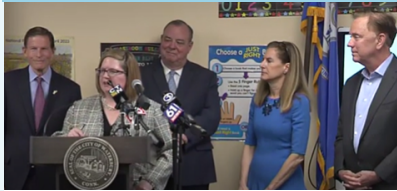




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Welcome from Commissioner Michelle Gilman!



Welcome to the first edition of the Department of Administrative Services 'DAS Newsline', your place for the latest DAS news! Each month we will be updating you about DAS initiatives and our work to support state agency, municipal, and community partners.

Next month, we will share some exciting news on the School Air Quality Grant program, Digital Equity statewide survey and more. See below for this inaugural edition:

You're Invited to the CT Digital Summit!

Join the DAS BITS team along with other state and municipal partners at the CT Digital Government Summit on **September 7th, 2023, at the Hartford Marriot**. AI, Digital Government and Cybersecurity are at the top of the agenda.

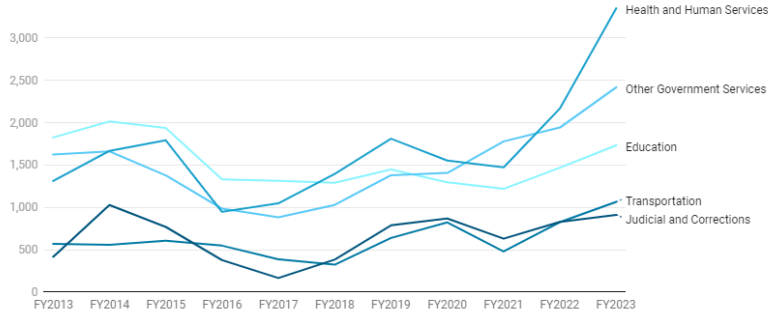


 **Connecticut**
Digital Government Summit

[Check it Out and Register Here.](#)

State Employment Trending Up

Annual Filled Vacancies by Agency Type



Source: Annual Filled Vacancies at Executive Branch Agencies by Agency and Fiscal Year - Created with Datawrapper

Executive Branch workforce trends on the move!

DAS' Statewide Human Resources Division supports executive branch recruitment, workforce development, and other HR needs for over 32,000 employees. Click on the Open Data portal link above to review historical workforce trends by agency and more. In partnership with agency leadership and hiring managers, almost 8,000 employees joined the executive branch team in the last year in health care, social services, engineering, fiscal, IT, and other critical job classifications.

Innovation through Technology



Our state Chief Information Officer & DAS Deputy Commissioner Mark Raymond leads the Bureau of Information Technology (BITS) team at a time of great transformation in the IT space. Nationally recognized for his experience, below are a few recent clips featuring his perspective around Artificial Intelligence.

BITS in the News:

- [*Artificial Intelligence: Our Future to Build*](#), CT Mirror
- [*What is Connecticut Doing About Artificial Intelligence*](#), WTNH
- [*Face the Facts: How is artificial intelligence used in state government?*](#), NBC Connecticut

Supporting Small and Minority Businesses



In addition to contracting for goods and services for our state agency partners, DAS's Procurement Services Division is home to the Supplier Diversity Program team. The program is proud to help small and minority businesses grow and become potential contractors with the state.

Earlier this year, our team received the "Government Partnership Award" at the Minority Construction Council's Partnership Awards Dinner! Congrats!

Building a Sustainable Future



In May 2023, a groundbreaking ceremony was held for Bridgeport's Bullard-Havens Technical High School - a project which DAS's Real Estate and Construction Services Division is managing. The new school marks the construction of the first state-of-the-art, net zero, reduced energy use school to serve the Bridgeport community and surrounding towns.

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