

# FACT SHEET

## Homeless Students in New York City

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### Homelessness is experienced by thousands of students in New York City.

- 71,271 students were homeless during the 2011–12 school year (SY), 40% more than four years earlier.<sup>1</sup>
- 6.9% of all students were homeless during SY 2011–12, **three times** the national rate and more than the rates of other major cities, including Los Angeles (2.3%) and Chicago (4.3%).<sup>2</sup>

### Every New York City neighborhood has schools with homeless students.

- 41% of homeless students lived in shelter.
- 44% were living doubled-up with family or friends.
- 15% were unsheltered, living on the streets.<sup>3</sup>

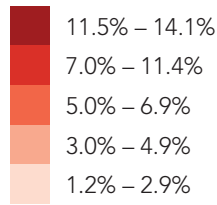
### Homelessness can affect a student's education.

- A higher proportion of homeless students in a school district corresponds to a lower graduation rate.<sup>4</sup>
- On average, students in DHS shelters attended school less frequently (83.3%) than housed students (90.5%). New York public schools require **90% attendance** for promotion to the next grade level.<sup>5</sup>
- Homelessness corresponds with use of special education services. One in five (20.7%) students in special education programs is homeless.<sup>6</sup>

### Homeless students often attend schools in districts with higher concentrations of poor and minority residents.

- Homelessness is associated with greater percentages of Hispanic and black students, but lower proportions of white and Asian pupils.<sup>7</sup>
- Homelessness corresponds with higher proportions of students receiving free or reduced price lunch.<sup>8</sup>

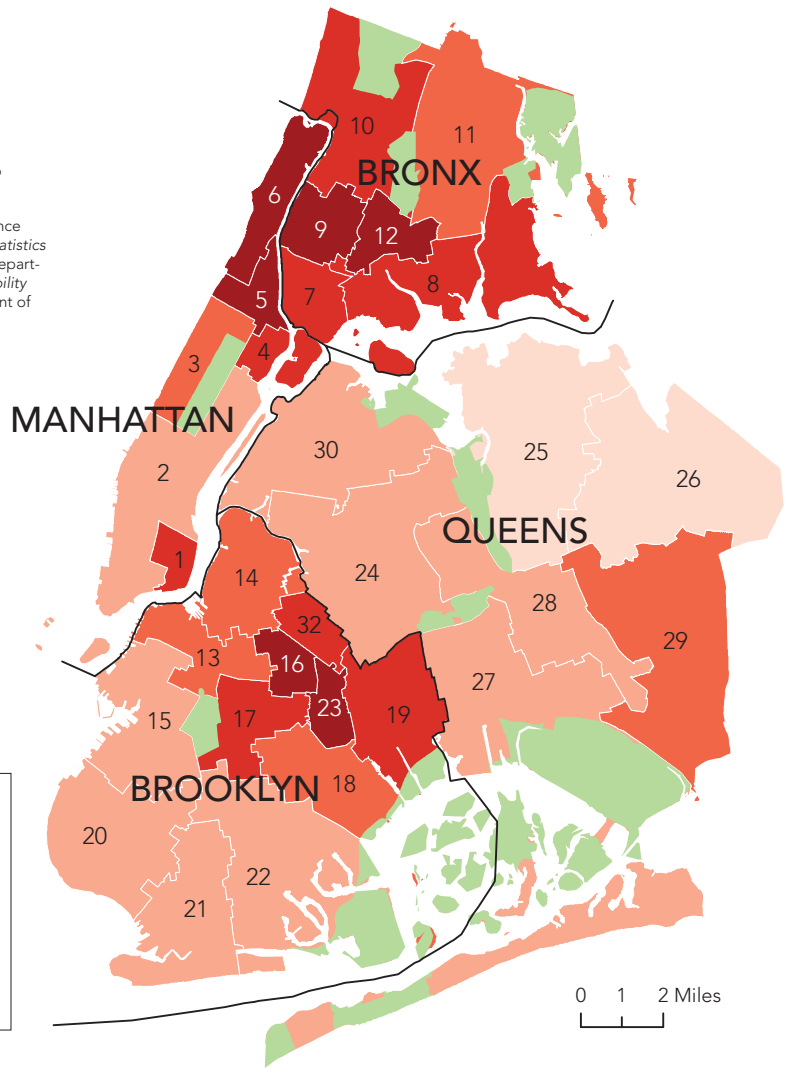
# Percentage of Students Homeless during the 2010–11 School Year (by New York City school district)



\* District 75 is devoted to special education, District 79 to alternative schools, and District 84 to charter schools.

Sources: New York State Technical and Education Assistance Center for Homeless Students, *Info by Topic: Data and Statistics on Homelessness, School Year 2010–11*; New York City Department of Education, *School Demographics and Accountability Snapshot: School Year 2010–11*; New York City Department of Education, *Progress Report: School Year 2010–11*.

<b>New York City:</b> 6.7% (69,234)	<b>Queens:</b> 3.5% (9,440)
<b>Manhattan:</b> 8.0% (11,894)	District 24: 3.3% (1,747)
District 1: 8.8% (1,086)	District 25: 2.2% (763)
District 2: 4.8% (2,949)	District 26: 1.2% (389)
District 3: 6.3% (1,410)	District 27: 4.1% (1,888)
District 4: 10.8% (1,532)	District 28: 4.0% (1,495)
District 5: 12.5% (1,654)	District 29: 5.5% (1,494)
District 6: 12.8% (3,263)	District 30: 4.2% (1,664)
<b>Bronx:</b> 10.6% (21,614)	<b>Staten Island:</b> 3.3% (1,940)
District 7: 11.1% (2,187)	District 31: 3.3% (1,940)
District 8: 10.1% (3,154)	<b>*Citywide:</b> 10.0% (5,379)
District 9: 14.0% (4,829)	District 75: 20.7% (1,776)
District 10: 10.4% (5,836)	District 79: 8.7% (1,590)
District 11: 6.9% (2,631)	District 84: 7.5% (2,013)
District 12: 12.8% (2,977)	
<b>Brooklyn:</b> 6.5% (18,967)	
District 13: 5.5% (1,251)	
District 14: 6.3% (1,274)	
District 15: 4.8% (1,291)	
District 16: 14.1% (1,439)	
District 17: 9.3% (2,488)	
District 18: 6.1% (1,124)	
District 19: 10.0% (2,551)	
District 20: 4.1% (1,807)	
District 21: 3.9% (1,335)	
District 22: 4.4% (1,615)	
District 23: 11.6% (1,382)	
District 32: 9.2% (1,410)	



## Endnotes

<sup>1</sup> New York State Technical and Education Assistance Center for Homeless Students (NYS-TEACHS), *Info by Topic: Data and Statistics on Homelessness, School Years 2007–08 and 2010–11*.

<sup>2</sup> NYS-TEACHS, *Data and Statistics on Homelessness, School Year 2011–12*; New York City Department of Education, *School Demographics and Accountability Snapshot: School Year 2011–12*; National Center for Homeless Education, *Education for Homeless Children and Youth Program Data Collection Summary*, 2012; U.S. Department of Education, *National Center for Education Statistics, Common Core of Data, 2010–11*; Los Angeles Unified School District, *Homeless Education Program*

*Data, 2011–12; Chicago Coalition for the Homeless, CPS Served 17,255 Homeless Students, a 10.7% Increase, 2012*; U.S. Department of Education, “Ed Data Express,” <http://www.eddataexpress.ed.gov>.

<sup>3</sup> NYS-TEACHS, *Data and Statistics on Homelessness, School Year 2010–11*; New York City Department of Education, *Snapshot: School Year 2010–11*.

<sup>4</sup> In SY 2010–11, the proportion of homeless students by school district was negatively correlated with graduation (-.444;  $p < .05$ ) rates; *Ibid*.

<sup>5</sup> City of New York, *Preliminary Mayor’s Management Report*, February 2013.

<sup>6</sup> In SY 2010–11, the proportion of homeless students by school district was positively correlated with the percentage of students receiving special education

services (576;  $p < .05$ ); NYS-TEACHS, *Data and Statistics on Homelessness, School Year 2010–11*; New York City Department of Education, *Snapshot: School Year 2010–11*.

<sup>7</sup> In SY 2010–11, the proportion of homeless students by school district was positively correlated with the percentage of Hispanic (.449;  $p < .05$ ) students, while negatively correlated with white (-.686;  $p < .05$ ) and Asian (-.766;  $p < .05$ ) pupils. A strong positive correlation existed with the percentage of black students, but was not significant due to the sample size; *Ibid*.

<sup>8</sup> In SY 2010–11, the proportion of homeless students by school district was positively correlated with the percentage of students receiving free or reduced price lunch (.749;  $p < .05$ ); *Ibid*.

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