

# Rise in Rapid Return to Shelter

In FY 2015 the rate for families with children returning to shelter within one year was 17%. In FY 2005, the rate was less than 1%.

The most rapid increase in the one-year return to shelter rate took place between FY 2011 and FY 2015 when there was a 14 percentage-point increase in just four years.

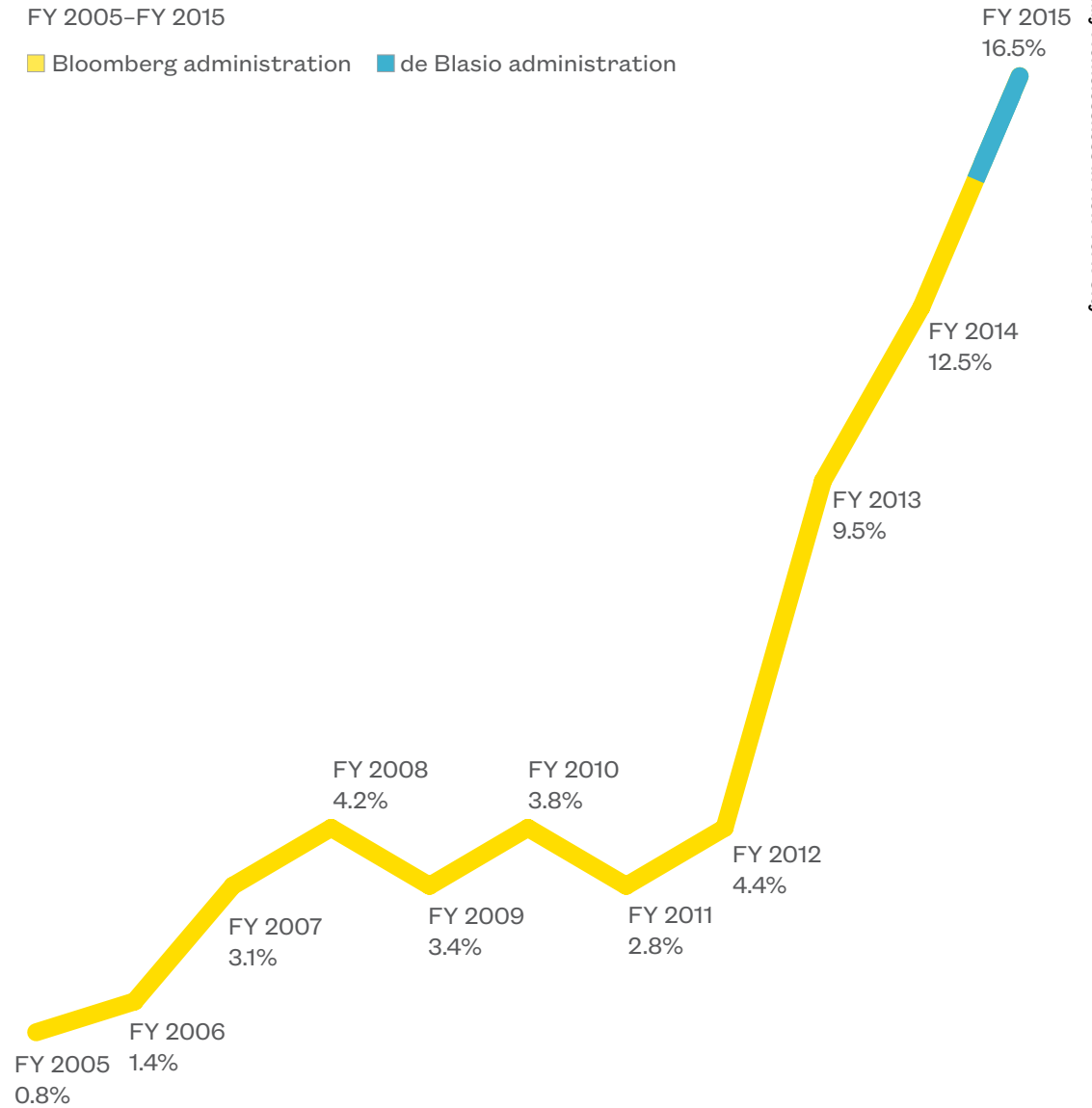
The one-year return to shelter rate is an indicator of the level of housing instability families face after exiting shelter into permanent housing.

When a family returns to shelter—particularly within such a short period of time—it is both extremely destabilizing for their children’s educational and social development and costly to the city taxpayer.

## Return to Shelter Rate in New York City

Percent of Families with Children that Returned to Shelter Within One Year  
FY 2005–FY 2015

■ Bloomberg administration ■ de Blasio administration



Note: Figure refers to the percentage of families with children who exited New York City Department of Homeless Services (DHS) shelters to permanent housing and returned to the DHS shelter services system within one year.

Source: New York City Mayor's Office of Operations, *Mayor's Management Report*, 2009–2015.