

The Geography of Student Homelessness



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While homeless children attend schools in every district, homelessness is not equally distributed across the city. Dramatic differences are evident between districts, adjoining schools within districts, and even among schools co-located within the same building. This section provides information on the geographic distribution of homelessness among students in New York City and how patterns differ by the types of homelessness children experience. Additionally, this year's *Atlas of Student Homelessness* explores mid-year transfer patterns, late enrollment, and the funding challenges these create.

For every student living in shelter, there were two more homeless students living in some other temporary situation. The majority of these students were living doubled up.

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The top five school districts for the number of homeless students transferring mid-year were all in the Bronx.

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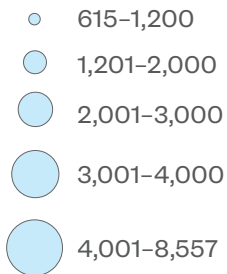
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Where Are Homeless Students?

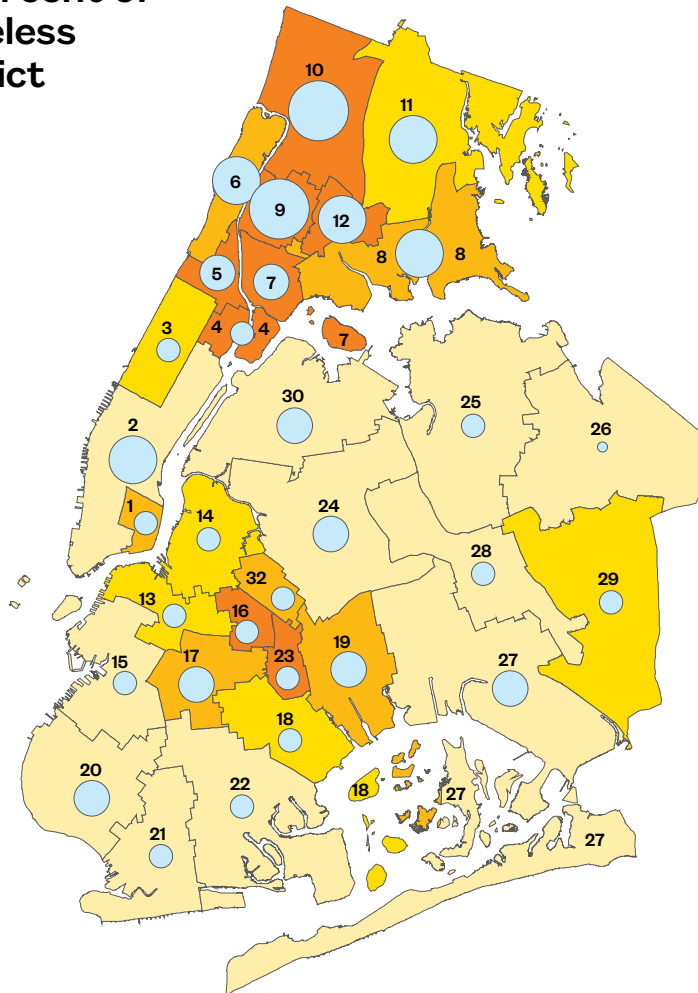
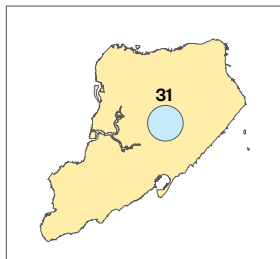
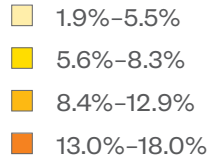
Number and Percent of Students Homeless by School District

SY 2014-15

Number Homeless



Percent Homeless



Note: Data are by school district and do not include schools in non-geographic districts. Percentage groupings for the map of homeless students by district and the map of homeless pre-K students by district are matched for the purpose of comparison. For comparison and readability, number breaks are manually classified to match the 2015 *Atlas of Student Homelessness*.

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Homeless students attended school in every school district in New York City in SY 2014-15 with an average of 8% of students homeless citywide.

In eight school districts between 13% and 18% of students were homeless. These districts included East Harlem, Central Harlem, Mott Haven, Highbridge, East Tremont, Fordham, Bedford-Stuyvesant, and Brownsville (Districts 4, 5, 7, 9, 10, 12, 16, and 23).

Over 15,000 homeless students attended just two school districts in the Bronx (Districts 9 and 10), encompassing the Highbridge/Concourse neighborhoods north through the Fordham, Belmont, and Bedford areas of the Bronx.

Student Homelessness, School Year 2014-15

Rank	Select Neighborhoods (School District #)	Number Homeless	Percent Homeless
Top Districts by Percent Homeless			
1	Highbridge/Concourse (9)	6,899	18.0%
2	Central Harlem/Manhattanville (5)	2,131	16.0%
3	Bedford-Stuyvesant (16)	1,267	15.2%
4	Brownsville (23)	1,617	15.2%
5	Riverdale/Bedford/Fordham/Belmont (10)	8,557	14.5%
Bottom Districts by Percent Homeless			
28	Woodhaven/Ozone Park/Howard Beach (27)	2,007	4.3%
29	Carroll Gardens/Park Slope/Sunset Park (15)	1,361	4.2%
30	Staten Island (31)	2,004	3.2%
31	Flushing/Whitestone (25)	1,218	3.1%
32	Bayside/Little Neck/Fresh Meadows/Floral Park (26)	615	1.9%

Differences in Pre-K Enrollment

Percent of Pre-K Students Homeless by School District

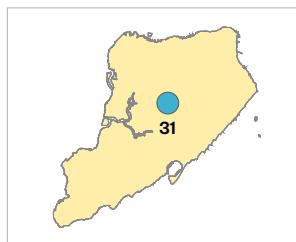
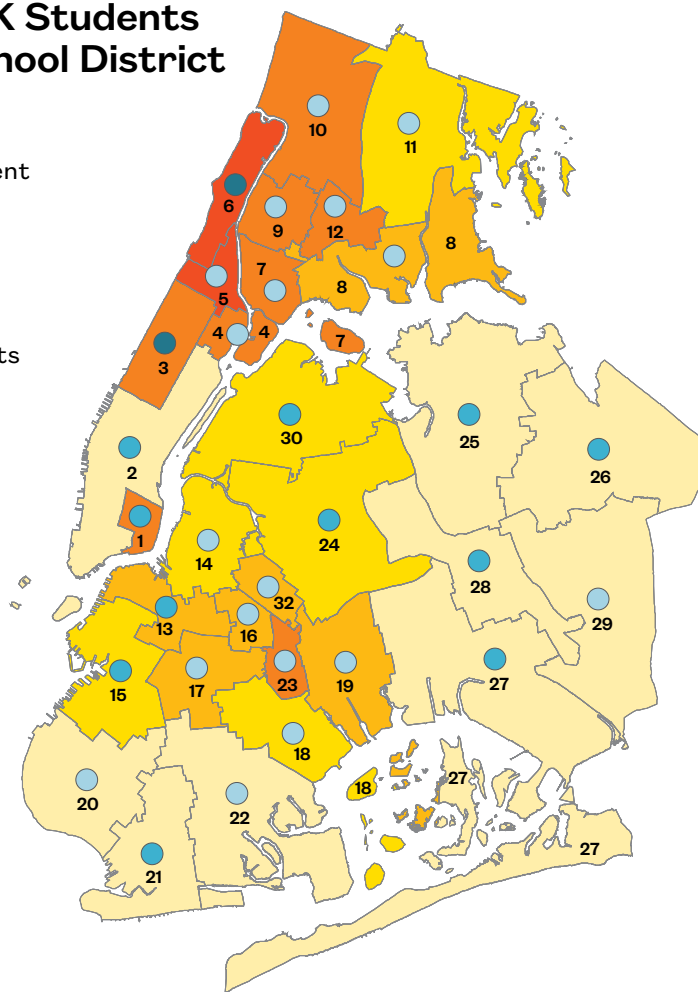
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Expected Pre-K Enrollment

- Less Than Expected
- Roughly the Same
- More Than Expected

Percent of Pre-K Students Homeless

- 0.9%–5.5%
- 5.6%–8.3%
- 8.4%–12.9%
- 13.0%–18.0%
- 18.1%–19.1%



Note: Data are by school district and do not include schools in non-geographic districts. Percentage groupings for the map of homeless students by district and the map of homeless pre-K students by district are matched for the purpose of comparison. Expected pre-K enrollment refers to the comparison between the percentage of pre-K students homeless and the percentage of Kindergarteners and 1st-Graders who were homeless. Districts that enrolled roughly the same had enrollment of the two groups within two percentage points of each other; those that enrolled more or less than expected saw at least a two percentage-point enrollment difference.

Source: New York City Department of Education, unpublished data tabulated by the Institute for Children, Poverty, and Homelessness, SY 2014-15.

On average, 8% of pre-K students were homeless in SY 2014-15, ranging from 1% in Bayside, Queens (District 26) to 19% in Central Harlem (District 5).

Only two school districts enrolled more homeless pre-K students than expected based on the percentage of homeless Kindergarten and 1st-grade students enrolled in their district. These districts included the Upper West Side and Washington Heights in Manhattan (Districts 3 and 6).

The majority of school districts enrolled fewer homeless pre-K students than would be expected. The two districts with the largest gaps were Crown Heights and East New York in Brooklyn (Districts 17 and 19).

Pre-K Student Homelessness, School Year 2014-15

Rank	Select Neighborhoods (School District #)	Percent of Pre-K Students Homeless	Expected Homeless Pre-K Enrollment
Top Districts for Expected Pre-K Enrollment			
1	Upper West Side/Morningside Heights (3)	15.2%	More Than Expected
2	Hamilton/Washington Heights/Inwood (6)	18.0%	More Than Expected
Bottom Districts for Expected Pre-K Enrollment			
31	East New York/Starrett City (19)	8.3%	Less Than Expected
32	Crown Heights/Prospect Lefferts Gdns (17)	9.7%	Less Than Expected

Where Sheltered and Doubled-up Students Go to School

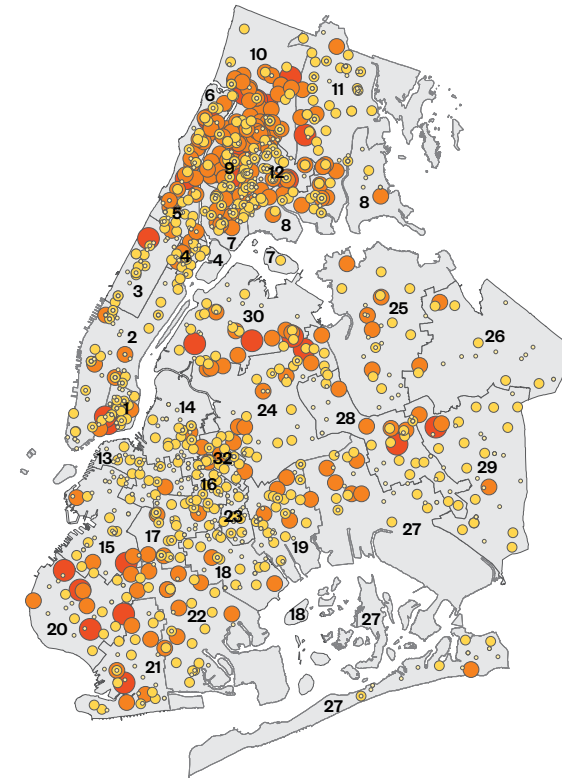
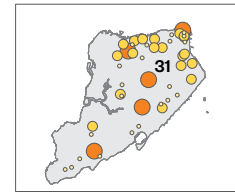
Doubled-up students attended schools across the city, including many areas with no family shelters. This pattern was particularly noticeable in areas of Queens and southern Brooklyn.

P.S. 503, The School of Discovery, in Bay Ridge (District 20) had over 360 doubled-up students. This was the largest number of doubled-up students enrolled in any school in New York City in SY 2014–15.

Number of Doubled-Up Students by School

SY 2014–15

- 0–18
- 19–54
- 55–136
- 137–360*



Top 10 Schools for Doubled-Up Students

Rank	School Name	School Level	Select Neighborhoods (School District #)	Borough	Homeless, Doubled Up*	All Homeless
1	P.S. 503 The School of Discovery	Elementary	Bay Ridge/Dyker Heights/Borough Park (20)	Brooklyn	360	371
2	P.S. 019 Marino Jeantet	Elementary	Sunnyside/Ridgewood/Elmhurst/Corona (24)	Queens	300	314
3	P.S. 086 Kingsbridge Heights	Elementary/Middle	Riverdale/Bedford/Fordham/Belmont (10)	Bronx	300	339
4	New Utrecht High School	High	Bay Ridge/Dyker Heights/Borough Park (20)	Brooklyn	300	323
5	Franklin Delano Roosevelt High School	High	Bay Ridge/Dyker Heights/Borough Park (20)	Brooklyn	260	304
6	P.S. 149 Christa McAuliffe	Elementary	Astoria/Long Island City (30)	Queens	245	258
7	P.S. 002 Meyer London	Elementary	Financial District/Midtown/Upper East Side (2)	Manhattan	245	256
8	P.S. 152 Gwendoline N. Alleyne School	Elementary/Middle	Astoria/Long Island City (30)	Queens	235	246
9	P.S. 046 Edgar Allan Poe	Elementary	Riverdale/Bedford/Fordham/Belmont (10)	Bronx	235	323
10	P.S. 279 Captain Manuel Rivera, Jr.	Elementary/Middle	Riverdale/Bedford/Fordham/Belmont (10)	Bronx	235	315

*Numbers of doubled-up students are rounded down in order to protect student privacy and adhere to the Family Education Rights and Privacy Act.

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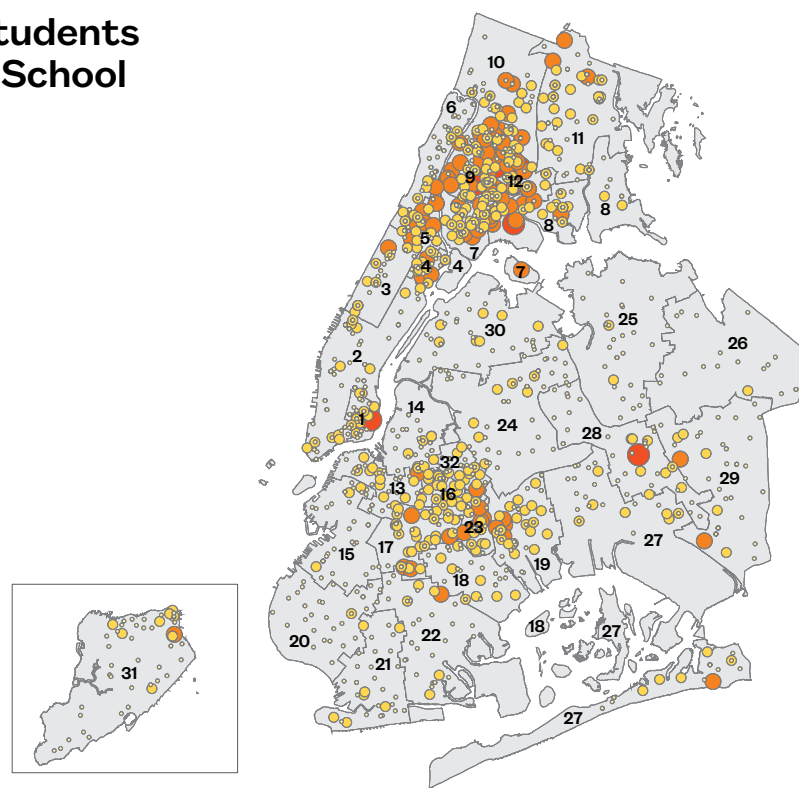
The schools that homeless students living in shelter attended continued to be clustered in northern Manhattan, the south and west Bronx and central Brooklyn. This pattern mirrors the locations of City shelters, suggesting that homeless students in shelter are often unable to remain in their school of origin.

P.S. 053, Basheer Quisim Elementary School, in Highbridge/Concourse (District 9) had over 300 homeless students living in shelter enrolled. This was the largest number of any school in New York City in SY 2014–15.

Number of Students in Shelter by School

SY 2014–15

- 0–18
- 19–54
- 55–136
- 137–308



Top 10 Schools for Students in Shelter

Rank	School Name	School Level	Select Neighborhoods (School District #)	Borough	Homeless, In Shelter	All Homeless
1	P.S. 053 Basheer Quisim	Elementary	Highbridge/Concourse (9)	Bronx	308	451
2	P.S./M.S. 004 Crotona Park West	Elementary/Middle	Highbridge/Concourse (9)	Bronx	238	276
3	P.S. 188 The Island School	Elementary/Middle	Lower East Side (1)	Manhattan	154	215
4	P.S. 006 West Farms	Elementary	East Tremont (12)	Bronx	143	196
5	P.S. 048 Joseph R. Drake	Elementary	Hunts Point/Longwood (8)	Bronx	142	270
6	Christopher Avenue Community School	Elementary	Brownsville (23)	Brooklyn	131	144
7	P.S. 062 Inocencio Casanova	Elementary	Hunts Point/Longwood (8)	Bronx	130	173
8	P.S. 156 Waverly	Elementary	Brownsville (23)	Brooklyn	122	171
9	P.S. 123 Mahalia Jackson	Elementary/Middle	Central Harlem/Manhattanville (5)	Manhattan	119	166
10	P.S. 070 Max Schoenfeld	Elementary	Highbridge/Concourse (9)	Bronx	113	344

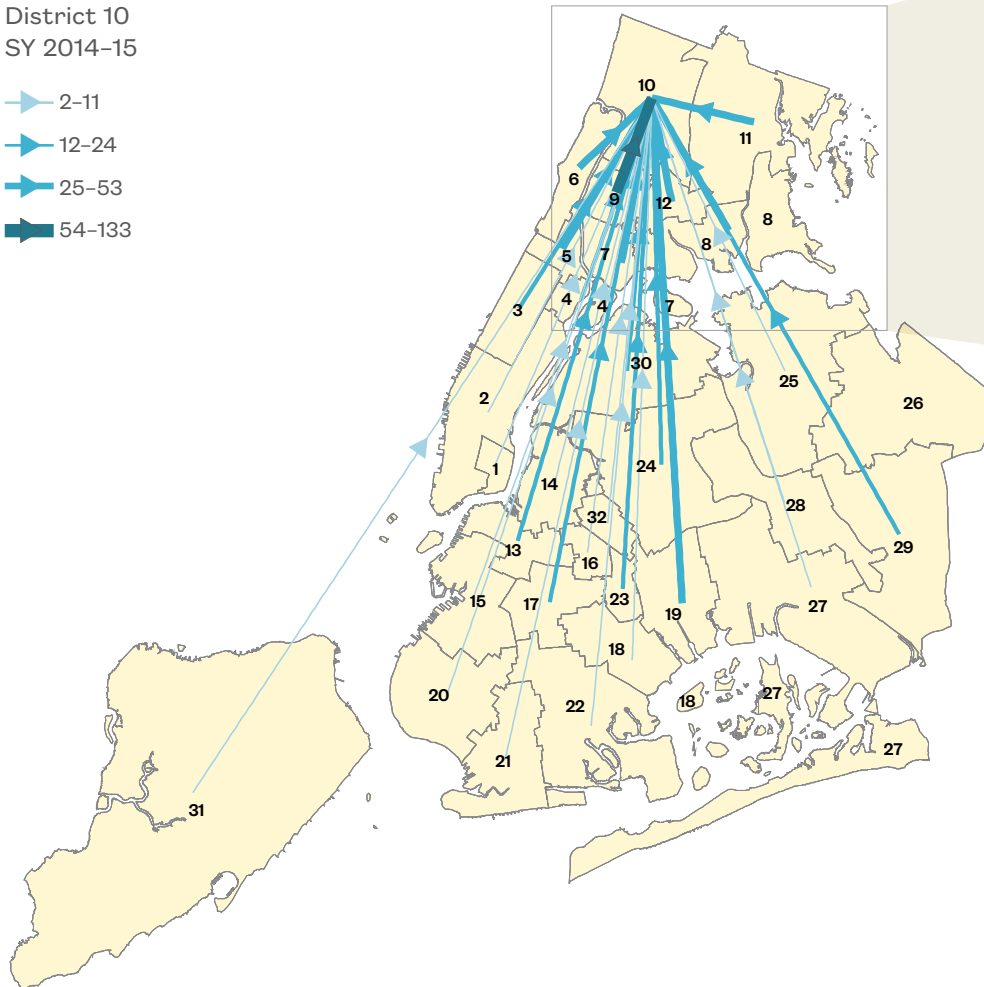
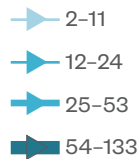
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Patterns of School Transfers Among Homeless Students

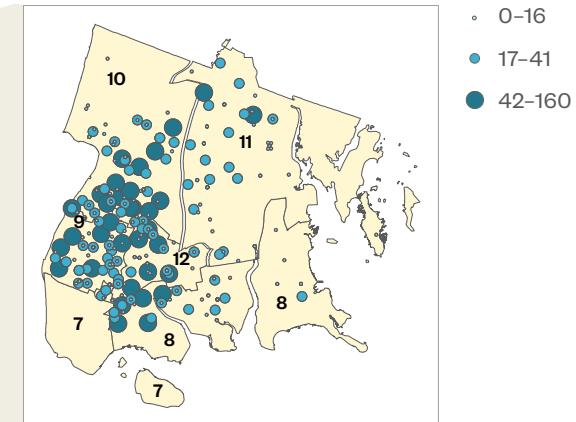
Top School District for Mid-Year Homeless Student Transfers

District 10
SY 2014-15



Top Five Districts for Homeless Student Transfers

Number of Homeless Students
Transferring Mid-Year by School
SY 2014-15



For homeless students, mid-year transfers are common. Over one out of every five homeless students transfers school mid-year.

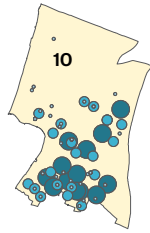
Homeless students also represent a significant proportion of all mid-year transfers in New York City. One out of every five students who transferred school mid-year in SY 2014-15 was homeless, over two times the overall citywide rate of homelessness (8%).

The top five school districts for the number of homeless students transferring mid-year were all in the Bronx (Hunts Point, Highbridge, Bedford, Williamsbridge, and East Tremont; Districts 8, 9, 10, 11, and 12).

Note: Data are by school district and do not include schools in non-geographic districts. Transfers by school are shown for the top five school districts with the highest numbers of homeless students transferring into or within the district mid-year in SY 2014-15. Map shows different movement patterns than were depicted in the *2015 Atlas of Student Homelessness*.

Source: New York City Department of Education, unpublished data tabulated by the Institute for Children, Poverty, and Homelessness, SY 2014-15.

Students Who Transferred Mid-Year, School Year 2014–15



Number of Homeless Students Transferring Mid-Year in Bronx District 10, SY 2014–15

- 0–16
- 17–41
- 42–160

Bronx District 10 (Fordham) had the largest number of homeless students transferring mid-year with more than 1,500 students.

City/Borough/ Select Neighborhoods (School District #)	Student Homelessness	All Students Who Transferred	Homeless Students Who Transferred	Percent Homeless Out of All Students Who Transferred
New York City	7.7%	98,853	17,590	17.8%
Manhattan	9.0%	15,544	2,820	18.1%
Lower East Side (1)	11.0%	1,454	331	22.8%
Financial District/Midtown/Upper East Side (2)	5.4%	4,188	486	11.6%
Upper West Side/Morningside Heights (3)	7.4%	1,942	323	16.6%
East Harlem (4)	13.6%	1,459	406	27.8%
Central Harlem/Manhattanville (5)	16.0%	1,899	613	32.3%
Hamilton/Washington Heights/Inwood (6)	12.9%	2,216	452	20.4%
Bronx	13.4%	26,177	6,653	25.4%
Mott Haven/Melrose (7)	14.1%	2,586	635	24.6%
Hunts Point/Longwood (8)	12.2%	3,976	946	23.8%
Highbridge/Concourse (9)	18.0%	4,491	1,467	32.7%
Riverdale/Bedford/Fordham/Belmont (10)	14.5%	5,905	1,587	26.9%
Williamsbridge/Morris Park/Co-op City (11)	8.3%	4,207	801	19.0%
East Tremont (12)	14.5%	3,309	940	28.4%

City/Borough/ Select Neighborhoods (School District #)	Student Homelessness	All Students Who Transferred	Homeless Students Who Transferred	Percent Homeless Out of All Students Who Transferred
Brooklyn	7.1%	26,842	4,507	16.8%
Brooklyn Heights/Fort Greene (13)	6.3%	2,004	303	15.1%
Williamsburg/Greenpoint (14)	7.0%	1,579	307	19.4%
Carroll Gardens/Park Slope/Sunset Park (15)	4.2%	1,975	181	9.2%
Bedford-Stuyvesant (16)	15.2%	1,331	313	23.5%
Crown Heights/Prospect Lefferts Gardens (17)	11.2%	2,934	682	23.2%
East Flatbush/Canarsie (18)	7.3%	2,126	292	13.7%
East New York/Starrett City (19)	10.8%	3,279	677	20.6%
Bay Ridge/Dyker Heights/Borough Park (20)	4.5%	2,787	217	7.8%
Coney Island/Gravesend/Ocean Parkway (21)	4.3%	2,469	250	10.1%
Flatbush/Flatlands/Sheepshead Bay (22)	5.5%	2,235	335	15.0%
Brownsville (23)	15.2%	1,788	518	29.0%
Bushwick (32)	11.0%	1,251	295	23.6%
Queens	4.4%	25,560	2,819	11.0%
Sunnyside/Ridgewood/Elmhurst/Corona (24)	4.5%	3,441	392	11.4%
Flushing/Whitestone (25)	3.1%	2,564	163	6.4%
Bayside/Little Neck/Fresh Meadows/Floral Park (26)	1.9%	1,371	71	5.2%
Woodhaven/Ozone Park/Howard Beach (27)	4.3%	3,882	498	12.8%
Rego Park/Forest Hills/Briarwood (28)	4.3%	2,655	316	11.9%
Hollis/Queens Village (29)	6.7%	2,813	436	15.5%
Astoria/Long Island City (30)	5.2%	2,733	391	14.3%
Staten Island	3.2%	4,540	601	13.2%
Staten Island (31)	3.2%	4,216	573	13.6%
Citywide Special Education (75)	7.1%	4,822	613	12.7%
Citywide Alternative Schools & Programs (79)	7.9%	6,776	590	8.7%

Note: Data by school district do not include schools in non-geographic districts so borough and district total percentages may differ. Ns of fewer than 30 students were redacted. Students who transferred into or within the district at some point during the school year are shown in the table.

Source: New York City Department of Education, unpublished data tabulated by the Institute for Children, Poverty, and Homelessness, SY 2014–15.

Late Enrollment Impacts Funding

Estimated Net Loss or Gain in Fair Student Funding and Share of Late Enrollees Who Are Homeless, Pre-K to 8th Grade

SY 2014-15

Net Gain

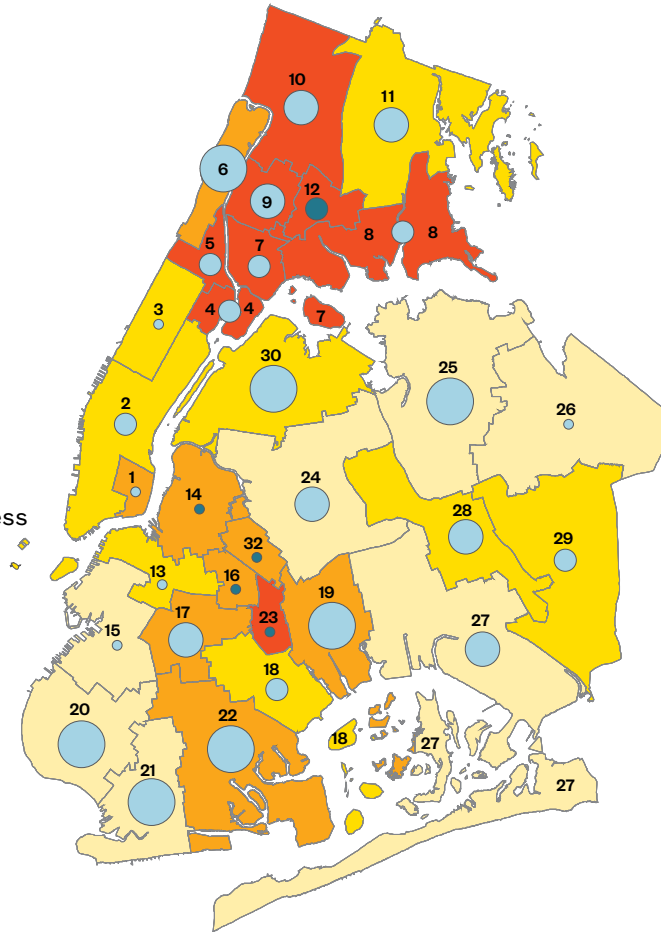
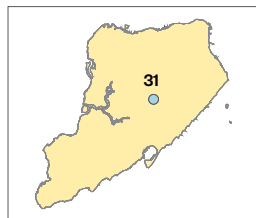
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- \$278,000-\$286,300

Net Loss

- \$17,000-\$277,999
- \$278,000-\$597,999
- \$598,000-\$749,999
- \$750,000-\$1,583,697

Late Enrollees: Percent Homeless

- 8.6%–12.5%
- 12.6%–21.9%
- 22.0%–33.3%
- 33.4%–46.1%



More than 33,000 students, or roughly 3% of the total student population, enrolled in school late—after the October 31 official enrollment count. One-fifth of all of these students (22%) were homeless. This was a pattern consistent with prior years.

The proportion of students who enroll late and are also homeless varies dramatically by district from a low of 9% in Carroll Gardens (District 15) to a high of 46% in Central Harlem (District 5).

Many school districts face the dual challenge of high homelessness and late enrollment, which creates additional strain on limited school funding. Ten districts with higher than average student homelessness lost out on an estimated \$287,000 to \$1,000,000 in Fair Student Funding by the end of the year. These districts included East Harlem, Central Harlem, and Washington Heights in Manhattan (Districts 4, 5, and 6), Mott Haven, Hunts Point, Highbridge, Fordham, and Williamsbridge in the Bronx (Districts 7, 8, 9, 10, and 11), and Crown Heights and East New York in Brooklyn (Districts 17 and 19).

The current Fair Student Funding formula for New York City does not factor in student homelessness as a variable to help level the playing field.

Note: Fair Student Funding and percent of late enrollees who are homeless represent students in Pre-K through 8th grade only. Late enrollees are defined as those who started school after October 31st of the school year. Estimated change in funding was calculated based on the net late enrollment after October 31st. Net loss numbers are classified using the quartile classification method and rounded to nearest number for readability. Net gain class break was matched to the two lower classes of net loss. Percent homeless was classified using quartile classification.

Source: New York City Department of Education Division of School Budget Planning & Operations, *FY15 Fair Student Funding Program Details*; New York City Department of Education, unpublished data tabulated by the Institute for Children, Poverty, and Homelessness, SY 2014-15.

Fair Student Funding, School Year 2014–15, Pre-K–8th Grade

Select Neighborhoods (School District #)	Student Homelessness	Total Fair Student Funding (\$)	Enrollment As of October 31st	Enrollment At the End of the Year	Total Late Enrollees (After October 31st)	Share of Late Enrollees Who Are Homeless	Net Gain in Student Enrollment After October 31st	Average Per Student Fair Funding Based on October 31st Enrollment (\$)	Average Per Student Fair Funding Based on End-of-Year Enrollment (\$)	Estimated Net Loss/Gain in Fair Student Funding After Considering End-of-Year Enrollment (\$)
Lower East Side (1)	12.1%	\$39,998,080	8,975	8,979	193	32.1%	4	\$4,457	\$4,455	-\$17,826
Financial District/Midtown/Upper East Side (2)	4.7%	\$122,519,197	26,439	26,518	683	13.8%	79	\$4,634	\$4,620	-\$366,089
Upper West Side/Morningside Heights (3)	9.1%	\$68,164,088	13,755	13,784	342	21.9%	29	\$4,956	\$4,945	-\$143,712
East Harlem (4)	15.5%	\$54,146,707	10,554	10,610	249	36.5%	56	\$5,130	\$5,103	-\$287,305
Central Harlem/Manhattanville (5)	19.2%	\$44,728,741	9,067	9,132	332	46.1%	65	\$4,933	\$4,898	-\$320,654
Hamilton/Washington Heights/Inwood (6)	13.1%	\$93,648,538	19,050	19,249	656	24.2%	199	\$4,916	\$4,865	-\$978,271
Mott Haven/Melrose (7)	16.9%	\$63,485,437	13,273	13,364	389	40.9%	91	\$4,783	\$4,750	-\$435,258
Hunts Point/Longwood (8)	13.1%	\$107,716,933	21,998	22,086	690	33.9%	88	\$4,897	\$4,877	-\$430,907
Highbridge/Concourse (9)	19.6%	\$144,200,669	28,622	28,745	947	41.8%	123	\$5,038	\$5,017	-\$619,687
Riverdale/Bedford/Fordham/Belmont (10)	17.2%	\$195,955,758	40,771	40,913	1,224	40.6%	142	\$4,806	\$4,790	-\$682,488
Williamsbridge/Morris Park/Co-op City (11)	8.7%	\$155,351,708	31,679	31,801	962	21.5%	122	\$4,904	\$4,885	-\$598,280
East Tremont (12)	15.6%	\$90,631,401	18,366	18,308	547	36.7%	-58	\$4,935	\$4,950	\$286,215
Brooklyn Heights/Fort Greene (13)	9.3%	\$50,372,565	10,319	10,359	289	18.3%	40	\$4,882	\$4,863	-\$195,261
Williamsburg/Greenpoint (14)	7.2%	\$60,784,965	13,183	13,156	250	28.8%	-27	\$4,611	\$4,620	\$124,493
Carroll Gardens/Park Slope/Sunset Park (15)	4.1%	\$117,380,117	25,865	25,921	543	8.7%	56	\$4,538	\$4,528	-\$254,138
Bedford-Stuyvesant (16)	17.0%	\$35,427,862	5,965	5,921	171	33.3%	-44	\$5,939	\$5,983	\$261,329
Crown Heights/Prospect Lefferts Gardens (17)	13.1%	\$76,997,372	16,942	17,084	667	29.1%	142	\$4,545	\$4,507	-\$645,356
East Flatbush/Canarsie (18)	7.3%	\$61,174,735	12,744	12,802	363	18.7%	58	\$4,800	\$4,779	-\$278,416
East New York/Starrett City (19)	11.6%	\$90,474,862	18,322	18,474	626	25.2%	152	\$4,938	\$4,897	-\$750,583
Bay Ridge/Dyker Heights/Borough Park (20)	3.9%	\$179,487,231	37,967	38,302	1,011	10.6%	335	\$4,727	\$4,686	-\$1,583,697
Coney Island/Gravesend/Ocean Parkway (21)	3.7%	\$110,002,601	23,709	23,875	659	10.9%	166	\$4,640	\$4,607	-\$770,190
Flatbush/Flatlands/Sheepshead Bay (22)	6.4%	\$119,103,788	26,207	26,388	728	26.4%	181	\$4,545	\$4,514	-\$822,596
Brownsville (23)	16.5%	\$41,992,882	8,443	8,401	223	33.6%	-42	\$4,974	\$4,999	\$208,895
Sunnyside/Ridgewood/Elmhurst/Corona (24)	4.7%	\$220,540,694	46,152	46,299	1,031	12.0%	147	\$4,779	\$4,763	-\$702,450
Flushing/Whitestone (25)	3.1%	\$124,537,110	27,603	27,772	784	9.2%	169	\$4,512	\$4,484	-\$762,481
Bayside/Little Neck/Fresh Meadows/Floral Park (26)	1.5%	\$82,457,788	18,380	18,386	336	8.6%	6	\$4,486	\$4,485	-\$26,918
Woodhaven/Ozone Park/Howard Beach (27)	4.2%	\$160,955,144	35,490	35,633	936	12.5%	143	\$4,535	\$4,517	-\$648,537
Rego Park/Forest Hills/Briarwood (28)	5.0%	\$116,310,502	26,403	26,551	837	14.5%	148	\$4,405	\$4,381	-\$651,970
Hollis/Queens Village (29)	7.0%	\$109,156,967	23,886	24,008	828	19.1%	122	\$4,570	\$4,547	-\$557,530
Astoria/Long Island City (30)	5.4%	\$147,105,004	31,615	31,854	876	16.8%	239	\$4,653	\$4,618	-\$1,112,070
Staten Island (31)	3.3%	\$211,709,491	44,549	44,569	789	12.0%	20	\$4,752	\$4,750	-\$95,046
Bushwick (32)	11.2%	\$54,992,443	11,358	11,308	207	30.4%	-50	\$4,842	\$4,863	\$242,087

Note: Student homelessness reflects the percentage of students enrolled at any point during the year who were homeless. Enrollment as of October 31st is taken from the New York City Department of Education Audited Register count. Enrollment at the end of the year reflects the number of students enrolled on June 30th.

Source: New York City Department of Education Division of School Budget Planning & Operations, *FY15 Fair Student Funding Program Details*; New York City Department of Education, unpublished data tabulated by the Institute for Children, Poverty, and Homelessness, SY 2014–15.