

# What's New on HartfordInfo.org

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**What's New on HartfordInfo.org** is a periodic update announcing recent additions to HartfordInfo.org. Please feel free to forward this message to others. To be added to the distribution list send an email message through our [feedback page](#).

HartfordInfo.org, a program of the Hartford Public Library, is a gateway to information and data on issues important to those who live and work in Hartford and the region.

## *New Developments on HartfordInfo.org:*

- **Site Map:** A detailed site map has been added to HartfordInfo.org. The site map provides an additional way to navigate the site and find the data and information you need. To see the site map, go to [www.hartfordinfo.org](http://www.hartfordinfo.org) and click on the "Site Map" link towards the right side of the menu bar near the top of the page.
- **Spanish Translation:** Work continues toward translating HartfordInfo.org into Spanish. Roughly 40% of the site has been translated. The most recent portion to be translated is the Community Data section. Additional portions of the site will be translated in the coming months. To see the site in Spanish go to [www.hartfordinfo.org](http://www.hartfordinfo.org) and click on the "Espanol" link in the upper right corner.

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## *New Data on HartfordInfo.org:*

- **Hartford Trends:** Several more neighborhoods have been added to *Hartford Trends*, a multi-phase project that provides neighborhood data over time. The database now includes U.S. Census data from 1970, 1980, 1990, and 2000 for all Hartford neighborhoods. *Hartford Trends* may be accessed by going to [www.hartfordinfo.org](http://www.hartfordinfo.org) and clicking on the "Hartford Trends Statistical Profiles" link in the "Go Directly to Data" box in the center of the page.

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## *New Reports on HartfordInfo.org:*

- **Keeping Hartford Clean: Report of the Quality of Life Policy Task Force:** Describes the work of the City of Hartford Quality of Life Task Force. Includes recommendations to the Mayor and the City Council on strengthening City ordinances, public policies and procedures that will contribute to the goal of enhancing Hartford's quality of life. Includes a link to the Mayor's response and implementation plan. Go to [www.hartfordinfo.org](http://www.hartfordinfo.org) and type "keeping hartford clean" in the white search box towards the upper left corner and then click "Search," or click on "Neighborhoods" from the list of categories on the left of the home page.
- **An Ounce of Prevention: How Cities and Towns Can Keep Landlords from Becoming Slumlords:** Compiles tools and resources for cities, towns and community groups to help prevent rental properties from developing into "problem properties." Go to [www.hartfordinfo.org](http://www.hartfordinfo.org) and type "landlords" in the white search box towards the upper left corner and then click "Search," or click on "Neighborhoods" from the list of categories on the left of the home page.

- **Census of the Homeless and Supportive Housing Populations of Hartford, 2005:** This point-in-time census of the homeless and supportive housing populations is an enumeration of all individuals and families staying in shelters, transitional housing, supportive housing, and on the street on a specified evening. Go to [www.hartfordinfo.org](http://www.hartfordinfo.org) and type "homeless census" in the white search box towards the upper left corner and then click "Search," or click on "Homelessness" from the list of categories on the left of the home page.
- **2005 Kids Count Data Book: Helping Our Most Vulnerable Families Overcome Barriers to Work and Achieve Financial Success:** Highlights data and policy information related to family economics; features ten key measures of child well-being used to track the well-being of children since 1990. Go to [www.hartfordinfo.org](http://www.hartfordinfo.org) and type "kids count" in the white search box towards the upper left corner and then click "Search," or click on "Families, Youth & Children" from the list of categories on the left of the home page.
- **Mayor's Update, Fall 2005:** Mayor Perez's latest *Update* includes updates on education, hurricane readiness, neighborhood policing, the Hilton and Marriott Hotels, and more. Go to [www.hartfordinfo.org](http://www.hartfordinfo.org) and type "Mayor's update" in the white search box towards the upper left corner and then click "Search," or click on "Government" from the list of categories on the left of the home page.
- **Family Assets Scorecard 2005:** Ranks Connecticut against other states in its performance on 31 family asset measures such as financial security, business development, homeownership, health care, and education. Go to [www.hartfordinfo.org](http://www.hartfordinfo.org) and type "family assets" in the white search box towards the upper left corner and then click "Search," or click on "Families, Youth & Children" from the list of categories on the left of the home page.
- **The High Cost of Being Poor in Hartford:** Reports on the challenges that low-income families in Hartford neighborhoods are faced with in attaining economic security. Go to [www.hartfordinfo.org](http://www.hartfordinfo.org) and type "high cost" in the white search box towards the upper left corner and then click "Search," or click on "Economic Development" from the list of categories on the left of the home page.
- **Connecticut Preschool Assessment Framework:** Describes a curriculum-embedded tool for assessing 3- and 4-year-old children in their preschool classrooms. Go to [www.hartfordinfo.org](http://www.hartfordinfo.org) and type "preschool" in the white search box towards the upper left corner and then click "Search," or click on "Education" from the list of categories on the left of the home page.

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### ***New Articles on HartfordInfo.org:***

Through an agreement with *The Hartford Courant*, HartfordInfo.org continues to offer selected *Courant* articles as permanent additions to the web site. A few recent additions include:

- **City Sees Potential, Makes a Plan:** Describes plans for revitalizing "Downtown West" with housing, entertainment and retail services. Go to [www.hartfordinfo.org](http://www.hartfordinfo.org) and type "downtown west" in the white search box towards the upper left corner and then click "Search," or click on "Downtown Development" from the list of categories on the left of the home page.
- **Downtown Housing for Modest Incomes:** The City of Hartford and Common Ground have settled on a housing development plan for the building at 410 Asylum Street. Go to [www.hartfordinfo.org](http://www.hartfordinfo.org) and type "modest incomes" in the white search box towards the upper left corner and then click "Search," or click on "Downtown Development" from the list of categories on the left of the home page.
- **City Has New School Just for Jobs:** The federally funded Hartford Job Corps Academy, the second in Connecticut and the ninth in New England, will offer training in manufacturing, carpentry, nursing, business technology and hospitality jobs. Go to [www.hartfordinfo.org](http://www.hartfordinfo.org) and type "job corps" in the white

search box towards the upper left corner and then click "Search," or click on "Education" from the list of categories on the left of the home page.

- **Competence Comes in All Colors:** Stan Simpson commentary following up on a recent Hartford Courant article that jolted readers with the provocative headline "Can Whites Teach Blacks?" Go to [www.hartfordinfo.org](http://www.hartfordinfo.org) and type "all colors" in the white search box towards the upper left corner and then click "Search," or click on "Education" from the list of categories on the left of the home page.
- **Director Has Vision for La Casa:** The new executive director of La Casa de Puerto Rico, Candida Flores, has an expansive view of one of Hartford's largest Latino neighborhoods. Go to [www.hartfordinfo.org](http://www.hartfordinfo.org) and type "la casa" in the white search box towards the upper left corner and then click "Search," or click on "Neighborhoods" from the list of categories on the left of the home page.
- **City In a Danger Zone:** Hartford police link the spike in gun crime to a dangerous new culture among young people. Go to [www.hartfordinfo.org](http://www.hartfordinfo.org) and type "danger zone" in the white search box towards the upper left corner and then click "Search," or click on "Public Safety and Crime" from the list of categories on the left of the home page.
- **Despite Some Worries, Open Choice Pupils Soar:** Open Choice, formerly called Project Concern, is a voluntary desegregation program that allows Hartford parents to enroll their children in suburban schools. Go to [www.hartfordinfo.org](http://www.hartfordinfo.org) and type "open choice" in the white search box towards the upper left corner and then click "Search," or click on "Education" from the list of categories on the left of the home page.
- **In Greater Hartford, a Defining Moment:** Real estate scouts who help companies find sites for their operations recently visited Greater Hartford.. Go to [www.hartfordinfo.org](http://www.hartfordinfo.org) and type "defining" in the white search box towards the upper left corner and then click "Search," or click on "Economic Development" from the list of categories on the left of the home page.

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