

COMMUNITY SERVICES



Education in New Haven Approximately 800 out-of-district school children attend New Haven Public Schools, the highest such enrollment of any district in Connecticut.



City of New Haven
John DeStefano, Jr., Mayor

PUBLIC LIBRARY SYSTEM

New Haven Free Public Library

The New Haven Free Public Library consists of four branches: the Main Branch at 133 Elm Street; the Fair Haven Branch at 182 Grand Avenue; the Mitchell Branch at 37 Harrison Street; and the Stetson Branch at 200 Dixwell Avenue. The Library also maintains a mobile branch – the “Readmobile”. For FY 2001, library circulation was 208,241 and there were 160,857 reference questions. By way of comparison, the number of reference questions is up 36% from 1995.

The Main Library, at 133 Elm Street, was re-purchased by the City in the late 1980’s. In 1990, the Library was re-opened to the public following a \$14.5 million renovation and expansion. The architectural firm of Hardy Holzman Pfeiffer designed the project. Cass Gilbert’s 1911 neo-Georgian building was restored and expanded by 65,000 s.f., bringing the overall size of the building to 103,000 s.f.

The Mitchell Branch is now under reconstruction. Upon completion, Mitchell will include a new Technology Access Center and various mobiles as funded through the Percent for Art Program. The entire facility is being brought up to code standards, including handicapped accessibility. New fenestration will open the building to views of West Rock.

The planned Hill Branch, at Washington Avenue and Daggett Street, includes traditional reading rooms, a community meeting room, a “Family Place” location, an Internet Café and a youth activity center. Also, the Library is looking for a new location on the east shore.

As the central branch in the system, the Main Library has by far the most extensive collection, consisting of 311,150 volumes. A local history room, a large business collection, non-profit resources, a performance space and reference area also are located at the main branch. All branches have audio visuals, children’s books and adult reference areas. The Fair Haven Branch has a large collection of Spanish language books. Fair Haven and Stetson have Technology Access Centers.

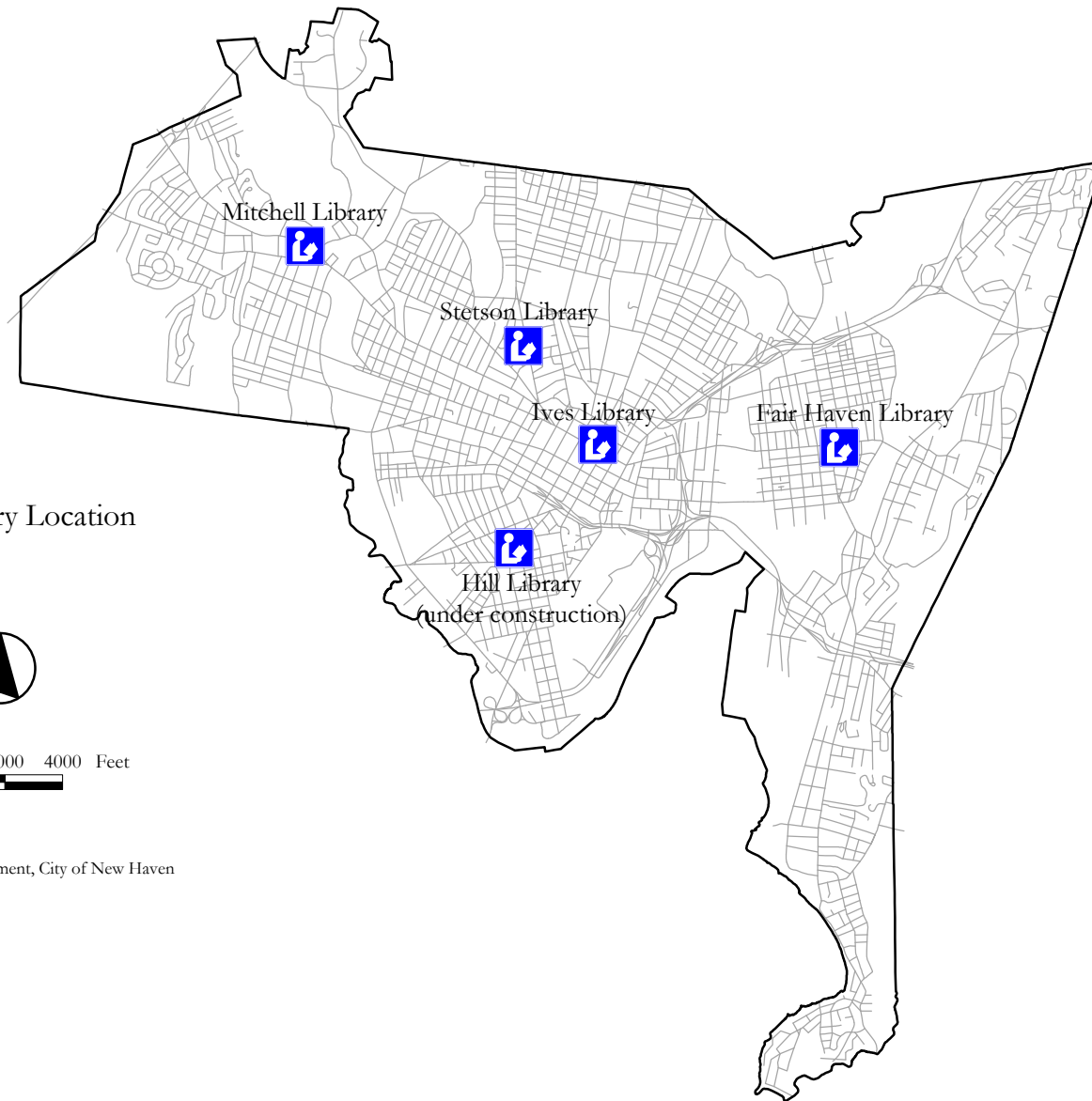
Location and Collection of New Haven Public Libraries¹


Branch	Location	Collection
Main Library	133 Elm Street	312,492
Fair Haven	182 Grand Avenue	40,927
Mitchell ²	37 Harrison Street	51,377
Stetson	200 Dixwell Avenue	30,931
Bookmobile	-	3,260
Total Collection		438,987

Notes:

[1] Information provided by the New Haven Free Public Library. Includes all holdings.

[2] Mitchell Branch is in temporary quarters at 30 Fountain Street. The collection subject to change upon completion of the renovation project.



 Library Location



2000 0 2000 4000 Feet



Source: City Plan Department, City of New Haven



PUBLIC SCHOOL SYSTEM

New Haven Public Schools

The New Haven Board of Education operates the largest public school system in south central Connecticut. As of October 31, 2001, there were 21,417 students in the system. Of these, 39.4% are in grades kindergarten through fourth grade. Another 30.7% are in the middle school grades (5-8) and 24.2% are in the high school grades (9-12). The largest number of students in any single grade is 1,811 in the 9th grade. The largest school in the system is Wilbur Cross High School (1,371 students), followed by James Hillhouse High School (1,163 students).

By race and ethnicity, the school population is largely minority. In the 2000-01 school year, 57.5% of all students enrolled were Black, non-Hispanic; 29.4% were Hispanic; 11.6% were White; and 1.5% were Asian American. The magnet school population continues to grow, with over 2,100 students in New Haven and interdistrict magnet schools.

Enrollment in New Haven Public Schools and Miscellaneous Programs, 2001

School	Level²	Enrollment¹
Barnard	Elementary	248
Beecher	Elementary	419
Bishop Woods	Elementary	303
Katherine Brennan	Elementary	239
Celentano	Elementary	191
Clarence Rogers	Elementary	222
Clinton Avenue	Elementary	420
Columbus	Elementary	397
Davis Street	Elementary	366
Dixwell Head Start	Elementary	40
Early Learning Center	Elementary	174
Timothy Dwight	Elementary	389
East Rock Community	Elementary	790
Edgewood	Elementary	462
Hamilton Head Start	Elementary	51
Helene Grant	Elementary	278
Hill Central	Elementary	633
Worthington Hooker	Elementary	391
Benjamin Jepson	Elementary	334
Lincoln-Bassett	Elementary	489
Lulac Head Start	Elementary	209
Martin Luther King	Elementary	214
Museum Lab School	Elementary	75
Nathan Hale	Elementary	541
Prince Street	Elementary	233
Quinnipiac	Elementary	296
Stepping Stone Head Start	Elementary	17

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Enrollment in New Haven Public Schools (continued)

School	Level²	Enrollment¹
Strong	Elementary	342
Truman	Elementary	390
Urban Youth Elementary	Elementary	40
Vincent E. Mauro	Elementary	468
Welch-Annex	Elementary	327
Isadore Wexler	Elementary	279
Woodward Avenue	Elementary	252
Wooster Head Start	Elementary	57
Roberto Clemente	Middle	782
Fair Haven	Middle	874
Jackie Robinson	Middle	605
Betsy Ross Arts Magnet	Middle	489
Sheriden	Middle	487
Troup	Middle	640
Urban Youth Middle	Middle	89
Conte West Hills ³	Middle	633
Co-Op	High	381
Cross Annex	High	145
Hill Regional Career	High	681
High School in the Community	High	345
Hyde Leadership	High	193
James Hillhouse	High	1,163
Polly McCabe	High	44
Riverside Academy	High	168
Sound	High	298
Wilbur Cross	High	1,371
Amistad Academy	Miscellaneous (5-8)	194
Common Ground	Miscellaneous (9-12)	71
Highville Mustard Seed	Miscellaneous (PreK-8)	186
Wintergreen	Miscellaneous (K-8)	113
Sub-total		20,528
Other miscellaneous, incl., homebound and certain specialty programs.		889
Total		21,417

Notes:

[1] Data provided by the New Haven Board of Education based on 10/01 enrollment.

[2] Elementary level schools include most K-8 programs. Celentano includes Pre-k - 16.

[3] Conte West Hills is a K-8 school.

PUBLIC SCHOOL SYSTEM

Capital Improvement Program

The public school system is now entering Phase II of a substantial capital improvement program. The “schools master plan” started in 1996 and was formally approved in 1998. The plan includes an analysis of building facilities (originally prepared by Jeter, Cook and Jepson and later updated by Fletcher Thompson, Inc.) and enrollment projections (prepared by HC Planning Consultants and Planimetrics).

The need for improved / enlarged facilities is documented in both the facility and enrollment analyses. In fact, enrollment in 2001 has exceeded consultant projections. In 1996, projected enrollment for 2001 was to be between 18,742 (low estimate) and 19,261 (high estimate). Actual October, 2001 enrollment was 21,417 - over 2,000 students higher than predicted. Higher enrollment is due in part to the growth of the magnet school programs, which attract students from New Haven and surrounding communities.

The building plan recommends reconstruction and/or new construction of 43 facilities at a capital cost of \$1.03 billion. Of the Phase I projects, seven are complete: Hill Regional Career High School (new construction), Edgewood School (renovation/addition), Lincoln-Bassett School (renovation/addition), Conte West Hills (renovation/addition), Clarence Rogers (renovation), Katherine Brennan (renovation/addition) and Betsy Ross Arts Magnet School (new construction). In addition, Hillhouse is substantially complete, with a renovated facilities and a new citywide athletic fieldhouse. All other Phase I projects are in construction, design or the site selection phases.

Enrollment in New Haven Public Schools and Misc. Programs, 1986 - 2001

Year	K-4	5-8	9-12	Other	Total
1986 - Actual ¹	7,321	4,286	3,908	1,464	16,979
1991 - Actual ¹	7,623	4,955	3,384	2,348	18,310
1996 - Projected ¹	8,240	4,818	3,901	2,270	19,229
1996 - Actual ²	8,722	5,325	4,136	1,245	19,428
2001 - Projected ¹	7,468	5,293	3,841	2,270	18,872
2001 - Actual ²	8,285	6,328	4,923	1,881	21,417

Notes:

[1] Data from New Haven Public Schools Enrollment Projections, 1996 (Jeter, Cook & Jepson, et al.).

[2] Data provided by the New Haven Board of Education based on 10/96 and 10/01 enrollment.

[3] Includes pre-K, Head Start, homebound and certain specialty programs.

Program and Status of the New Haven Public School Construction Program - Phase I

#	Projects (State Grant #)	Grades	Existing Area (sf)	New Addition (sf)	Completed Building Area (sf)	Current Enrollment (10/1/01)	EDO 49 Capacity	Planned Enrollment (2010)	12/20/01 Approved Budgets	Status
1	New Hill Regional Career Schod (093-145)	9-12	0	165,000	165,000	676	714	700	\$29,800,000	Complete / Occupied
2	Edgewood (093-292)	K-8	16,980	30,708	47,688	462	485	452	\$10,229,981	Complete / Occupied
3	Lincoln Bassett (093-316)	PK-5, (PK-8)	77,488	17,261	94,749	487	550	537	\$17,975,000	Complete / Occupied
4	Clarence Rogers (093-293)	Early Learning	35,000	0	35,000	212	234	234	\$8,030,000	Complete / Occupied
5	West Hills/ Conte (093-315)	K-8	96,000	14,000	110,000	632	700	700	\$20,750,000	Complete / Occupied
6	Isadore Wexler (093-314)	PK-8	71,161	20,705	91,866	281	600	537	\$24,400,000	Under Construction
7a	Hillhouse High Phase 1 (093-309)	9-12	105,352	0	105,352	-	-	-	\$7,700,000	Complete / Occupied
7b	Hillhouse Phase 2 & Fidd House (093-326)	9-12	123,028	93,780	216,808	-	-	-	\$66,352,096	Under Construction
	Hillhouse High Totals		228,380	93,780	322,160	1,173	1,156	1,156	\$74,052,096	Under Construction
8a	Wilbur Cross High Phase 1 (093-308)	9-12	105,352	0	105,352	-	-	-	\$7,700,000	Complete / Occupied
8b	Wilbur Cross High Phase 2 (093-327)	9-12	117,462	40,000	157,462	-	-	-	\$49,500,000	Under Construction
	Wilbur Cross Totals		222,814	40,000	262,814	1,412	1,385	1,385	\$57,200,000	Under Construction
9	New Prince/Wdch (093-306)	PK-8	0	92,000	92,000	566	600	537	\$35,000,000	In Design
10	Aquaculture (093-291)	9-12	36,000	42,000	78,000	304	360	360	\$27,833,000	Under Construction
11	New Arts Middle Magnet (093-307)	5-8	0	94,175	94,175	0	500	500	\$27,700,000	Under Construction
12	Katherine Brennan (093-318)	K-5, (1-8)	53,203	4,013	57,216	241	450	400	\$14,400,000	Complete / Occupied
13	Fair Haven Middle (093-319)	5-8	165,850	30,007	180,362	880	800	650	\$54,500,000	Under Construction
14	New Fair Haven K-8 (093-317)	PK-8	0	101,000	101,000	0	600	537	\$36,700,000	In Design
15	New Jackie Robinson (093-329)	PK-8	0	105,917	105,917	606	600	537	\$34,000,000	In Design
16	Swing Space (093-331)	various	0	12,000	12,000	-	-	-	\$0	-
17	Truman (093-335)	PK-8	51,000	50,700	101,700	387	600	537	\$35,200,000	In Design
18	New Jepson (093-334)	PK-8	0	104,195	104,195	335	450	450	\$37,000,000	In Design
19	Nathan Hale (093-333)	PK-8	25,988	68,865	94,853	542	600	537	\$31,500,000	In Design
20	Betsy Ross (093-332)	PK-8	108,000	0	108,000	492	600	537	\$33,500,000	In Design
	Total		1,187,864	1,086,326	2,258,695	9,688	11,984	11,283	\$609,770,077	

Source: New Haven Public Schools, Gilbare, Co., April, 2002

Program and Status of the New Haven Public School Construction Program - Phase II

#	School (Type of Project)	Grades	Existing Area (sf)	New Addition (sf)	Completed Building Area (sf)	Current Enrollment (10/1/01)	EDO 49 Capacity	Planned Enrollment (2010)	12/20/01 Masterplan Budget (\$'s)
21	Cekirano (093-338)	PK-8	6,006	78,003	84,009	189	444	400	\$29,000,000
22	Barnard (Renovation/Addition)	PK-8	31,820	57,083	88,903	244	565	509	\$28,117,457
23	Troup (Renovation)	PK-8	150,260	0	150,260	640	628	565	\$36,570,369
24	Beecher (Renovation/ Addition)	PK-8	18,703	55,969	74,672	411	565	509	\$23,689,987
25	Cooperative Magnet High (New)	9-12	0	166,894	166,894	383	486	437	\$50,986,219
26	Clinton (Renovation/ Addition)	PK-8	53,500	36,340	89,840	421	619	557	\$25,106,253
27	Hooker (Renovation + New)	PK-8	24,000	71,013	95,013	391	542	488	\$33,701,355
28	Sheridan (Renovation)	PK-8	87,130	0	87,130	485	628	565	\$23,793,602
29	Columbus (Renovation/ Addition)	PK-4	35,700	16,016	51,716	401	279	251	\$15,269,961
30	Davis (Renovation/ Addition)	PK-8	425	30,199	30,624	365	565	509	\$22,368,258
31	Clemente (Renovation)	PK-8	628	0	628	761	628	565	\$37,840,492
32	Valley Street (Renovation/ Addition)	1-8	36,500	14,430	50,930	0	473	426	\$15,581,322
33	King (Renovation)	PK-8	20,000	45,877	65,877	215	555	500	\$19,905,757
34	Strong (Renovation)	PK-4	49,400	0	49,400	343	279	251	\$14,432,405
35	Mauo (Renovation/ Addition)	K-8	49,600	4,380	53,980	472	525	473	\$15,704,481
36	Dwight (Renovation/ Addition)	PK-8	50,058	24,531	74,589	389	592	533	\$19,435,695
37	Grant (Renovation/ Addition)	Early Learning	24,000	5,668	29,668	277	157	141	\$9,077,834
38	Bishop Woods (Renovation)	PK-4	33,469	0	33,469	302	299	269	\$11,699,762
39	Hill Central Elementary (Renovation)	Early Learning	71,382	0	71,382	632	325	293	\$21,592,946
40	East Rock (Renovation)	PK-8	166,688	0	166,688	793	748	673	\$47,714,123
41	Quinnipiac (Renovation/ Addition)	K-4	31,400	1,885	33,285	292	279	251	\$11,524,665
42	Hallock Avenue (Renovation)	5-8	30,400	0	30,400	90	231	208	\$9,227,464
43	Wilbur Cross Annex (Renovation)	9-12	27,000	0	27,000	132	145	131	\$9,755,324
Total			998,069	608,288	1,606,357	8,628	10,557	9,502	\$532,095,731

Source: New Haven Public Schools, Gilbane Co., April, 2002

PUBLIC SAFETY

New Haven Department of Police Service

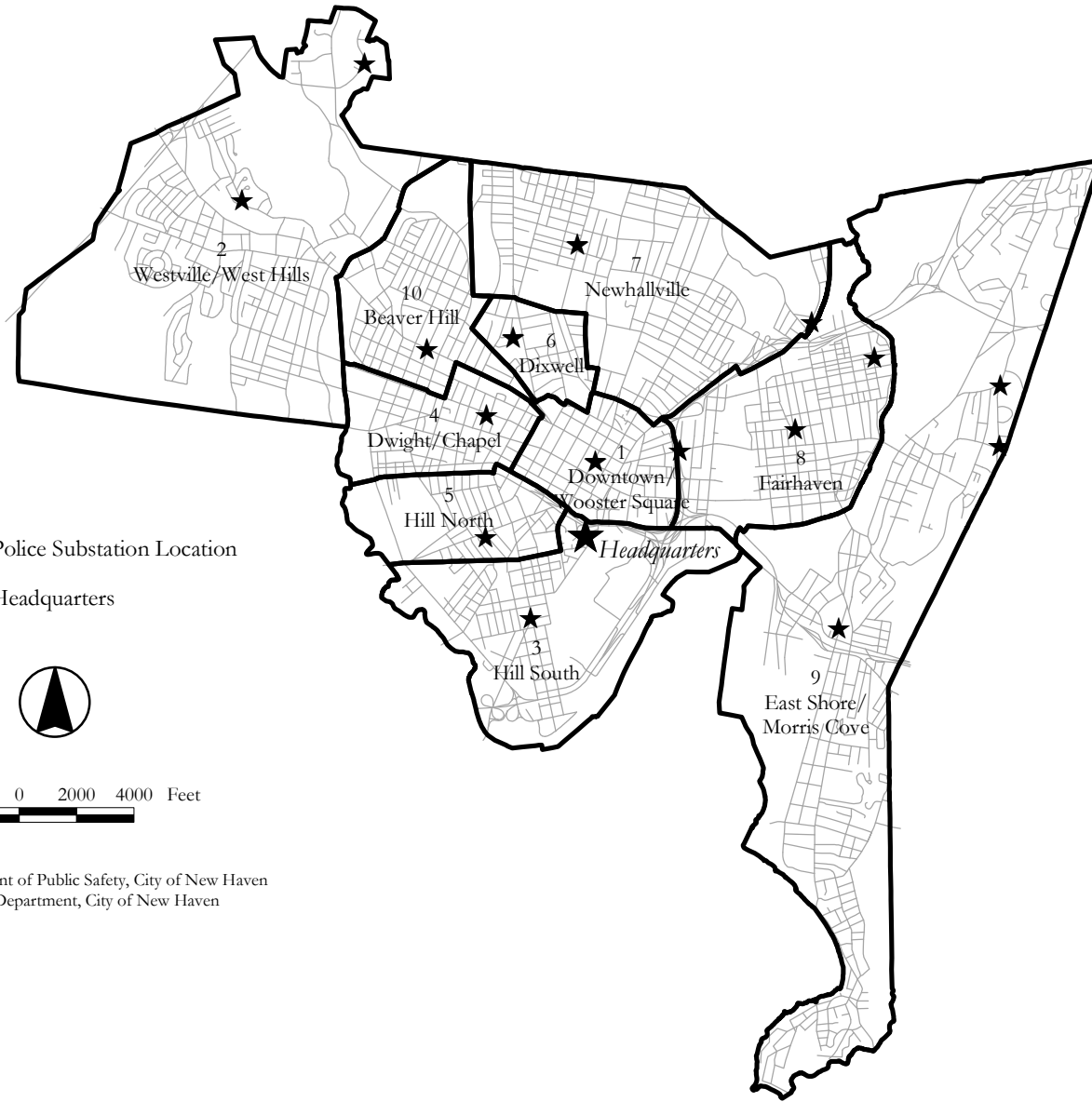
The New Haven Department of Police Service is a full service community police agency consisting of 472 police officers and 170 civilian employees. Of the sworn officers, approximately 80% are assigned to one of the city's ten community policing districts:

- Downtown / Wooster Square
- Westville / West Hills
- Hill South
- Dwight / Chapel
- Hill North
- Dixwell
- Newhallville
- Fair Haven
- East Shore / Morris Cove
- Beaver Hills

There is at least one community police substation in each district. A second neighborhood facility is located in certain locations, such as the satellite at the Housing Authority's Quinnipiac Terrace development. Officers not assigned to a community policing district are either located in Investigative Services (14%) other internal departments, such as Records Management (4%).

Beginning in the early 1990's, Police Services was one of the first municipal police departments to adopt contemporary community policing strategies. Subsequent pages illustrate the change in major crimes since that period. Each district now includes a District Manager and neighborhood patrols (pedestrian, bicycle and automotive beats). Mounted patrols and motorcycle units are also utilized.

The 2001 Strategic Plan is organized around three major goals and a number of strategic objectives. Of note for the Comprehensive Plan, Police Services places an emphasis on Crime Prevention through Environmental Design or CPTED. CPTED includes a wide range of crime prevention techniques based on the appropriateness of design and construction of physical spaces.



- ★ Police Substation Location
- ★ Headquarters



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Source: Department of Public Safety, City of New Haven
 City Plan Department, City of New Haven



PUBLIC SAFETY

UCR Crime Data for Major Cities in Connecticut, 1980 – 2000

As with each major city in Connecticut and for the nation as a whole, total Uniform Crime Reports (UCR) data indicates an overall decline in the “Part I” crimes: murder, rape, robbery, aggravated assault, burglary, larceny and auto theft. Crime rates in New Haven, Bridgeport and Waterbury all rose from 1980 to 1990, before falling throughout the last decade to below 1980 levels.

In New Haven, there were 9,666 Part I crimes in 2000, down 54% from 1990 and 46% from 1980. From 1990 to 2000, all seven Part I crime rates declined. Of note, burglaries are on a consistent decline, from 4,910 in 1980 to 4,476 in 1990 to 1,424 in 2000. Aggravated assaults, however, rose dramatically from 300 in 1980, to over 2,000 in 1990, before declining to 962 in 2000. Still, the number of aggravated assaults is up 221% from 1980. Similar, though less dramatic increases are noted in Bridgeport and in the nation as a whole.

UCR Crime Data for Major Cities in Connecticut, 1980 - 2000

1980	Bridgeport	Hartford	New Haven	Stamford	Waterbury	U.S.
Murder	22	46	18	5	8	23,044
Rape	40	56	98	13	17	82,088
Robbery	841	2,061	1,500	279	266	548,809
Aggravated Assault	535	1,174	300	123	133	654,957
Burglary	4,661	6,056	4,910	2,542	2,362	3,759,193
Larceny	7,637	9,109	8,756	3,493	4,017	7,112,657
Auto Theft	1,891	5,173	2,252	816	887	1,114,651
Total	15,627	23,675	17,834	7,271	7,690	13,295,399

1990	Bridgeport	Hartford	New Haven	Stamford	Waterbury	U.S.
Murder	58	19	31	10	5	23,438
Rape	79	160	168	18	32	102,555
Robbery	1,770	1,727	1,784	237	272	639,271
Aggravated Assault	982	2,201	2,008	273	347	1,054,863
Burglary	4,628	5,281	4,476	1,512	2,595	3,073,909
Larceny	5,403	9,244	9,086	3,586	5,234	7,945,670
Auto Theft	4,865	2,896	3,459	989	1,581	1,635,907
Total	17,785	21,528	21,012	6,625	10,066	14,475,613

2000	Bridgeport	Hartford	New Haven	Stamford	Waterbury	U.S.
Murder	19	17	18	1	12	15,517
Rape	85	53	58	9	64	90,186
Robbery	589	862	658	122	229	407,482
Aggravated Assault	1,291	558	962	155	241	910,744
Burglary	1,626	1,630	1,424	297	1,252	2,049,946
Larceny	3,122	6,001	5,236	2,072	4,344	6,965,957
Auto Theft	2,168	2,099	1,310	409	842	1,165,559
Total	8,900	11,220	9,666	3,065	6,984	11,605,391

Note: Compiled by the Department of Police Services from the following sources:

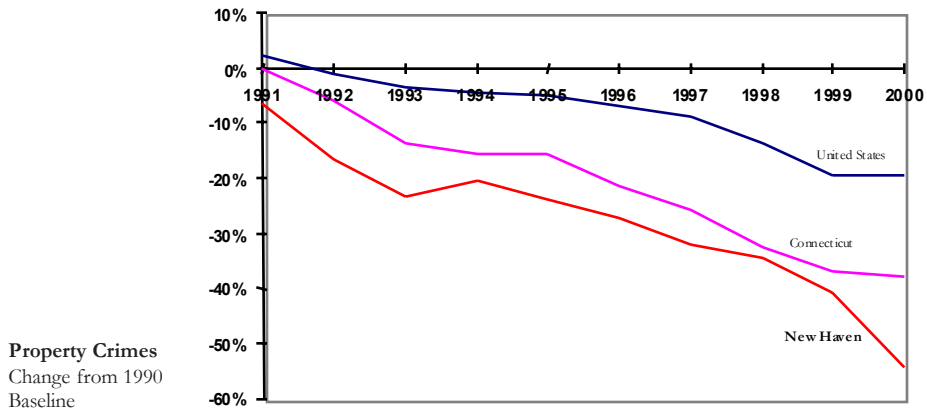
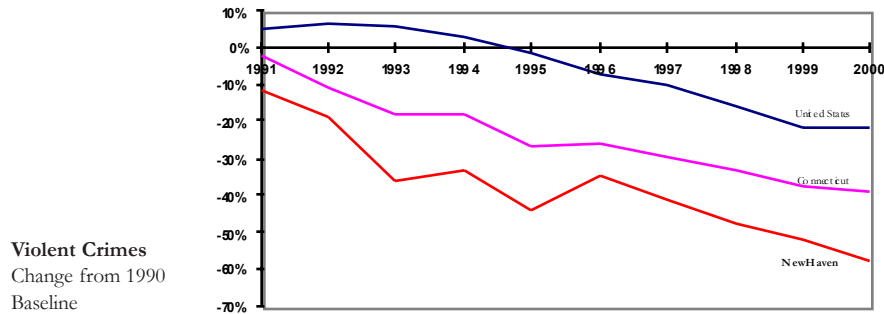
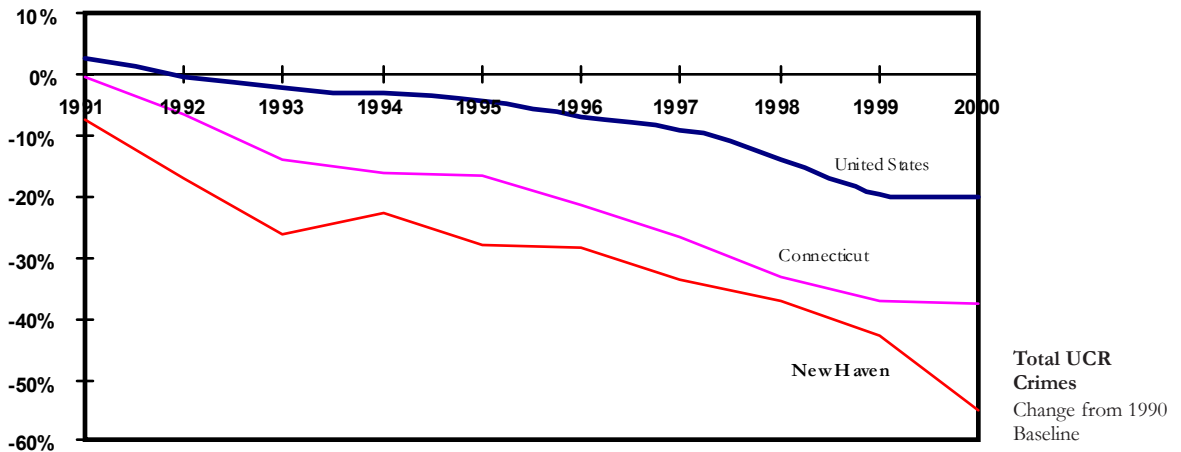
(a) Federal Bureau of Investigation - Crime in the United States, 1980, 1990, 2000.

(b) Connecticut Department of Public Safety - Crime in Connecticut, 1980, 1990, 2000.

PUBLIC SAFETY

Change in UCR Crime in the United States, Connecticut & New Haven, 1990 – 2000

In the last decade, total UCR crime is down in the United States, Connecticut and in New Haven. The rate of decline in New Haven outpaces state and national trends: For the decade, total UCR crime, which includes the seven “Part I” crimes of murder, rape, robbery, aggravated assault, larceny and auto theft, was down 19.8% for the nation, 37.2% for the state and 55% for the city. For New Haven, the most dramatic decreases were in burglary (-67.6%), forcible rape (-67.3%) and in motor vehicle theft (-63.3%). Overall, the decline in violent crimes (57.6%) is similar to the decline seen in property crimes (-54.4%).



FIRE SERVICES

New Haven Fire Department

The New Haven Fire Department was organized as a paid Department on June 24, 1862, making it one of the oldest professional fire departments in the country. The New Haven Fire Department helps promote the health and welfare of the community by providing fire suppression and prevention; emergency medical service; rescue operations; emergency communications and emergency management; civil defense support; and central emergency medical dispatch.

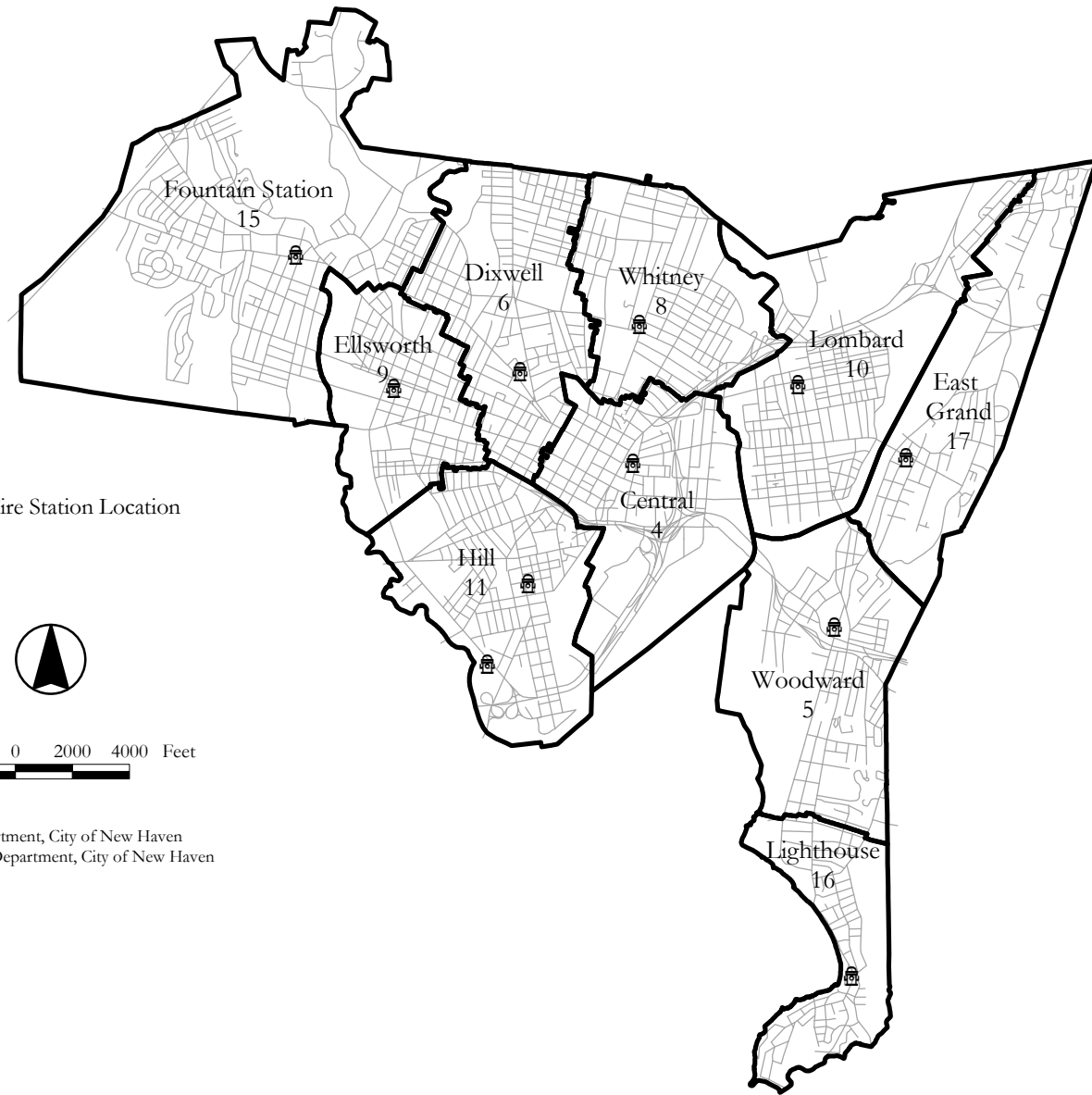
As of June 2001, the New Haven Fire Department had a staff of 411, 360 of which are in fire suppression and emergency medical services. The Fire Department operates C-Med (Central Emergency Medical Dispatch), the agency responsible for providing communications services in support of emergency medical and other public safety services in the South Central Connecticut Region

The Civil Defense support services include: management and staffing the Emergency Operations Center; coordination of emergency activities by the City and external agencies; and participation in federal and state emergency planning response programs.

**Fires by Type of Structure and Total Fire Loss in New Haven
1991 - 2000**

Year	Vacant	Occupied	Total	Loss (\$)
1991	58	186	244	5,830,970
1992	37	188	225	4,194,610
1993	50	195	245	3,535,520
1994	88	199	287	4,501,535
1995	134	213	347	4,374,560
1996	110	174	284	5,619,450
1997	86	129	215	2,410,600
1998	42	163	205	2,566,025
1999	38	158	196	4,307,740
2000	34	135	169	2,867,100

Source: New Haven Fire Department.



Source: Fire Department, City of New Haven
 City Plan Department, City of New Haven

