

STATE OF CONNECTICUT
OFFICE OF HEALTH REFORM & INNOVATION

Health Reform in Connecticut

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Creativity is thinking up new things.
Innovation is doing new things.

(Theodore Levitt)

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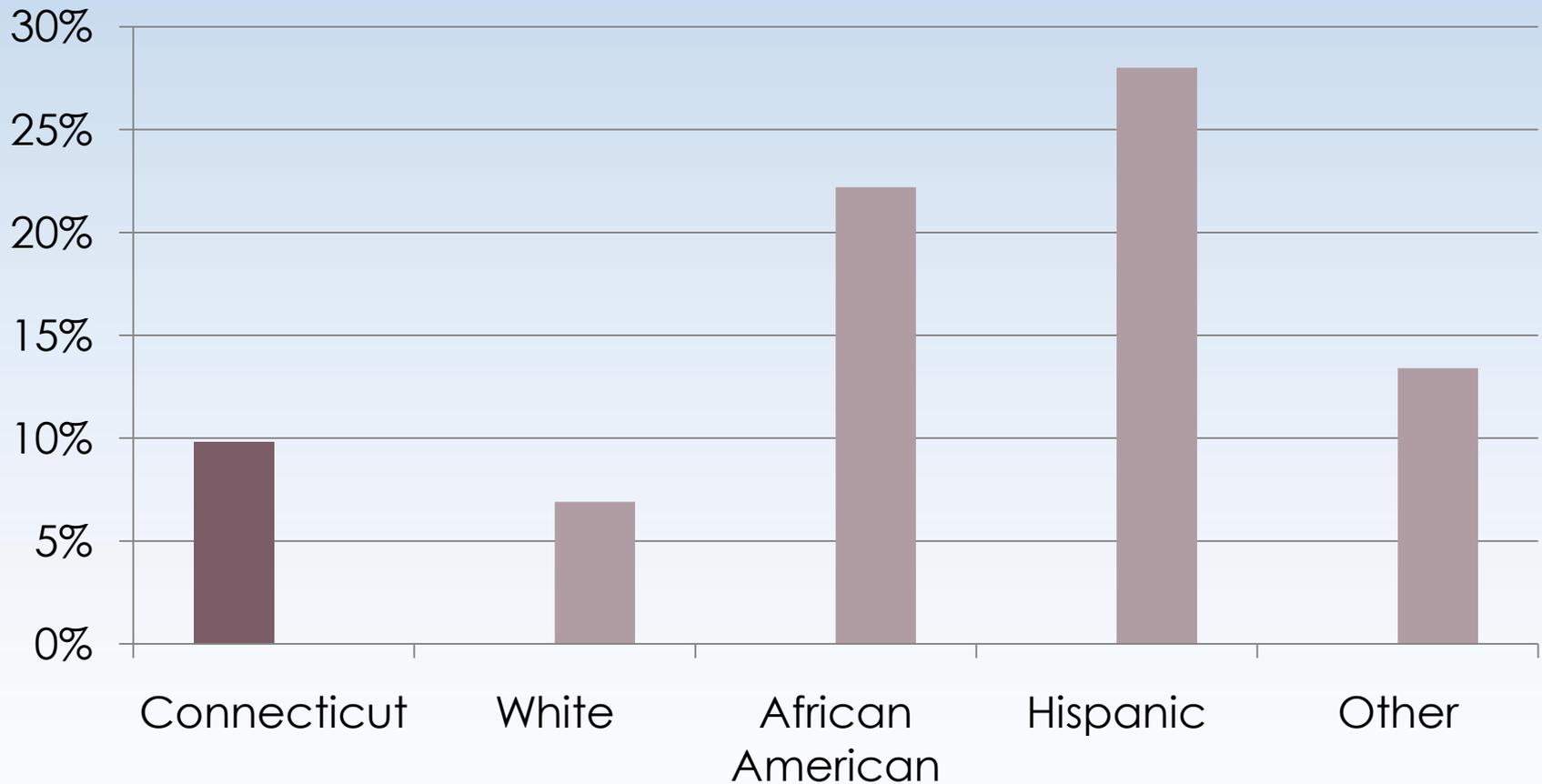
BACKGROUND

- Appointment of Jeannette DeJesús as Special Advisor to the Governor on Health Reform
- Establishment of the Office of Health Reform & Innovation within Lt. Governor Wyman's office

Public Act No. 11-58, Section 11

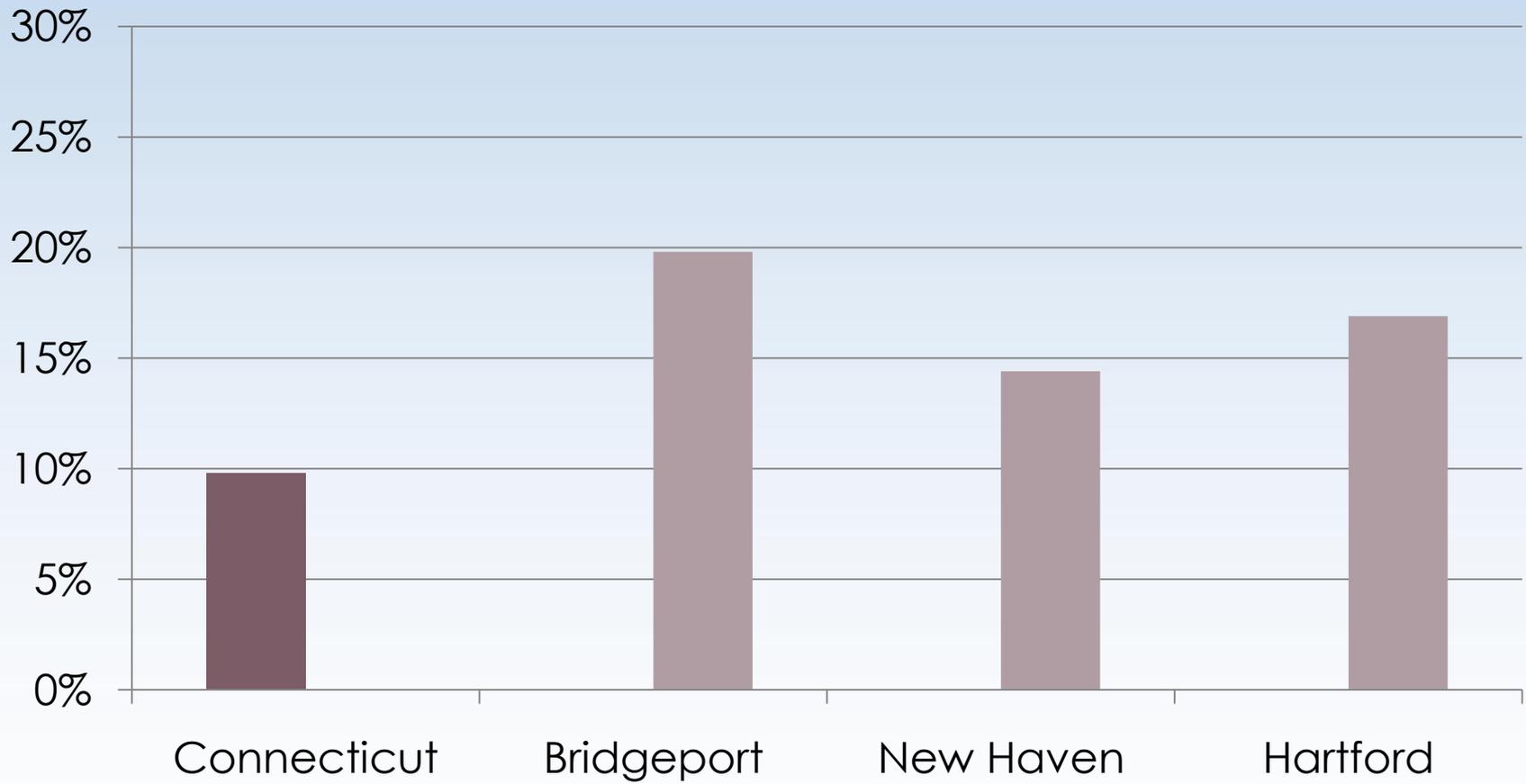
- *“In accordance with Public Act No. 11-58, Section 11, the Office of Health Reform and Innovation will convene a working group to develop a plan to implement a state-wide multi-payer data initiative. The goal of the working group is to enhance the state’s use of health care data from multiple sources to increase efficiency, enhance outcome and improve the understanding of health care expenditures in the public and private sectors.”*

PERCENT UNINSURED IN CT



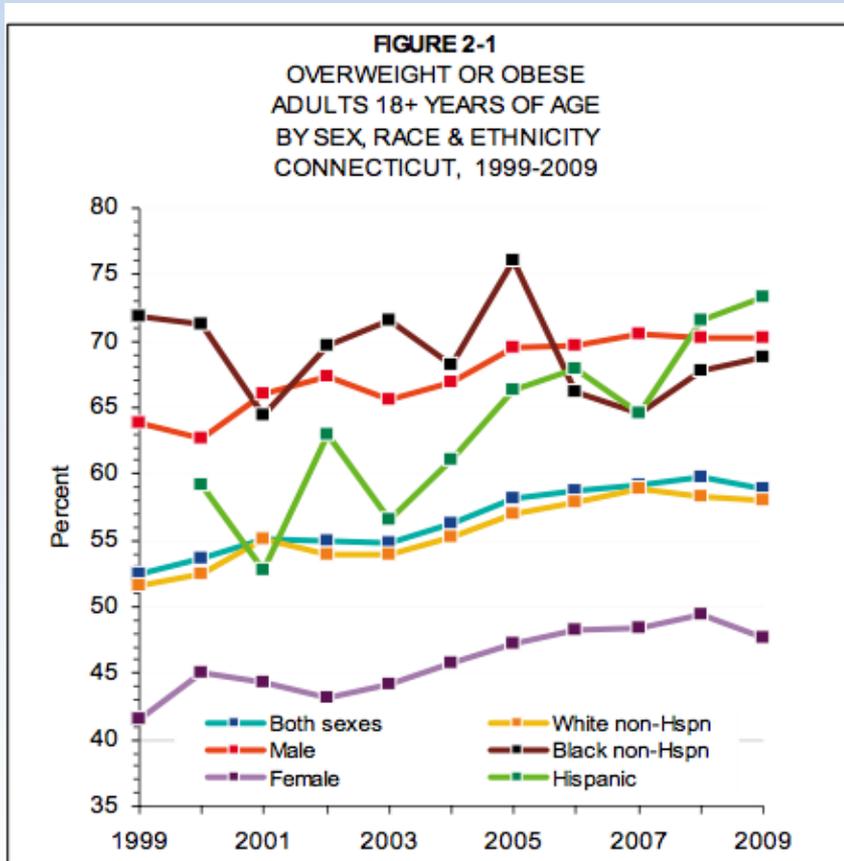
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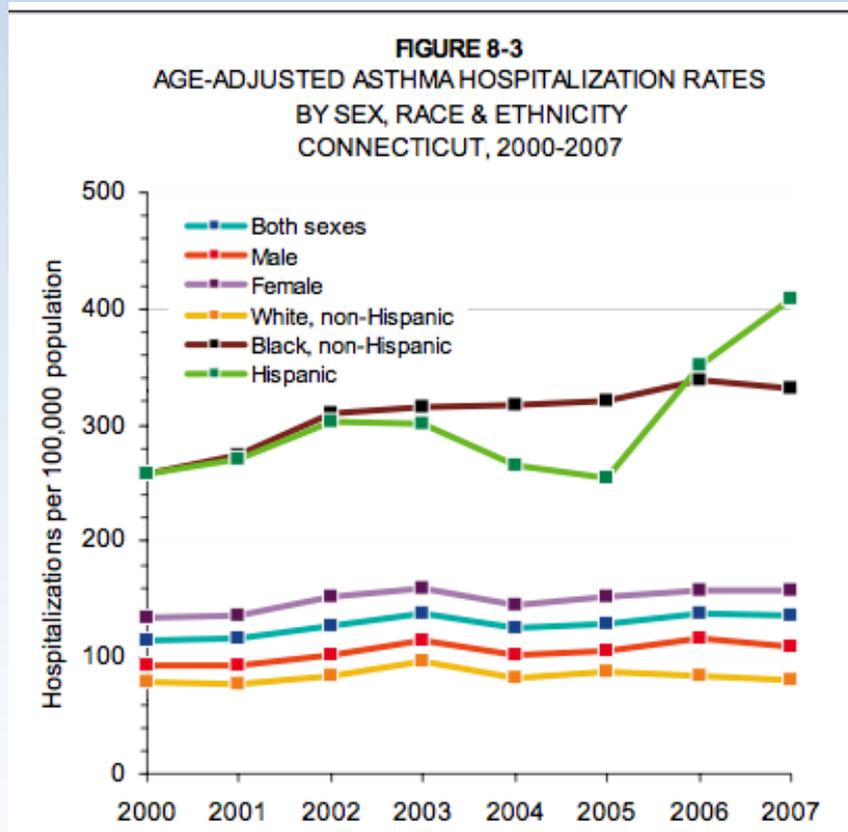
SELECTED HEALTH INDICATORS



Source: Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System

- Overweight and obesity increase the risk for many chronic diseases
- In 2008 in CT, an estimated \$735 million in direct medical costs attributed to obesity

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Source: Connecticut Hospital Discharge and Billing Data Base
Note: Hospitalization rates age-adjusted to 2000 U.S. standard population.

- Asthma prevalence is greater in Connecticut than in the U.S. as a whole
- Asthma can be effectively managed in the primary care office setting, reducing complications and hospitalizations

ROLE OF THE OFFICE

- Meaningful and proactive statewide approach to federal health reform

Coordinate & implement the state's responsibilities under state and federal health reform

- Establishing partnerships
- Facilitating action plans
- Providing expertise
- Respecting the sovereignty of agencies/partners

HEALTH **REFORM** PRIORITIES



PRIORITY: PROMOTING HEALTH

- Improving health outcomes
- Eliminating health disparities
- Prioritizing prevention
- Managing chronic illnesses
- Coordinating care
- Engaging people in their own health

PRIORITY: IMPROVING ACCESS

- Health care – the right services at the right time
- Developing a strong provider workforce
- Assuring health benefits meet consumers' needs
- Improving the patient experience
- Fostering competition
- Improving health insurance affordability

PRIORITY: REDUCING COSTS

- Understanding healthcare cost drivers
- Improvements in health and access
- Rewarding quality care

PARTNERSHIPS

- Governor's Health Care Cabinet
 - Development of an integrated health care system for Connecticut
- Statewide Multi-payer Data Initiative
- Consumer Advisory Board

(Public Act 11-58)

HEALTH EQUITY PROPOSAL

- NASHP Learning Collaborative
- Health equity and health reform
 - Training and education
 - Outreach and enrollment
 - Person-centered care

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