



Connecticut Appropriations Committee RBA Template  
Part IA, Abbreviated Quality of Life (Population) Result

Quality of Life Result

Why is this result important?

Indicators and the Story Behind the Baselines

Summary of Story Behind the Baselines:

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Population Indicator 1

Story Behind Indicator 1



Population Indicator 2

Story Behind Indicator 2

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 <p>Population Indicator 3</p> <p>Story Behind Indicator 3</p>
<p>Our Role</p>
<p>Appendix A, Data Development Agenda</p>

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## Abbreviated Population Template Instructions

Element	Explanation
Summary Page	Although the summary page comes first in the template, it is completed last. All of the elements contained in the summary are developed in the elements that follow.
Population Template	
Quality of Life Result	Provide a brief plain-language statement of the desired result for the population. Say it in a way that the average voter and taxpayer can understand. For example, All Children Healthy and Ready for School Success at Age 5. See slides 12-18.
Why is this result important?	Provide a very brief plain-language explanation of why this result matters to the people of Connecticut. It should be no more than 3 or 4 sentences. Use bullet points if possible. Say it in a way that the average voter and taxpayer can understand.
Indicators and the Story Behind the Baselines	Each indicator is a measure that tells us something about how we are doing in regard to the population result. Indicators are numeric and, if at all possible, should be presented historically. The resulting graph tells us where we have been, and the trend line suggests where we are heading if we keep doing what we are doing. The story behind the baselines explains how we got to where we are on the indicators and what the forecast shows. It discusses where there are weaknesses in the data or research and what the agenda is for making improvements in them.
Summary of Story Behind the Baselines	Since each indicator is displayed with its own story, this is the opportunity to present the part of the story that is common to all the indicators. This is the diagnostic section of the template where you focus on causes and forces at work. The indicators have not yet been introduced; therefore, keep the summary at a high level and very short. Use bullet points wherever possible.
Indicators	Present 3 or 4 headline indicators that score highest on communication, data, and proxy power. Indicators that score lower can be presented in an appendix or can be used in the story behind the baselines and in the discussion of what it would take to succeed. Important indicators that score high on communication and proxy power but for which the data are not available go on the Data Development Agenda.

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	Indicators should ideally have 3-5 years of historical data so you can show the baseline with history and a trend line that will allow you to forecast where we will be if we keep doing what we are doing. You will discuss the trend line in the Story behind the Baselines. See slides 23-27.
Story behind the baselines	Immediate after each indicator, present the story behind the baseline. Explain what the indicator shows, how it got to be this way, and what it will look like if we keep doing what we are doing. Indicate if there are problems with the data or with the current state of the research. You may also refer to secondary indicators if they are relevant. Keep the narratives brief. Use bullet points wherever possible.
Our role	Briefly describe the contribution of your agency and program to the quality of life result. Use bullet points to the extent feasible.
Appendix A, Data Development Agenda	Describe weaknesses in the existing indicator data and identify the three most important data needs that will allow you to present a more complete and accurate picture of progress in achieving the population result. See slides 23 and 24.
Summary	When you have finished the template, complete the one-page summary. List the quality of life result in the top of the left column and list the indicators with their baselines below the result statement. (You will have to reduce the size of the indicators and paste them in as pictures.). In the right column, briefly present a summary of the story behind the baselines and what you propose to do over the next two years to turn the curves for the indicators you have selected. Use bullet points and present a summary of strategies that relate to all of the curves you intend to turn before you speak about strategies that are specific to a single curve. Put an asterisk next to those strategies that are no cost or low cost, including those that involve a reallocation of existing funds.