

# Low-Wage Employment in New York City Council Districts

Over one-third of employed New Yorkers were in low-wage occupations earning below \$28,000 per year. This ranged from 16% on the **Upper West Side** of Manhattan (District 6) to 54% in the **Fordham/Morris Heights** area of the Bronx (District 14).

In 39 out of 51 City Council districts, 30% or more of residents were working in a low-wage occupations.

In the top ten City Council districts, between 44% and 54% of all people working were employed in low-wage occupations. These City Council districts included **East Harlem**; all of the **south and central West Bronx**; **Flushing, Corona, Jackson Heights, and Elmhurst** in Queens; and **Sunset Park, Bushwick, and Red Hook** in Brooklyn (Districts 8, 14, 15, 16, 17, 20, 21, 25, 37, and 38).

Low-wage employment is a significant contributor to housing instability and homelessness, particularly in areas such as the south and central West Bronx that also struggle with high rates of unemployment.

## Low-Wage Occupations, by City Council District

Number and Percent of Employed People Working in Low-Wage Occupations (Median Income Less than \$28,000 per Year)

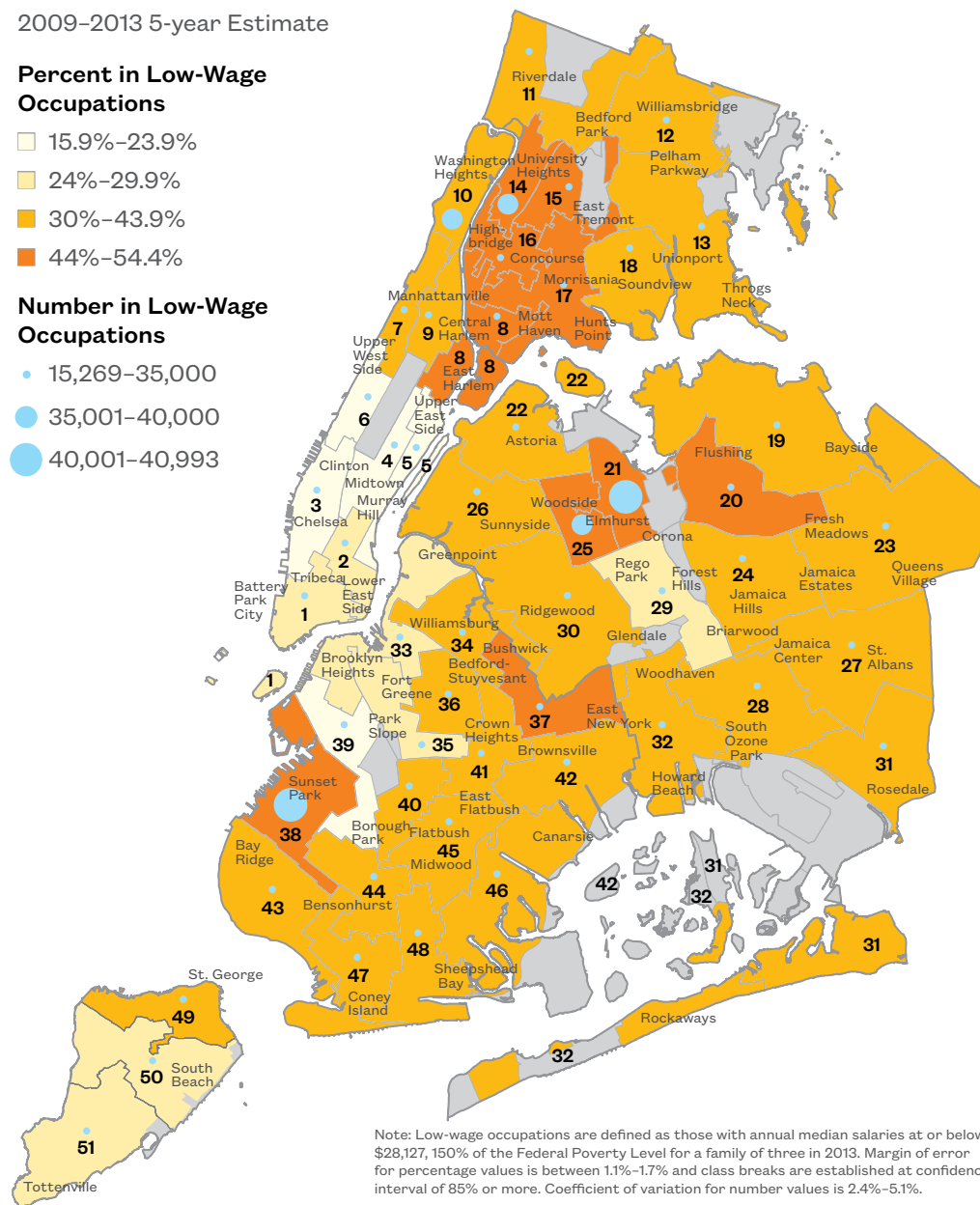
2009–2013 5-year Estimate

### Percent in Low-Wage Occupations

- 15.9%–23.9%
- 24%–29.9%
- 30%–43.9%
- 44%–54.4%

### Number in Low-Wage Occupations

- 15,269–35,000
- 35,001–40,000
- 40,001–40,993



Note: Low-wage occupations are defined as those with annual median salaries at or below \$28,127, 150% of the Federal Poverty Level for a family of three in 2013. Margin of error for percentage values is between 1.1%–1.7% and class breaks are established at confidence interval of 85% or more. Coefficient of variation for number values is 2.4%–5.1%.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2013 American Community Survey 5-year Estimates.

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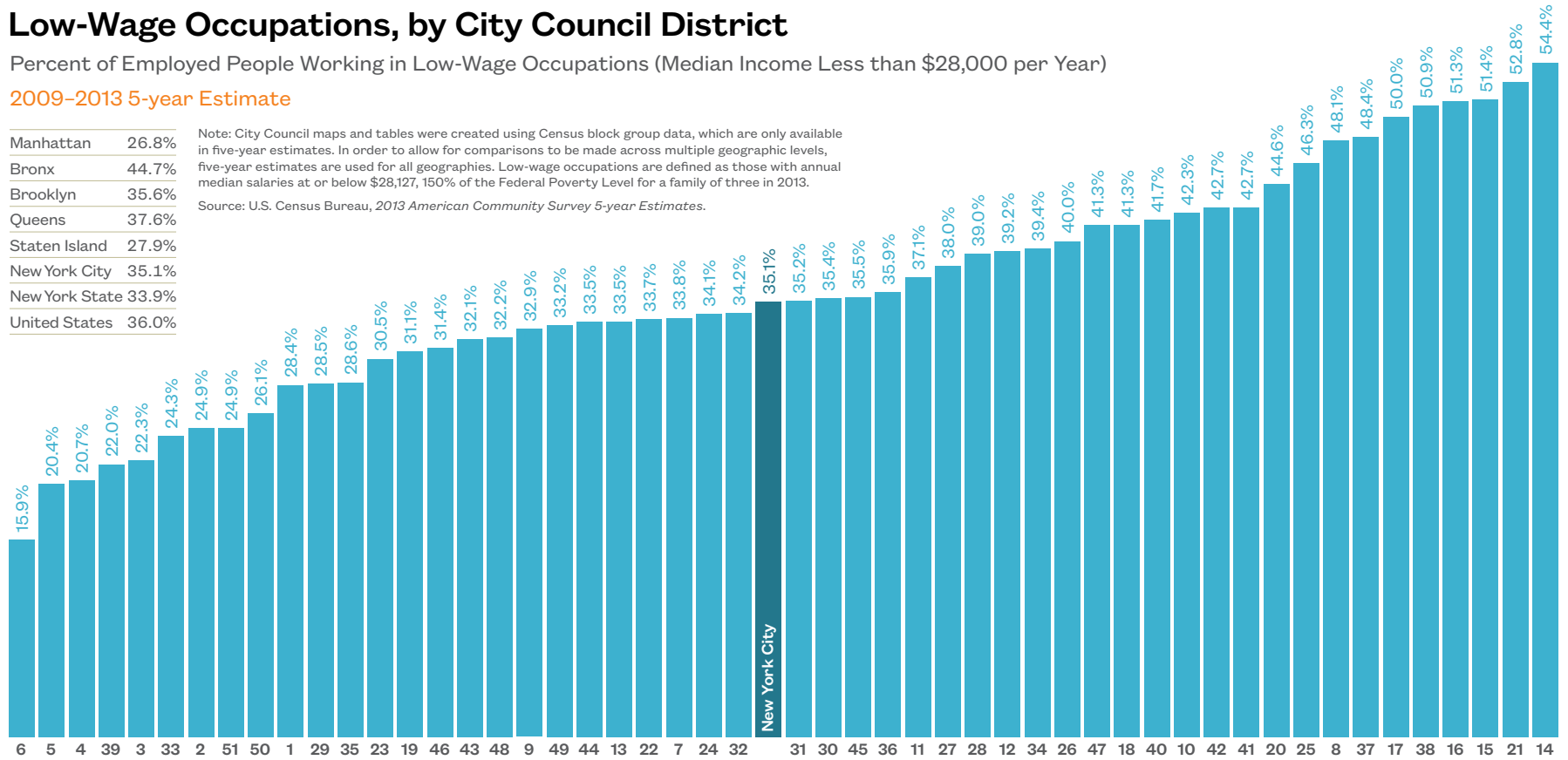
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2009–2013 5-year Estimate

Manhattan	26.8%
Bronx	44.7%
Brooklyn	35.6%
Queens	37.6%
Staten Island	27.9%
New York City	35.1%
New York State	33.9%
United States	36.0%

Note: City Council maps and tables were created using Census block group data, which are only available in five-year estimates. In order to allow for comparisons to be made across multiple geographic levels, five-year estimates are used for all geographies. Low-wage occupations are defined as those with annual median salaries at or below \$28,127, 150% of the Federal Poverty Level for a family of three in 2013.

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## City Council Districts and Select Neighborhoods

**District 1**  
Battery Park, Wall Street, Tribeca, Two Bridges, Bowery

**District 2**  
Lower East Side, East Village, Gramercy Park, Rosehill, Kips Bay

**District 3**  
Soho, West Village, Chelsea, Clinton

**District 4**  
Upper East Side, Central Park South, Grand Central, Tudor City

**District 5**  
Yorkville, Lenox Hill, Roosevelt Island, Sutton Place

**District 6**  
Upper West Side

**District 7**  
Manhattan Valley, Morningside Heights, Manhattanville

**District 8**  
El Barrio/East Harlem, South Bronx

**District 9**  
Central Harlem, Morningside Heights, Upper West Side, East Harlem

**District 10**  
Washington Heights, Inwood, Marble Hill

**District 11**  
Bedford Park, Kingsbridge, Norwood, Riverdale

**District 12**  
Wakefield, Williamsbridge, Edenwald, Fishbay, Baychester

**District 13**  
Pelham Parkway, Pelham Bay, Country Club, City Island

**District 14**  
Fordham, Kingsbridge, Morris Heights, West Bronx

**District 15**  
Fordham, Bathgate, Bronxdale, Van Nest, Mount Hope

**District 16**  
West Bronx, Morrisania, Highbridge, Melrose

**District 17**  
Melrose, Longwood, Hunts Point, Morrisania, Crotona Park East

**District 18**  
Parkchester, Soundview, Castle Hill, Harding Park, Clason Point

**District 19**  
Bayside, Whitestone, Auburndale, College Point, Little Neck

**District 20**  
Flushing, Queensboro Hill, Mitchell Gardens, Kissena Park

**District 21**  
Elmhurst, East Elmhurst, Corona, Jackson Heights

**District 22**  
Astoria, Woodside, East Elmhurst, Jackson Heights

**District 23**  
Bayside Hills, Bellerose, Douglaston, Floral Park, Fresh Meadows

**District 24**  
Kew Gardens Hill, Pomonok, Utopia, Briarwood

**District 25**  
Jackson Heights, Elmhurst

**District 26**  
Woodside, Sunnyside, Long Island City, Astoria

**District 27**  
St. Albans, Hollis, Cambria Heights, Queens Village, Addisleigh Park

**District 28**  
Jamaica, South Jamaica, South Ozone Park, Springfield Gardens

**District 29**  
Rego Park, Forest Hills, Kew Gardens, Richmond Hill

**District 30**  
Maspeth, Ridgewood, Glendale, Middle Village, Richmond Hill

**District 31**  
Laurelton, Rosedale, Springfield Gardens, Bayswater

**District 32**  
Belle Harbor, Breezy Point, Broad Channel, Hamilton Beach

**District 33**  
Brooklyn Heights, DUMBO, Williamsburg, Greenpoint, Boerum Hill

**District 34**  
Williamsburg, Bushwick, Ridgewood

**District 35**  
Clinton Hill, Prospect Heights, Crown Heights

**District 36**  
Bedford-Stuyvesant, Northern Crown Heights

**District 37**  
Bushwick, Cypress Hills, City Line, Oceanhill-Brownsville

**District 38**  
Red Hook, Sunset Park, Windsor Terrace

**District 39**  
Cobble Hill, Carroll Gardens, Columbia Waterfront, Gowanus

**District 40**  
Prospect-Lefferts, Flatbush, Kensington, Ditmas Park

**District 41**  
Bedford-Stuyvesant, Ocean Hill-Brownsville, East Flatbush

**District 42**  
East New York, Starrett City

**District 43**  
Bay Ridge, Bensonhurst, Dyker Heights, Bath Beach

**District 44**  
Borough Park, Midwood, Bensonhurst

**District 45**  
Flatbush, East Flatbush, Flatlands, Midwood, Canarsie

**District 46**  
Flatlands, Georgetown, Marine Park, Bergen Beach, Mill Basin

**District 47**  
Bensonhurst, Gravesend, Sea Gate, Coney Island

**District 48**  
Brighton Beach, Brightwater Towers, Luna Park, Madison

**District 49**  
St. George, Tompkinsville, Stapleton, Snug Harbor, Livingston

**District 50**  
Travis, Bulls Head, Westerleigh, Oakwood Heights, Oakwood Beach

**District 51**  
Arden Heights, Annadale, Bay Terrace, Tottenville, Oakwood