

Wooster Square – Wooster Square is a neighborhood east of Yale and is within walking distance of the main part of campus. At the center of the neighborhood is small, but delightful Wooster Square Park. Court Street and Hughes Place, which run off the park, are two of the nicest streets in New Haven. This neighborhood includes Wooster Street, which is New Haven's "Little Italy" and the home of two famous pizza restaurants, Sally's and Pepe's. Wooster Square is bordered by St. John and Water Streets and Olive and Chestnut Streets.

Westville – Westville is the home of the Yale Bowl and the Yale Golf Course. This neighborhood is about 15 minutes from campus by city bus (\$1.25/one way) or car. Westville is more residential than the other neighborhoods and tends to be a little less expensive.

Beyond New Haven – In addition to the popular New Haven neighborhoods, some postdocs live in the surrounding cities of Hamden, Woodbridge, Branford, East Haven, or West Haven.

Whichever neighborhood/city you decide to live in, make sure you visit (or have someone visit for you) any room or apartment you are considering renting before making any agreements or signing a lease.

Discrimination because of race, color, ethnicity, and sexual preference is strictly against the law. It is also illegal to turn down an application from a family with children; the sole exception is housing of three or fewer separate apartments where the landlord resides. Any difficulties should be reported to the Yale Housing Office – 432-9756.

Maps of New Haven & Beyond - Especially when you first arrive, you'll want to have a good map. Some helpful links include:

www.facilities.yale.edu/campus/Imapnew.asp,
for detailed campus maps.

<http://business.yale.edu/map/medicine.html>
for a map of the Yale Medical Center area.

www.cityofnewhaven.com/maps/index.asp
for a map of the entire city.

MOVING TO NEW HAVEN

New Haven Neighborhoods

Many of Yale's students and postdocs live in one of the four following New Haven neighborhoods: Science Hill/ East Rock/Orange St.; Central/Downtown; Wooster Square; or Westville.

Science Hill/East Rock/Orange Street – This neighborhood is often referred to as the "grad student ghetto" because of the high percentage of grad students who live there. The apartments and houses in this neighborhood are usually quite nice (a number of faculty members also live in this area). Many of the apartments are in multifamily homes. There are also several larger apartment buildings that have good turnover from year to year. This neighborhood has several local grocers, bars and coffee shops and is on the Yale Shuttle bus line. The East Rock/ Orange Street neighborhood is roughly bordered by Trumbull and Cold Spring Street and Prospect and State Streets.

Central/Downtown – As its name implies, this neighborhood is in the heart of New Haven. Close to stores, restaurants and entertainment, this neighborhood is popular because of its close proximity to both the Medical School and Yale's main campus. Streets in the downtown area include Chapel, Broadway, High, Park, York, and Howe.

Housing Resources

Off Campus Housing

<http://www.yale.edu/hronline/ochousing/>

START HERE! This page provides a link to an extensive database of off-campus properties. You can search by neighborhood, price, or size. In addition to a listing of apartments and rentals, this website also has links to hotels, the Yale travel service, Yale parking and transit, and area Bed and Breakfasts.

At the time we went to press, Yale was planning to password protect this site. Contact the Office for Postdoctoral Affairs if you have trouble viewing this site.

The Yale Bulletin & Calendar

<http://www.yale.edu/opalyb&c/index.html>

The Yale Bulletin & Calendar is a Yale publication that contains housing ads in its Classifieds section. Individuals can also publish/post 'housing wanted' ads in the Bulletin by calling 432-1316.

The New Haven Register

<http://www.newhavenregister.com>

The New Haven Register is New Haven's local newspaper and carries ads for apartment and house rentals. Sunday's paper tends to carry the most ads.

University Properties

<http://www.yale.edu/up/residential.html>

University Properties are apartment buildings and complexes that are owned by Yale University. Apartments offered through University Properties are typically filled by the end of the summer. Please visit their website for conveniently located apartments in downtown New Haven and on Science Hill.

Costs

As a general guideline, expect to pay at least \$800/month for a one-bedroom apartment, and a minimum of \$450/month for a room in a shared apartment. In addition to the first month's rent, you will also need to put down a security deposit, which is normally equal to one to two months rent.

Apartments are generally rented unfurnished. Utilities - heat and hot water, electricity, and gas are usually separate - unless 'utilities included' is specified. (See below for a complete description of Utilities.) You should inquire as to the cost of a typical winter heating bill so that you can budget for the cost of utilities.

Realtors/Management Companies

Below are several local realtors.

- *Prudential Realty*

865-2000, 97 Whitney Avenue, www.prudentialct.com

- *C.A. White*

777-6891, 1211 Chapel Street, www.cawhite.com

- *Chelsea Company*

776-0623, 80 Howe Street, www.chelseaco.com

- *CT Apartment Locators*

776-6683 or (877) 598-7368 (outside of New Haven), 780 State Street, www.ctapartments.net

- *Pearce Co Realty*

776-1899, 32 Whiney Avenue, www.hpearce.com

- *Ross Realty*

777-4411, 12 Trumbull Street, Apt 5

- *Vacancy Busters*

865-7368, 780 State Street

Temporary Housing

It may take one to two weeks to find an apartment. While you are looking, it may be necessary for you to stay in a local hotel. Rates vary depending on the hotel and the time of year. Call the places below for prices, and mention that you are affiliated with Yale. Also visit <http://www.yale.edu/hronline/ochousing> for additional hotel information as well as local Bed & Breakfast listings.

Hotels in downtown New Haven, listed in order from least expensive to most expensive:

- *Hotel Duncan*

1151 Chapel Street, 787-1273

- *Colony Inn*

1157 Chapel Street, 776-1234

<http://www.colonyatyale.com>

- *Courtyard by Marriott New Haven at Yale*

30 Whalley Avenue, -777-6221

<http://www.marriott.com/hotels/travel/hvndtcourtyard-new-haven-at-yale/>

- *New Haven Hotel*

229 George Street, 498-3100

<http://www.newhavenhotel.com>

- *Omni New Haven Hotel at Yale*
155 Temple Street, (800)-843-0664 or 772-6664
<http://www.omnihotels.com/findahotel/NewHavenYale.aspx>

Hotels beyond walking distance to Yale, but which provide shuttle service to campus:

- *Laquinta Inn & Suites*
400 Sargent Drive, 562-1111
- *Premiere Hotel & Suites*
3 Long Wharf, 777-5337

Moving In

If you need to rent a truck or moving van in New Haven, start with the following companies. Make sure you get a confirmation number when making a reservation. Also, because most Yale graduate students and undergraduates move at the beginning and/or end of the academic year, demand for truck rentals is highest on weekends in May and August. If you plan to move during these periods, make sure to reserve your van well in advance.

- *U-Haul*
116 Whalley Avenue, 562-3177
<http://www.uhaul.com>

- *Budget/Ryder Truck Rental*
817 Whalley Ave, 389-9651
450 Sargent Drive, 787-9655
www.budgettruck.com

Also consider renting cargo vans from the Car Rental locations listed later in this guide.

Utilities

If utilities are not included in your rent, you will need to arrange to have the gas and/or electricity activated before you move in to your new place. You will also need to arrange for phone and cable service, if desired. Contact the following companies:

- *United Illuminating (electricity)*
(800) 722-5584; www.uinet.com

- *Southern Connecticut Gas Co. (natural gas)*, 787-6121

- *AT&T* (local and long distance phone service and high speed internet), 811 in New Haven or (800) 453-7538 elsewhere; <http://www.att.com>

- *Comcast (cable TV and high speed internet)** - (800) 266-2278; <http://www.comcast.com>

*TV reception in New Haven is quite poor without cable service.

Cellular Phone Service

There are several companies that offer cell phone services in Connecticut. Verizon Wireless and Sprint offer discount pricing to Yale employees. The following are some locations to purchase cell service.

- www.verizon.com
- www.sprint.com
- t-mobile.com
- www.att.com

Internet Service

Yale provides a vast array of technology services. They also run a Help Desk, which is available Monday - Friday from 7:00 am to 9:00 pm by calling 785-3200 or 432-9000. Please visit the ITS website at <http://www.yale.edu.its> for comprehensive information about all of the services Yale has to offer.

High speed internet connections in New Haven are provided largely by the two companies below.

- *AT&T*, www.att.com
- *Comcast Cable*, www.comcast.com

Banking

The banks listed below are close to campus. The best way to get information is to visit the website or walk over in person. When going in to open a bank account, make sure you take your your Yale I.D. or appointment letter. When shopping around for banks, always inquire about whether or not they offer a special discount for the Yale community. Some banks will eliminate fees if you arrange direct deposit of your paycheck.

Special Notes: Bank of America has a branch office and ATM machines within Yale-New Haven Hospital and is a very convenient banking choice for postdocs working at the School of Medicine; an ATM can also be found in the School of Management. Lastly, the NorthEast Credit Alliance is a federal credit union that is open to Yale postdocs.

- *Citizens Bank*
209 Church Street, 821-3080
<http://www.citizensbank.com>

- *Chase*
234 Church Street, 784-3702
<http://www.chase.com>

- *Wachovia*
47 Church Street, 773-8002
<http://www.wachovia.com>

- *Bank Of America*
157 Church Street, (800) 841-4000
789 Howard Avenue (Inside Yale-New Haven Hospital), 88 Broadway
<http://www.bankofamerica.com>

- *TD Banknorth*
2 Whitney Avenue, 782-3601
<http://www.tdbanknorth.com>

- *New Alliance Bank*
195 Church Street, 789-2781
<http://www.newalliancebank.com/home/>

- *NorthEast Credit Alliance*
13 Broadway, 562-0735
<http://www.neafc.com>

- *People's United Bank*
265 Church Street, 785-9119
<http://www.peoples.com>

- *Webster Bank*
80 Elm Street, 782-4586
<http://www.websterbank.com>

- guidelines on selecting day care for your child
- guides to museums and recreational facilities for children
- comprehensive listings of area child care programs.

For additional information, contact the WorkLife Program

Phone: 432-5660

E-mail: worklife@yale.edu

Web: <http://www.yale.edu/hronline/worklife/>

Child Care

The Yale WorkLife Program provides a *Child Care Directory* for members of the Yale community. In this directory you will find: