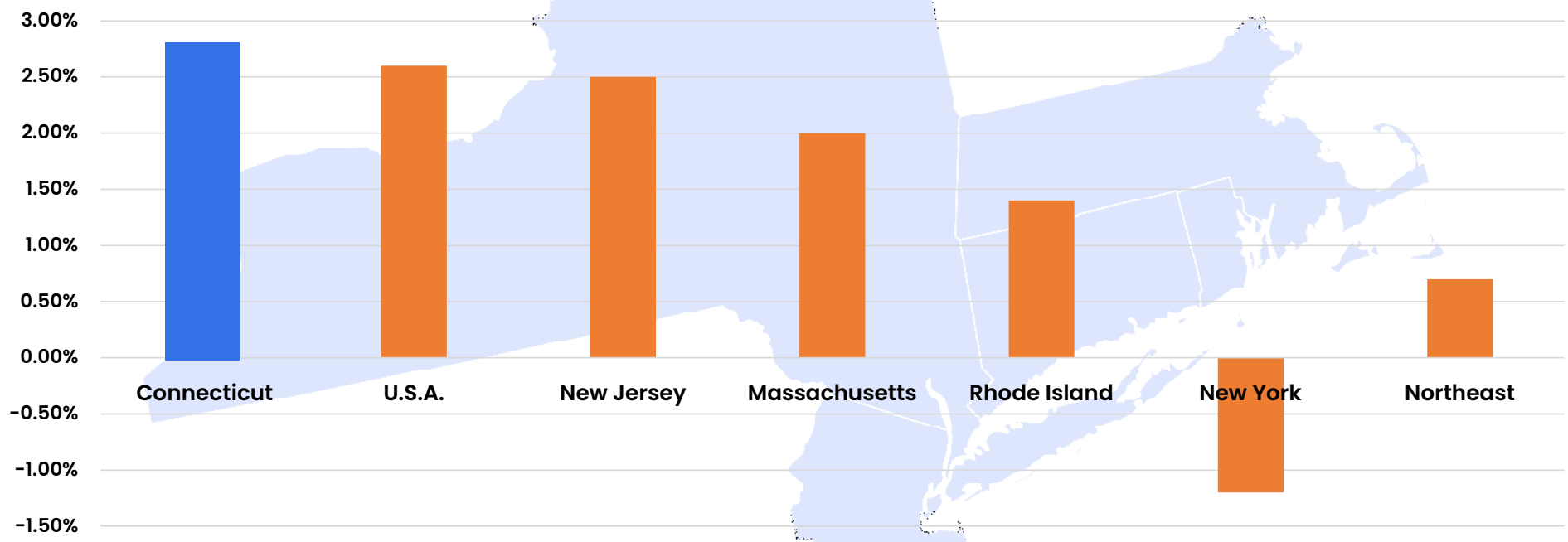
Population



Source: U.S. Census Bureau, PEP Vintage 2019 & 2024. Population and components of change measured as of July 1 each year.

Population in Context

Percent Change (7/2020 - 7/2024)



Source: Census Bureau; Population Division

Navigating the Road Ahead

**FEDERAL
GOVERNMENT**

**ENERGY
COSTS**

**ARTIFICIAL
INTELLIGENCE**

**HOUSING
SUPPLY**



Boosting Our
SMALL BUSINESSES

Small Business Boost Fund

66.8%

of towns & cities
received Boost loans

\$66.7
million

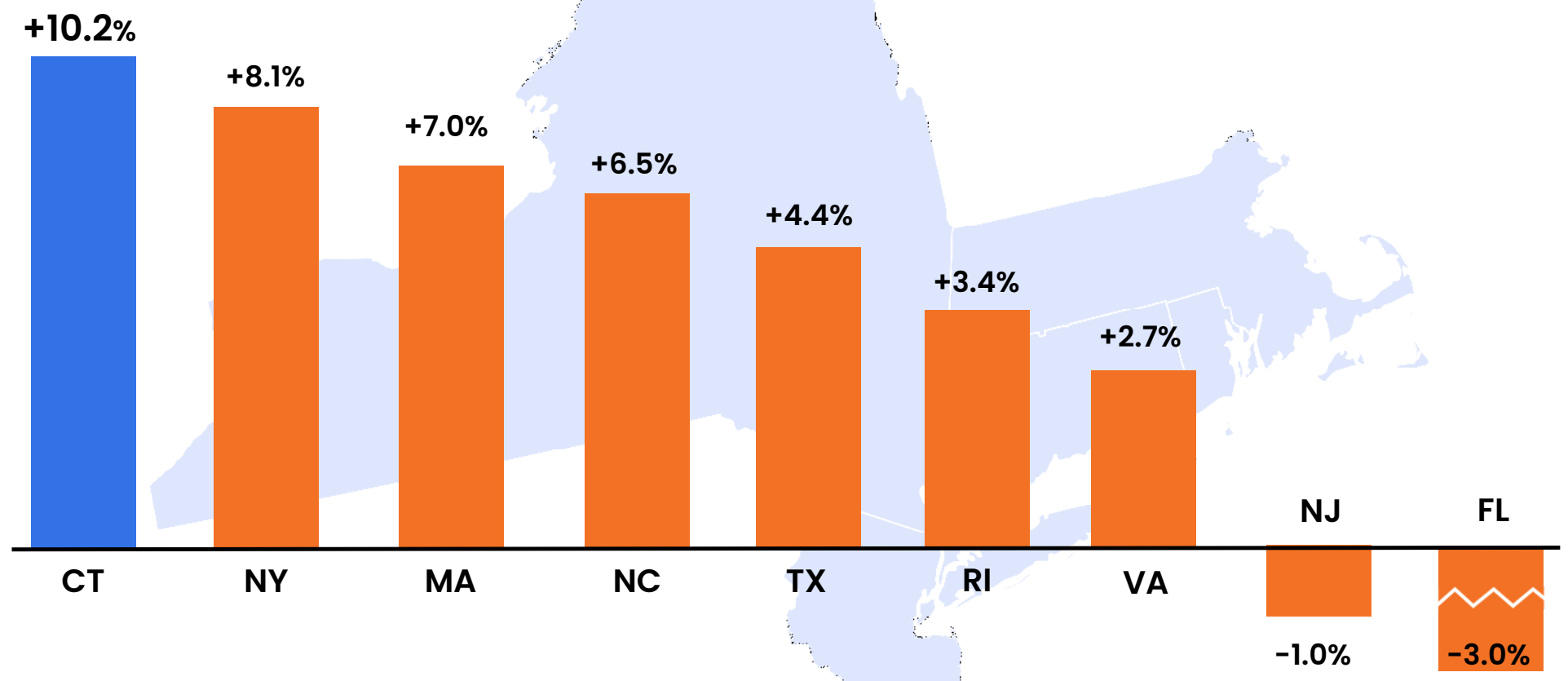
in loans awarded
through Nov'24



64%

awarded to MBWEs,
14% ahead of our goal

Growth in New Business Startups



Source: US Census Bureau, change from Dec 2022 to Dec 2023



**Cultivating a Thriving
INNOVATION ECOSYSTEM**

Cultivating a Thriving Innovation Ecosystem



Investing and collaborating with tech startups



Supporting the innovation economy through support for mentorship, internships, technical assistance and access to capital



Multiple place-making grants up to \$100M over five years expected to create up to 15,000 jobs in high-growth industries

A Natural Home For Innovation

#2

State for
Patents Granted
to individuals & orgs

#4

Most Innovative
Economy in the US

#4

in the US
for Employees with
Advanced Degrees

A wide-angle photograph of a large industrial manufacturing facility. The space is filled with various pieces of machinery, including large metal structures, conveyor belts, and specialized equipment. The floor is marked with yellow and blue lines. In the background, there are large cylindrical components, possibly parts of a machine or a vehicle. The overall atmosphere is one of a busy, complex manufacturing environment.

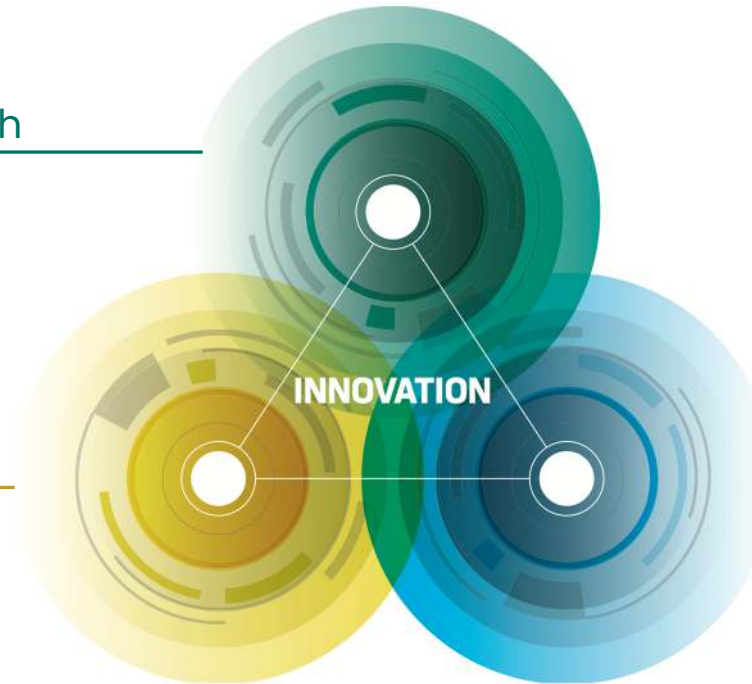
MANUFACTURING

the World's Most Complex Machines

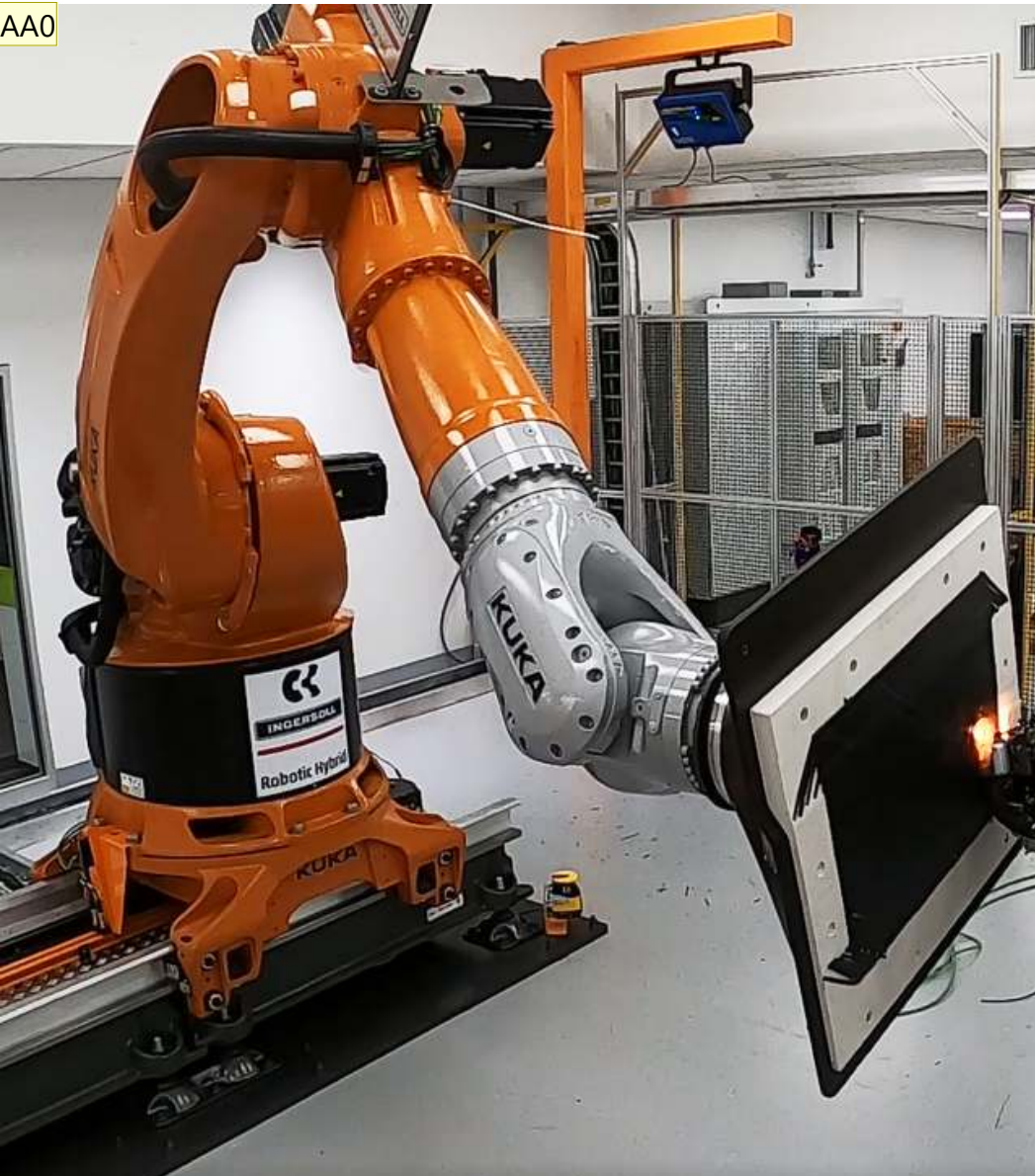
Driving Progress for CT Manufacturing

WORKFORCE - Growth

INDUSTRY - Expansion



SUPPLY CHAIN
Resiliency

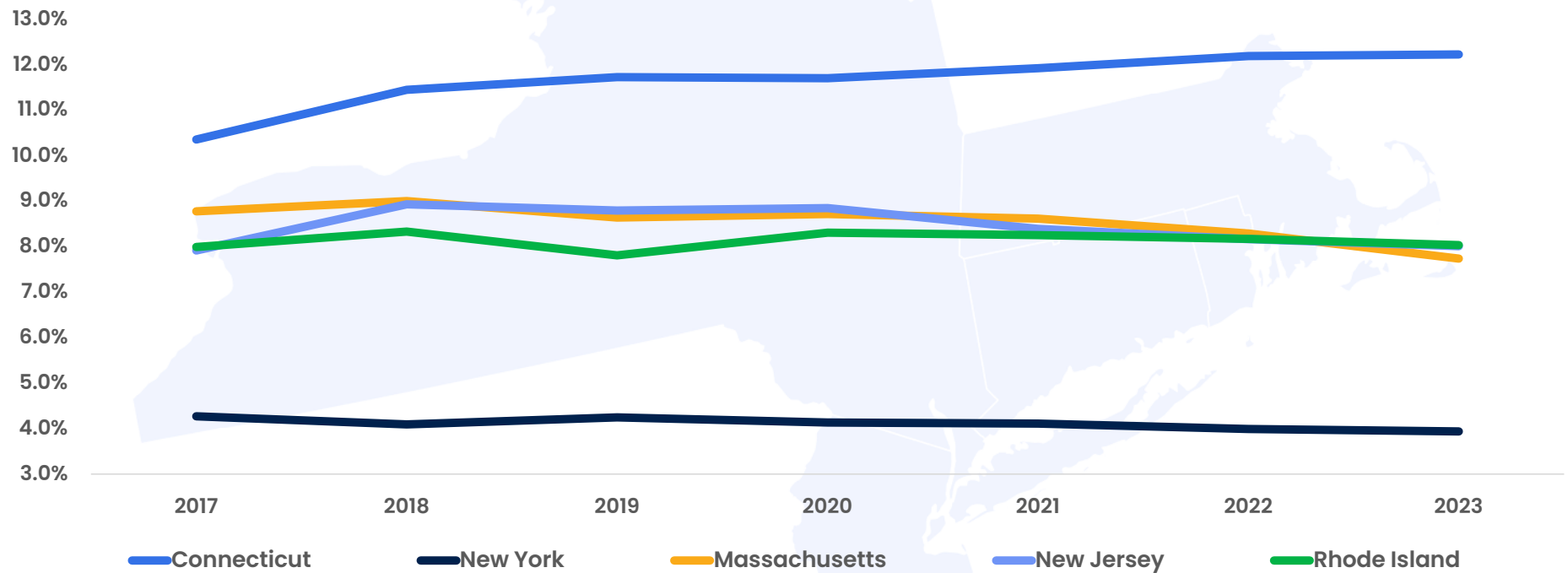


Manufacturing Innovation Fund (MIF)

- **\$130M** total funding
- **4,116** companies assisted
- **31,345** incumbent workers trained by MIF funded programs

CT Leads the Region

Manufacturing is core to our economy



Source: BEA

Manufacturing in the National Spotlight

#1

Aircraft Engine & Engine Parts Manufacturing

#2

Patents Granted to Individuals & Organizations

#3

Defense Spending Per Capita in US

#3

Most Educated Workforce

#4

Productivity of its Employees

#5

Top Tier Companies with HQ in CT

#2

State for Ship Building & Repairing

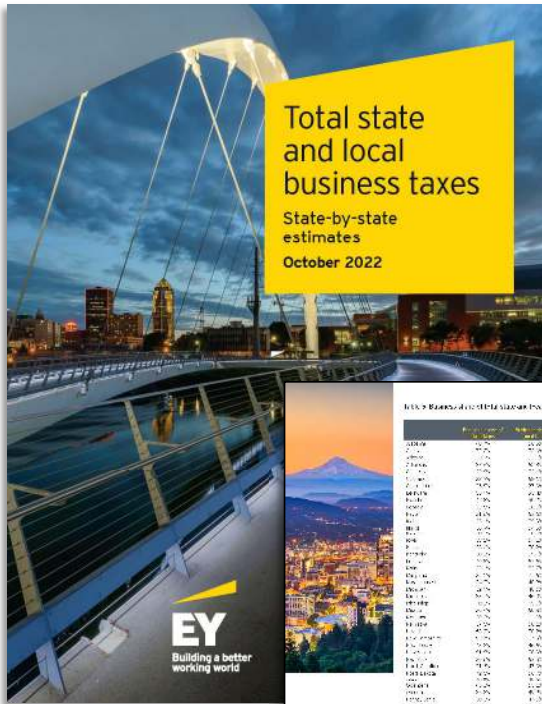
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College Readiness

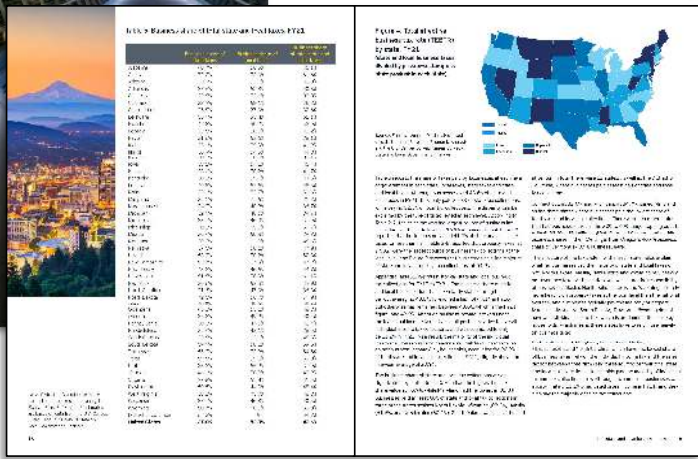


How We Encourage
BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT

Business Contribution to Total CT Tax Burden



Total state and local business taxes
State-by-state estimates
October 2022



According to EY report, CT businesses contribute:

33.9% of CT's total tax burden

7th lowest in the US

11% below the national average

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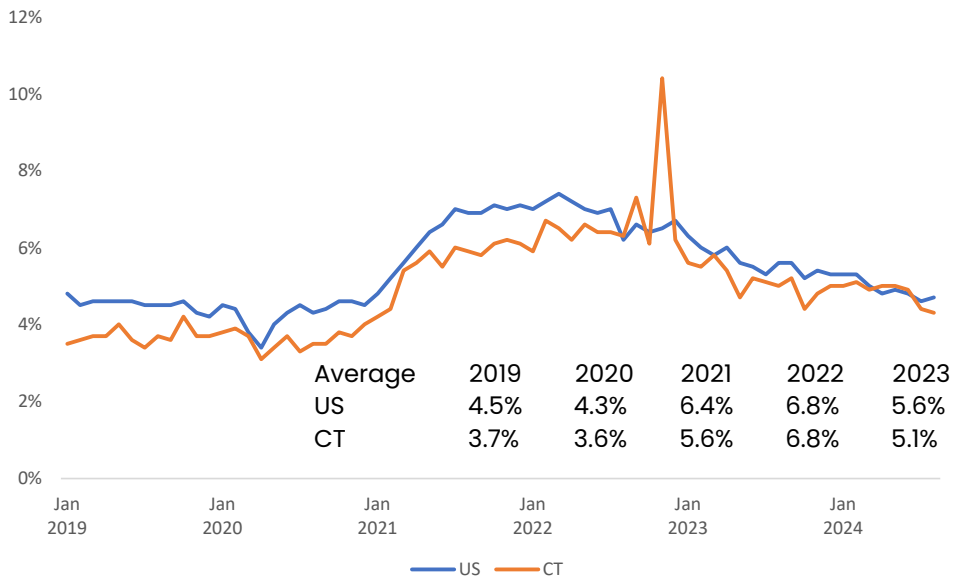
2023 Business Development





Building the
WORKFORCE
of Today and Tomorrow

JOB OPENINGS RATE



Note: job openings as a percent of total jobs.

Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics, seasonally adjusted JOLTS data through August 2024. Downloaded 10/30/2024

Filling Connecticut's Job Vacancies

Job openings rate continues to exceed pre-pandemic levels, **giving us an opportunity**

Investments in workforce development **focus on high-growth and high-need industries**, like manufacturing, healthcare, IT, construction, clean energy, and bioscience

Attracting a World-class Workforce



Workforce Development



\$145M invested in multiple programs while Governor's Workforce Council overseeing & coordinating statewide strategy & investment

Public Education



Top 2 K-12 and community college systems leads to CT being #1 state for college readiness and #4 for growth in young professionals

An aerial photograph of a city square, likely in Hartford, Connecticut, during a large public event. The square is filled with a dense crowd of people. In the center, there is a tall, thin monument. Surrounding the square are various buildings, including a prominent one with a clock tower on the right. The sky is overcast with some light clouds. A large white graphic element, resembling a stylized 'E' or a large circle with a vertical bar, is on the left side of the image.

Shaping Vibrant & Equitable Communities

Nearly \$2 Billion Invested in our Communities



\$875 million
for underserved
communities



\$800 million
including
workforce housing



\$300 million
for industrial
cleanup

Notes: CIF: 5 year authorized amount; Housing: next 2 years authorized spending; Brownfields: 10 years previous investment plus next 2 years authorized.

Capital Funding Programs

DECD Administered



Programs include:

Urban Act, CT Communities Challenge, Good to Great, Community Investment Fund 2030, Innovation Clusters



Programs include:

Brownfield Municipal Grant Program, Targeted Loan Program, Planning Grants

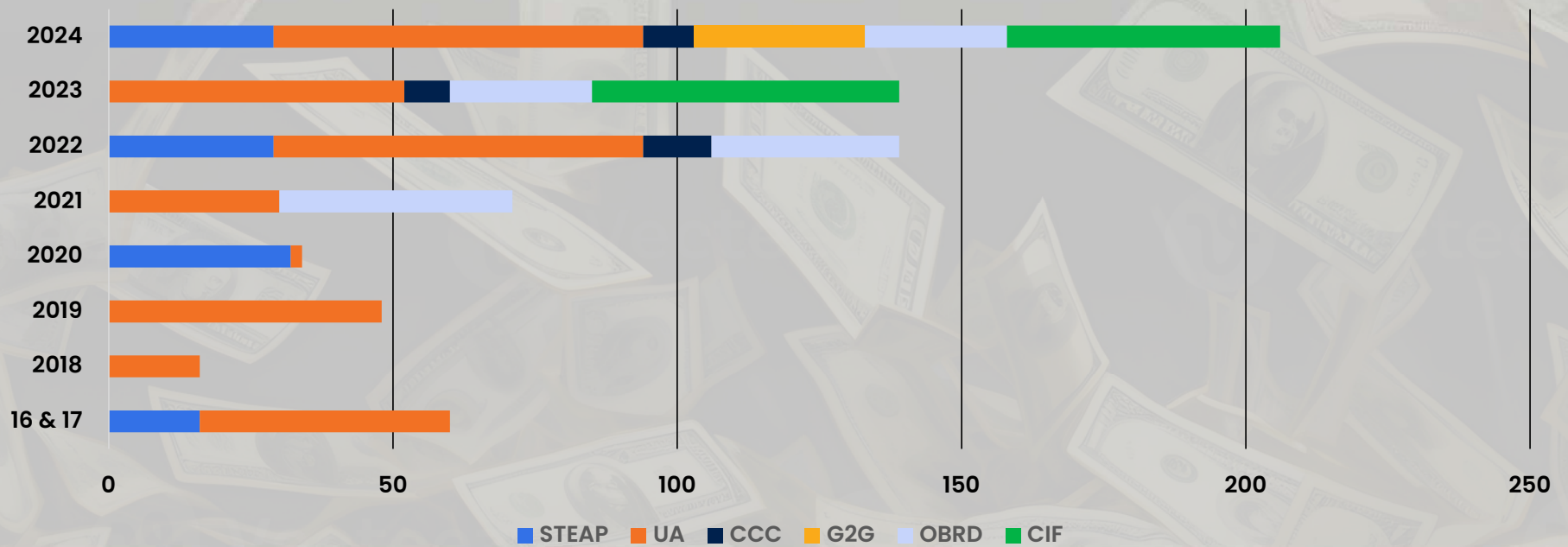


Programs include:

State and Federal Historic Tax Credits, Historic Restoration Fund Grants, Historic Homes Rehabilitation Tax Credit

Capital Grant Inflow

FY18-FY24 Capital Grant Awarded Each Year





Hartford

Before



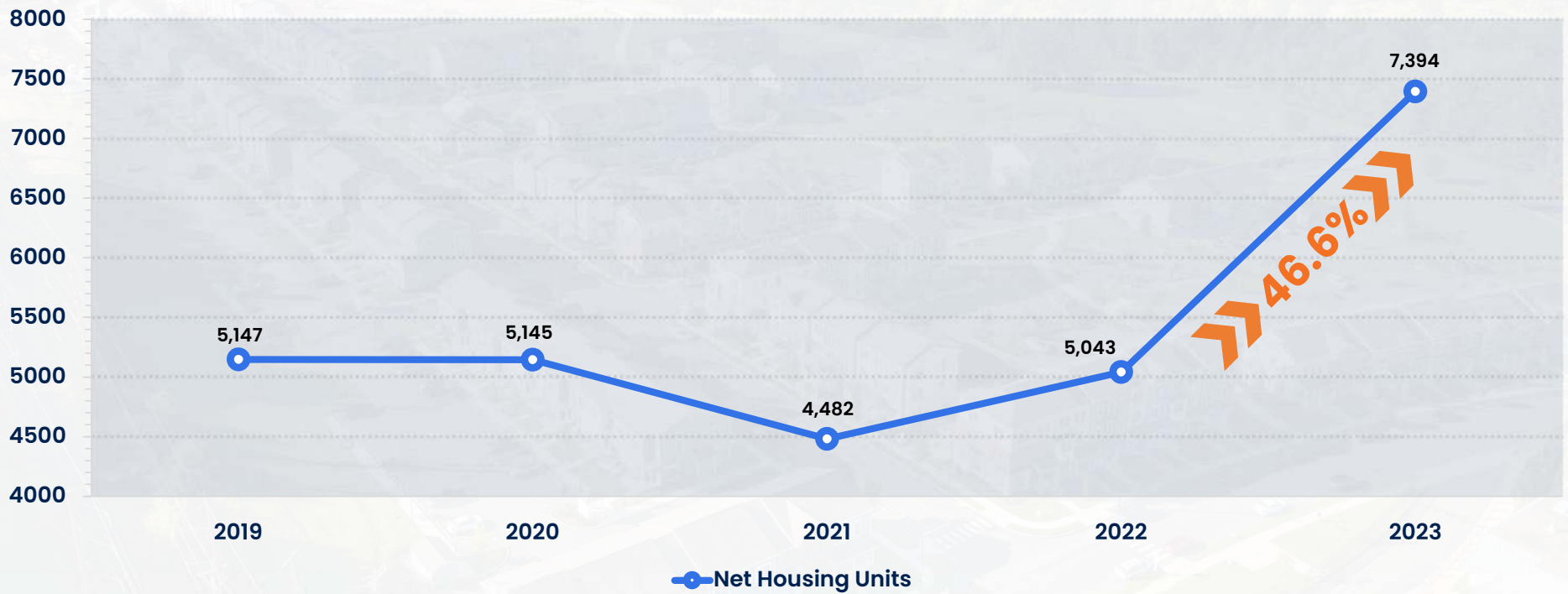
Hartford

After

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2023 Statewide Housing Development

Net Housing Units





New Housing Opportunities



Over 1,000 new housing units
& investments to create
another 1,800 units

Our New Development Partner

MRDA

Municipal Redevelopment Authority

Purpose

Help cities and towns increase housing stock and encourage them to increase density near public transit station

Strategy

The quasi-public agency will offer financial support and technical assistance to towns that develop "housing growth zones."





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MAKE IT HERE