

Listed below are child care establishments in Asylum Hill. In addition to those listed, a Community Child Care Center at 205 Garden street is scheduled to open in January 1998. The Center will be accepting children from 6 weeks to 5 years old. This information was furnished by AHOP and the Connecticut Department of Public Health.

Licensed Day Care in Asylum Hill

Day Care	Location	Ages	Capacity
Capital Community Technical College Lab School	61 Woodland St.	3 yrs. to 5 yrs.	20
Cathedral Day Care Center	805 Asylum Ave.	12 months to 5 yrs.	38
CRT Head Start - Grace Lutheran Church	6 Woodland St.	3 yrs. to 4 yrs.	18
St. Francis Child Care Center	129 Woodland St.	3 yrs. to 5 yrs.	30
St. Francis Infant/Toddler Center	137 Woodland St.	6 weeks to 2 yrs.	22
Univ. of Hartford Early Child Care Center	10 Woodland St.	3 yrs. to 5 yrs.	24
YWCA Child Care Center	814 Asylum Ave.	6 weeks to 5 yrs.	30
6 Licensed Family Day Care Homes		not specified	36 (6 each)
		Total:	218

PUBLIC SAFETY

Asylum Hill suffers from a perception as an unsafe neighborhood with open drug-selling and prostitution. While this was true in the past, thanks to increased police surveillance, sting operations, and community policing, there is a definite drop in these activities. In fact, serious crime has decreased consistently every year in Asylum Hill since 1990. In 1996, serious crime dropped over 15%. A campaign to change this perception of the Hill will be part of the revitalization efforts.

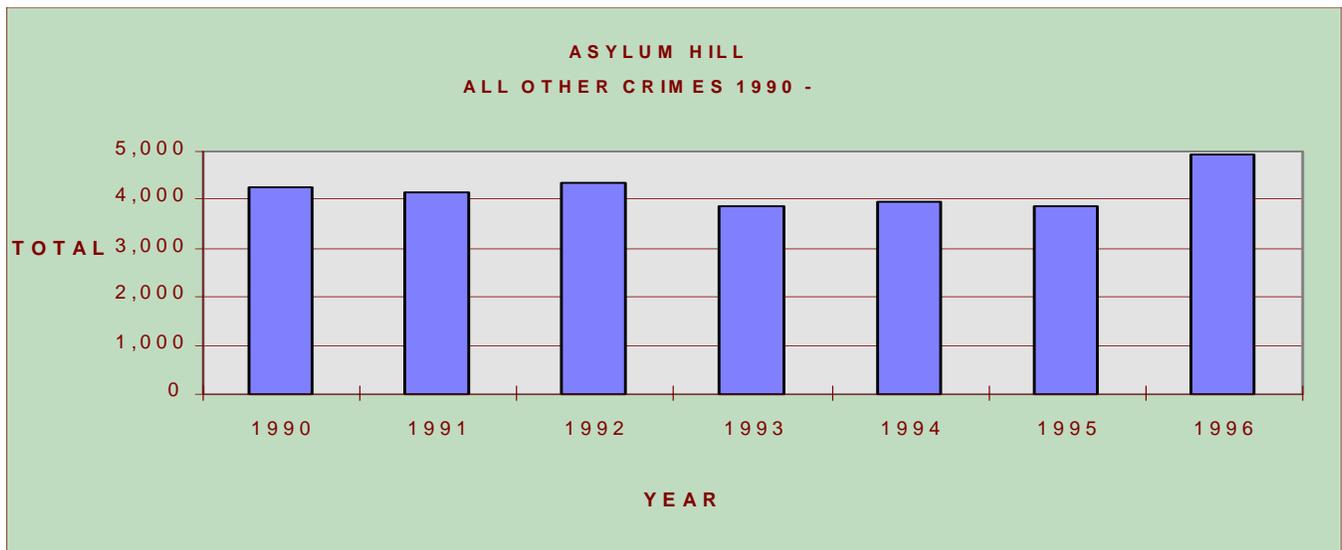
Thanks to a federal grant, Asylum Hill has an added police presence including a police sub-station on Huntington Street. Aside from two (2) Patrol Officers and the Community Service Officer, there is an additional four (4) man unit and a Sergeant assigned to the neighborhood. Although this has been a most welcomed addition to the neighborhood, there is still a lack of bike patrol officers in Asylum Hill.

The following graph shows the drop in Part I - Crimes from 1990 to 1996. Part I - Crimes are murder, rape, robbery, aggravated assault, robbery, larceny, and auto theft.



While this consistent drop in serious crime is significant, there has not been a corresponding drop in the “All Other Crimes” category. The increased police presence in Asylum Hill is the major reason for the increase in reported crimes in the neighborhood. Many are Police initiated and deal with quality of life issues (public drinking, trespassing, etc.) and many are also standing complaints. The increased presence naturally leads to higher reporting of crime.

The following chart shows the lack of change in all other crimes from 1990 to 1996.



In a survey prepared for the Asylum Hill Organizing Project by the Citizens’ Research Education Network, “Taking Care of Business”, the long term need most identified by 82% of businesses was security. Clearly, even with declining Part 1 Crime data, there is a need for better police protection. A more detailed breakdown of Crime Statistics in Asylum Hill is available in Appendix D.