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The Atlas of Student Homelessness in New York City 2018

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The Geography of Student Homelessness

Over 105,000 students in New York City's public schools –nearly 1 in 10– were homeless during the 2016–17 school year. This number does not include the over 7,000 homeless students attending charter schools. An additional 48,000 students were formerly homeless, which is defined as being housed that year but having at least one episode of homelessness since SY 2010–11, the first year of available data. All told approximately 150,000 students have experienced homelessness in the past six years.

Even a single experience of housing instability can negatively impact a student's education for years. A family's housing and economic instability, along with symptoms such as chronic absenteeism, can impede a child's ability to learn at the same pace as their housed classmates. In this first section of the *2018 Atlas of Student Homelessness in New York City*, ICPH explores the fundamental questions surrounding the crisis of student homelessness: who these students are, where do they go to school, and how has this mounting crisis evolved in recent years.

Key Findings

Overall, the rate of student homelessness – 9.9% of the total student population of 1.1 million – has remained stable between SY 2015–16 and SY 2016–17. The majority (72%) of students identified as homeless in SY 2016–17 had experienced housing instability in a previous school year. Over 8,000 students were identified as homeless in seven consecutive years dating back to SY 2010–11, the first year for which data is available.

Three school districts–Coney Island, Flushing, and Bayside– saw student homelessness increase by more than 15% since the 2015–16 school year (Districts 21, 25, and 26). Only two districts, East Harlem and Central Harlem, had percentage-point decreases in the number of homeless students attending school in the district (Districts 4 and 5).

Enrollment of homeless students in the city's charter schools remained steady, at 6.7%, compared to the previous year. Charter enrollment of homeless students is two-thirds the rate of student homelessness seen in traditional public schools, 9.9% in SY 2016–17.

Data Considerations

Increases in student homelessness rates are always a combination of the growing number of students experiencing housing instability and changes to how schools are identifying these students. This means that the actual proportion of the total student population that is homeless may be higher than the available data indicates.

As family homelessness becomes more prevalent throughout the city, schools and local service providers, such as shelters, can benefit from improved data collection and communication practices. For example, improving the availability of data on the length of the homelessness episode a student is currently experiencing or their previous history of housing instability can help teachers and counselors more appropriately serve these students.

Homeless Students in New York City Public Schools

by Type of Homelessness
SY 2010–11 to SY 2016–17

Homeless 56% Increase

Doubled Up **In Shelter** **Unsheltered** **Other** —— **All Housed**

Total:
105,124

Total:
67,215

69,330

77,984

84,167

82,463

99,869

Housed 5% Decrease

29,848

35,614

43,155

48,773

47,946

60,008

63,883

27,027

25,113

26,615

28,497

29,202

33,408

35,066

9,749

7,912

7,342

6,001

4,545

5,510

5,165

591

691

872

896

770

943

1,010

SY 2010–11 **SY 2011–12** **SY 2012–13** **SY 2013–14** **SY 2014–15** **SY 2015–16** **SY 2016–17**
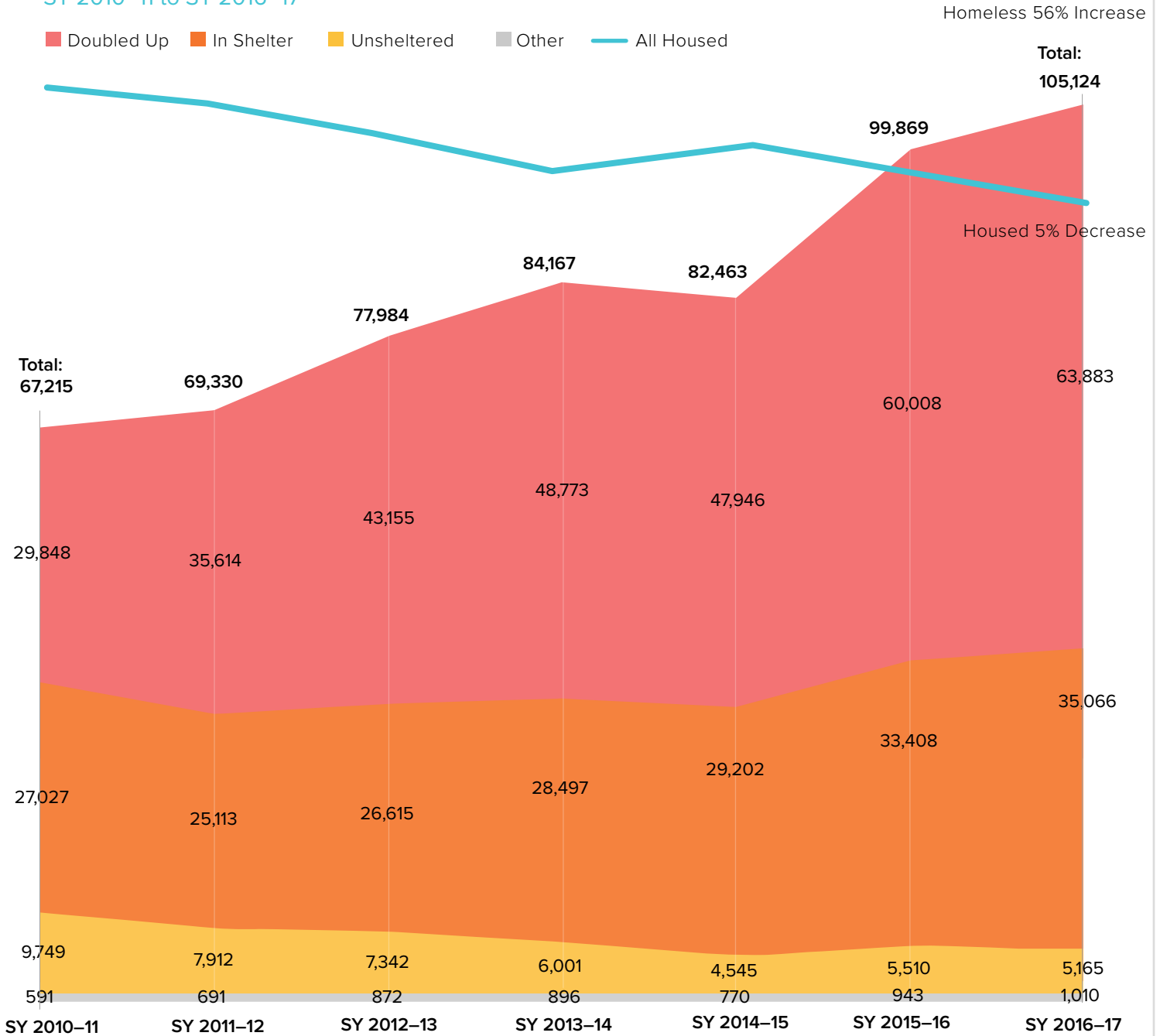
Out of the 1.1 million public school students, more than 105,000 homeless students attended New York City public schools in SY 2016–17—a 5% increase from the previous year and a 56% increase from SY 2010–11. This number does not include the over 7,000 homeless students in charter schools.

The number of students living doubled up has increased by 114% over the past seven years.
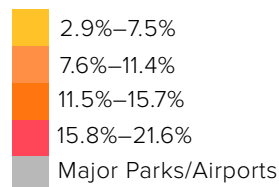

While the number of homeless students living in shelter, doubled up, or in another temporary housing situation increased by at least 5% from SY 2015–16 to SY 2016–17, the number of unsheltered students decreased by 5%. Unsheltered students live in a space not meant for human habitation.

Where Do Homeless Students Attend School?

Number and Percent of Homeless Students, by School District

SY 2016–17

Percent of Homeless Students
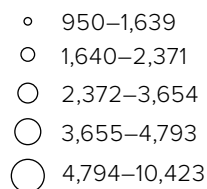
- 2.9%–7.5%
- 7.6%–11.4%
- 11.5%–15.7%
- 15.8%–21.6%
- Major Parks/Airports

Number of Homeless Students

- ∘ 950–1,639
- ○ 1,640–2,371
- ○ 2,372–3,654
- ○ 3,655–4,793
- ○ 4,794–10,423

Note: Data are by school district for SY 2016–17 and do not include schools in non-geographic districts.
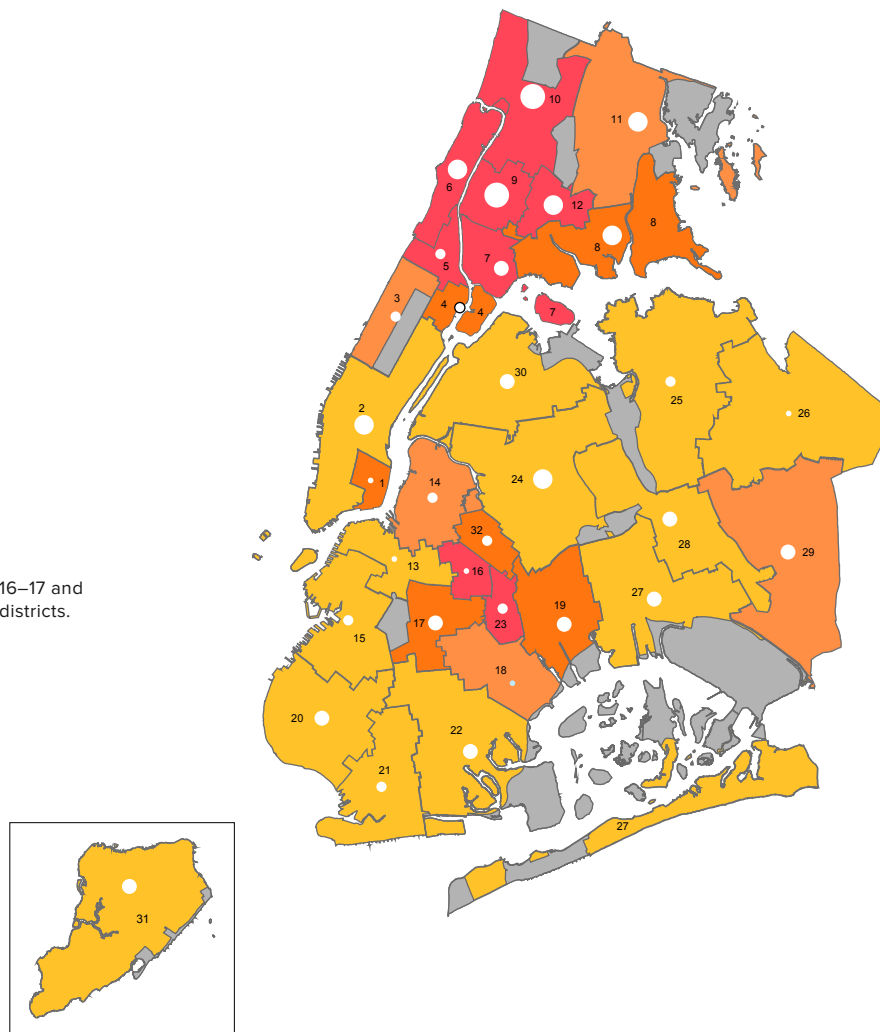
In half of New York City's school districts, at least one in ten students had experienced homelessness in SY 2016–17.

Bayside continued to have the lowest percentage of homeless students in the city (2.9%) while Highbridge/Concourse had the highest concentration (21.4%). These two districts have represented the highest and lowest concentrations in the past four consecutive school years (Districts 26 and 9).

Although Bayside had the lowest percentage of homeless students in SY 2016–17, the district experienced one of the largest increases in the number of homeless students from 388 to 950 between SY 2015–16 and SY 2016–17 (District 26).

Riverdale/Bedford had the largest number of homeless students with over 10,400 students (17.7% of all students) (District 10).

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Where Do Homeless Students Attend School?

Number and Percent of Homeless Students, by School District

SY 2016–17

### Districts with Highest Concentrations of Homeless Students

Rank	Select Neighborhoods (School District #)	Total Number of Students	Number of Homeless Students	Percent Homeless Students
1	Highbridge/Concourse (9)	37,354	8,071	21.6%
2	Brownsville (23)	9,892	1,910	19.3%
3	East Tremont (12)	25,008	4,739	18.9%
4	Central Harlem/Manhattanville (5)	12,349	2,272	18.4%
5	Mott Haven/Melrose (7)	20,353	3,654	18.0%

Districts with Lowest Concentrations of Homeless Students

Rank	Select Neighborhoods (School District #)	Total Number of Students	Number of Homeless Students	Percent Homeless Students
28	Bay Ridge/Dyker Heights (20)	55,494	3,240	5.8%
29	Caroll Gardens/Park Slope/Sunset Park (15)	33,456	1,767	5.3%
30	Flushing/Whitestone (25)	40,378	2,051	5.1%
31	Staten Island (31)	64,024	2,890	4.5%
32	Bayside/Little Neck/Fresh Meadows/Floral Park (26)	33,298	950	2.9%

Note: Data are by school district for SY 2016–17 and do not include schools in non-geographic districts.

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Where is Student Homelessness Growing?

Percent Increase in Student Homelessness, by School District
SY 2015–16 to SY 2016–17

Percent Change in Number of Homeless Students

- -1.7%–0.0%
- 0.1%–4.4%
- 4.5%–7.2%
- 7.3%–11.4%
- 11.5%–18.5%
- Major Parks/Airports

Change in Number of Homeless Students

- -39–0
- 1–127
- 128–198
- 199–313
- 314–467

Note: Data are by school district for SY 2016–17 and do not include schools in non-geographic districts.

Coney Island/Ocean Parkway (+370), Flushing/Whitestone (+313), and Bayside (+127) each saw an increase in student homelessness of more than 15% from the previous year (Districts 21, 25, and 26).

Two school districts saw a decrease in homelessness between SY 2015–16 and SY 2016–17—Central Harlem/Manhattanville (-1.7%) and East Harlem (-1.2%) (Districts 5 and 4).
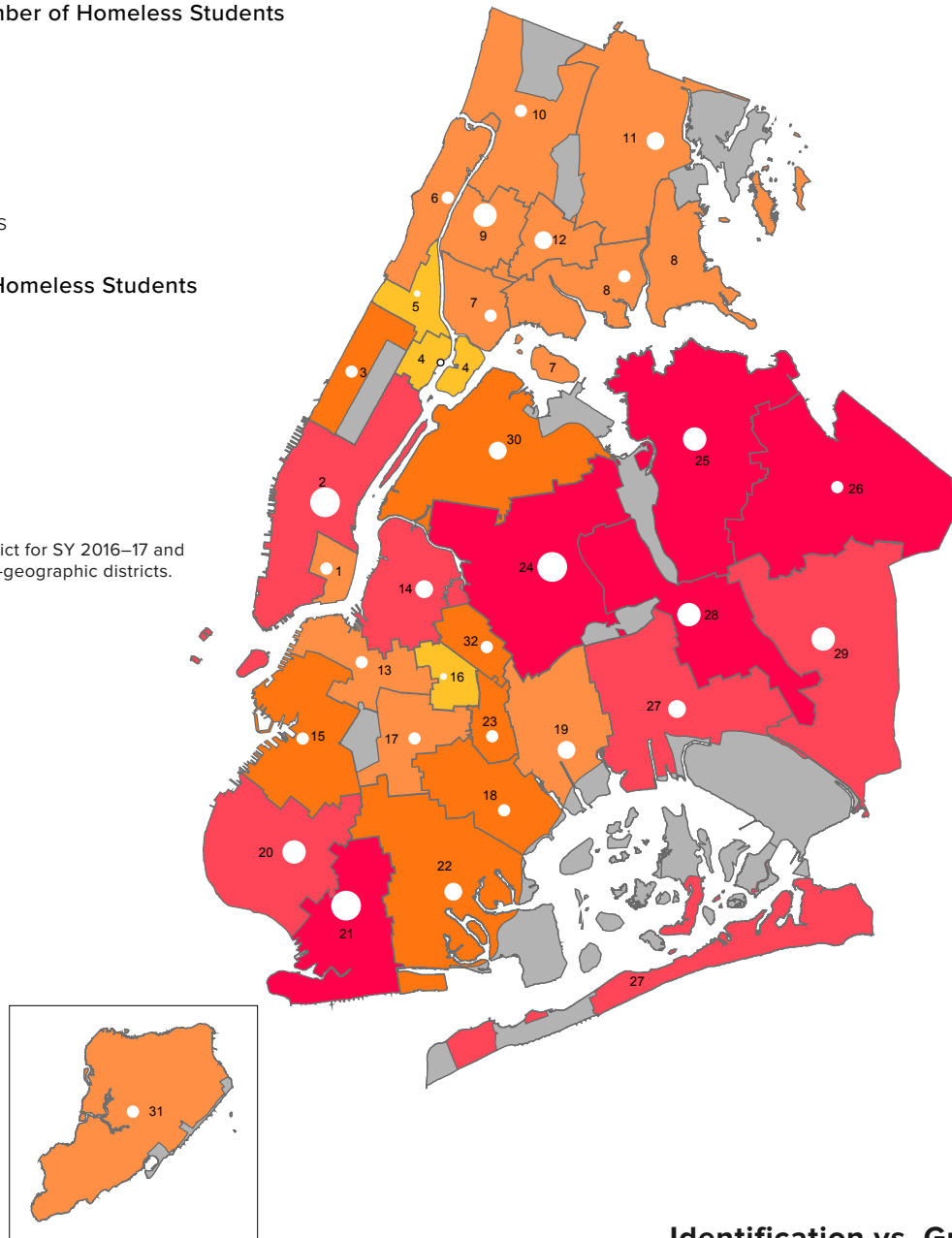
Identification vs. Growth

A district's growth rate is a combination of the increase in the number of homeless students and the effectiveness of local identification practices. For example, a high growth rate may indicate that school staff are doing a better job of identifying students who were already homeless, and a low growth rate may indicate that many homeless students in the district remain unidentified and not connected to support services.

Where is Student Homelessness Growing?

Percent Increase, by School District

SY 2015–16 to SY 2016–17

Top Districts for Growth of Student Homelessness

Rank	Select Neighborhoods (School District #)	Number of Homeless Students SY 2015-16	Number of Homeless Students SY 2016-17	Percent Change SY 2015-16 to SY 2016-17
1	Coney Island/Gravesend/Ocean Parkway (21)	2,001	2,371	18.5%
2	Flushing/Whitestone (25)	1,738	2,051	18.0%
3	Bayside/Little Neck/Fresh Meadows/Floral Park (26)	823	950	15.4%
4	Sunnyside/Ridgewood/Elmhurst (24)	3,520	3,987	13.3%
5	Rego Park/Forest Hills/Briarwood (28)	2,332	2,636	13.0%

Bottom Districts for Growth of Student Homelessness

Rank	Select Neighborhoods (School District #)	Number of Homeless Students SY 2015–16	Number of Homeless Students SY 2016–17	Percent Change SY 2015–16 to SY 2016–17
28	Riverdale/Bedford/Fordham/Belmont (10)	10,368	10,423	0.5%
29	Crown Heights/Prospect Lefferts Garden (17)	3,286	3,302	0.5%
30	Bedford-Stuyvesant (16)	1,324	1,324	0.0%
31	East Harlem (4)	2,200	2,174	-1.2%
32	Central Harlem/Manhattanville (5)	2,311	2,272	-1.7%

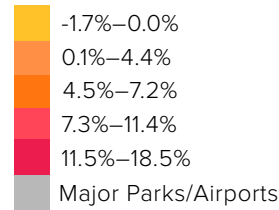Note: Data are by school district for SY 2016–17 and do not include schools in non-geographic districts.

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Growth in Student Homelessness Over Time

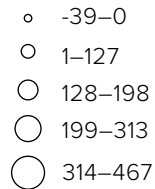## Percent Increase of Student Homelessness, by School District
SY 2010–11 to SY 2016–17

Percent Change in Number of Homeless Students
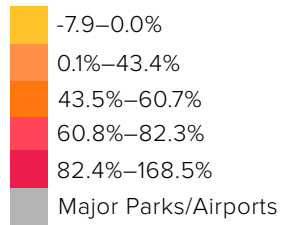
- -7.9–0.0%
- 0.1%–43.4%
- 43.5%–60.7%
- 60.8%–82.3%
- 82.4%–168.5%
- Major Parks/Airports

Change in Number of Homeless Students

- -113–0
- 1–824
- 825–1,763
- 1,764–3,242
- 3,243–4,590
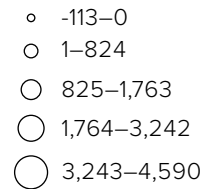
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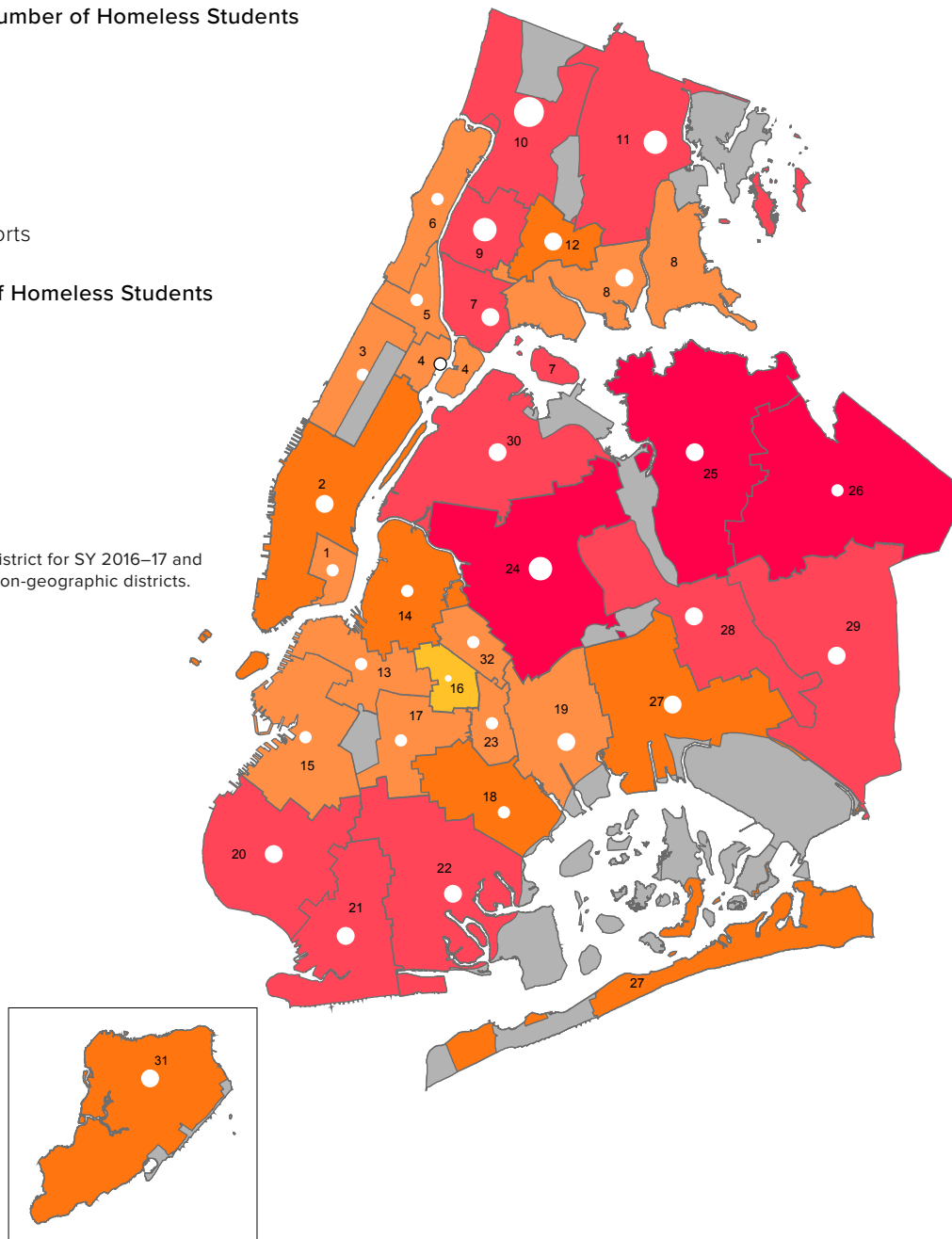
17 school districts out of 32 citywide (53%) experienced more than 50% growth in student homelessness over the last seven years.

Over the last seven years, Flushing/Whitestone, Bayside, and Sunnyside (Districts 25, 26, and 24) in Queens have seen substantial growth in student homelessness, each increasing by over 120% between SY 2010–11 and SY 2016–17.

Growth in Student Homelessness Over Time

Percent Increase, by School District

SY 2010–11 to SY 2016–17

Top Districts for Growth of Student Homelessness

Rank	Select Neighborhoods (School District #)	Number of Homeless Students SY 2010–11	Number of Homeless Students SY 2016–17	Percent Change SY 2010–11 to SY 2016–17
1	Flushing/Whitestone (25)	764	2,051	168.5%
2	Bayside/Little Neck/Fresh Meadows/Floral Park (26)	388	950	144.8%
3	Sunnyside/Ridgewood/Elmhurst (24)	1,745	3,987	128.5%
4	Williamsbridge/Morris Park/Co-op City (11)	2,629	4,793	82.3%
5	Bay Ridge/Dyker Heights (20)	1,806	3,240	79.4%

Bottom Districts for Growth of Student Homelessness

Rank	Select Neighborhoods (School District #)	Number of Homeless Students SY 2010–11	Number of Homeless Students SY 2016–17	Percent Change SY 2010–11 to SY 2016–17
28	Crown Heights/Prospect Lefferts Garden (17)	2,478	3,302	33.3%
29	Bushwick (32)	1,411	1,855	31.5%
30	Brooklyn Heights/Fort Greene (13)	1,250	1,638	31.0%
31	Hamilton/Washington Heights/Inwood (6)	3,261	4,072	24.9%
32	Bedford-Stuyvesant (16)	1,437	1,324	-7.9%

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Where Do Formerly Homeless Students Attend School?

Number and Percent of Students Formerly Homeless, by School District

SY 2016–17

Percent of Formerly Homeless Students
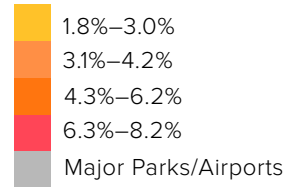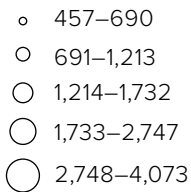
- 1.8%–3.0%
- 3.1%–4.2%
- 4.3%–6.2%
- 6.3%–8.2%
- Major Parks/Airports

Number of Formerly Homeless Students

- ○ 457–690
- ○ 691–1,213
- ○ 1,214–1,732
- ○ 1,733–2,747
- ○ 2,748–4,073

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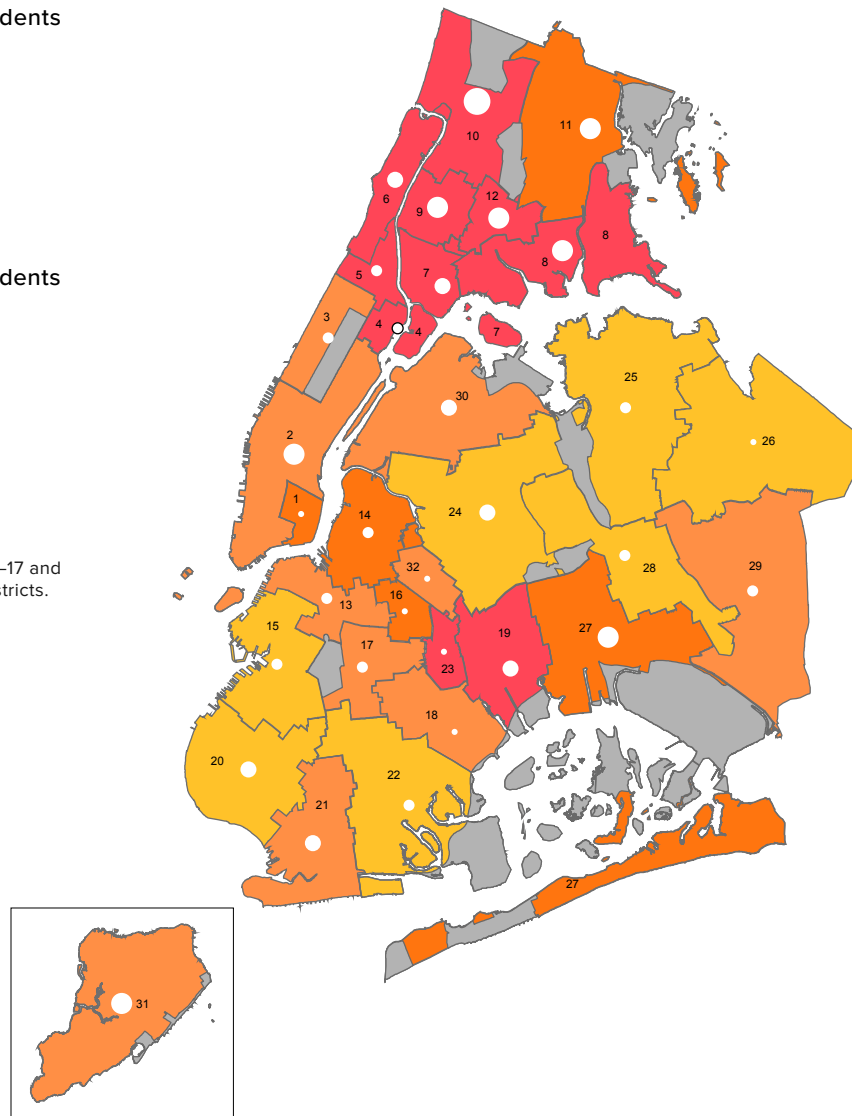
In addition to the 9.9% of students who were homeless, 4.5% had experienced homelessness at some point since SY 2010–11. This represents a total of over 150,000 or 14.4% of NYC public school student population.

East Tremont had the highest concentration of formerly homeless students (8.2%), while Bayside had the lowest concentration (1.8%) in SY 2016-17 (Districts 12 and 26).

The number of formerly homeless students increased in six districts by over 20% between SY 2015–16 and SY 2016–17. Hunts Point/Longwood in the Bronx had the largest increase at 25% (District 8).

In SY 2016-17, citywide 20 out of 32 school districts (63% of districts), had over 1,000 formerly homeless students. Over 4,000 formerly homeless students attended school in Riverdale/Bedford in the Bronx (District 10).

Where Do Formerly Homeless Students Attend School?

Number and Percent of Students Formerly Homeless, by School District

SY 2016–17

Districts with High Concentrations of Formerly Homeless Students

Rank	Select Neighborhoods (School District #)	Total Number of Students	Number of Formerly Homeless Students	Percent Students who were Formerly Homeless
1	East Tremont (12)	25,008	2,051	8.2%
2	Mott Haven/Melrose (7)	20,353	1,571	7.7%
3	East Harlem (4)	13,862	1,030	7.4%
4	Highbridge/Concourse (9)	37,354	2,747	7.4%
5	Central Harlem/Manhattanville (5)	12,349	900	7.3%

Districts with Lowest Concentrations of Formerly Homeless Students

Rank	Select Neighborhoods (School District #)	Total Number of Students	Number of Formerly Homeless Students	Percent Students who were Formerly Homeless
28	Rego Park/Forest Hills/Briarwood (28)	43,905	1,213	2.8%
29	Bay Ridge/Dyker Heights (20)	55,494	1,526	2.7%
30	Flatbush/Flatlands/Sheepshead Bay (22)	36,551	926	2.5%
31	Flushing/Whitestone (25)	40,378	844	2.1%
32	Bayside/Little Neck/Fresh Meadows/Floral Park (26)	33,298	595	1.8%

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Where Do Students Living in Shelter Go to School?

Number of Students in Shelter, by School

SY 2016–17

Number of Students Living in Shelter

- 0–13
- 14–36
- 37–75
- 76–252
- Major Parks/Airports
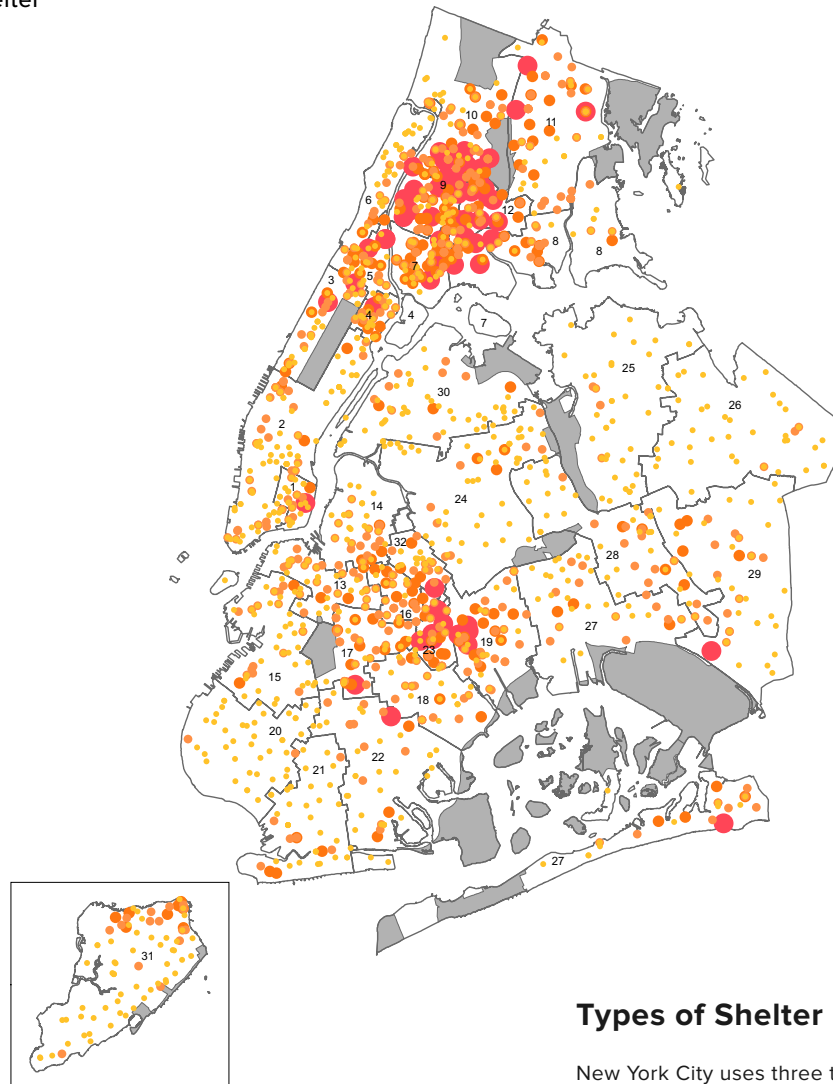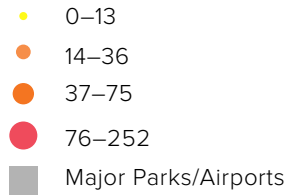
Over 35,000 homeless students—3.3% of the total student population, or 33.4% of homeless students—lived in city-operated shelters in SY 2016–17.

P.S./M.S. 004 Crotona Park West and P.S. 053 Basheer Quisim in Highbridge/Concourse in the Bronx had the largest number of students living in shelter (252 and 239). These have been the top three schools for four consecutive years (District 9).

18 public schools—10 in the Bronx, five in Brooklyn, two in Manhattan, and one in Queens— had over 100 students living in shelter during SY 2016–17. *Click here to see the full list of schools*

The top ten schools for the largest number of students living in shelter in SY 2016–17 saw an average 5.3% increase from the previous year.

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Types of Shelter

New York City uses three types of shelter for homeless families:

•Tier II—Tier II shelters are the most commonly used type of shelter, housing 58% of homeless families. They are highly regulated and monitored by state and local agencies, and typically offer the most comprehensive services. Most are run by non-profits that operate under contracts with NYC.

•Hotels— In order to expand the capacity of the shelter system, NYC currently shelters 19% of homeless families in private hotel rooms, for which the city pays a per-diem rate. These hotels are for-profit, do not operate under City contracts, and offer limited services.

•Cluster Sites—Cluster-site housing refers to the practice of utilizing apartments in privately-owned residential buildings to shelter homeless families. There are limited regulations at these locations and they offer the fewest services. 23.2% of homeless families are sheltered in cluster sites.

Where Do Students Living in Shelter Go to School?

Top 10 Schools for Students Living in Shelter

SY 2016–17

Rank	School Name	School Level	Select Neighborhoods (School District #)	Borough	Homeless, In Shelter	All Homeless	Percent In Shelter Of All Homeless
1	P.S./M.S 004 Crotona Park West	Elementary/Middle	Highbridge/Concourse (9)	Bronx	252	297	84.8%
2	P.S. 053 Basheer Quisim	Elementary	Highbridge/Concourse (9)	Bronx	239	390	61.3%
3	P.S. 048 Joseph R. Drake	Elementary	Hunts Point/Longwood (8)	Bronx	170	295	57.6%
4	P.S. 066 School of Higher Expectations	Elementary	East Tremont (12)	Bronx	146	216	67.6%
5	P.S. 070 Max Schoenfeld	Elementary	Highbridge/Concourse (9)	Bronx	140	365	38.4%
5	P.S. 149 Danny Kaye	Elementary	East New York/Starrett City (19)	Brooklyn	140	197	71.1%
6	P.S. 188 The Island School	Elementary/Middle	Lower East Side (1)	Manhattan	134	222	60.4%
7	The School of Science and Applied Learning	Elementary	East Tremont (12)	Bronx	124	189	65.6%
8	P.S. 052 Queens	Elementary	Hollis/Queens Village (29)	Queens	116	155	74.8%
8	P.S. 123 Mahalia Jackson	Elementary/Middle	Central Harlem/Manhattanville (5)	Manhattan	116	207	56.0%
9	P.S. 399 Stanley Eugene Clark	Elementary	Crown Heights/Prospect Leffert Gardens (17)	Brooklyn	112	125	89.6%
10	P.S. 065 Mother Hale Academy	Elementary	Mott Haven/Melrose (7)	Bronx	109	185	58.9%

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Where Do Students Living Doubled Up Go to School?

Number of Doubled-Up Students, by School

SY 2016–17
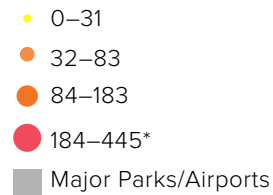
Number of Students Living Doubled Up

- 0–31
- 32–83
- 84–183
- 184–445*
- Major Parks/Airports

Note: Numbers of doubled-up students are rounded down in order to protect student privacy and adhere to the Family Education Rights and Privacy Act.
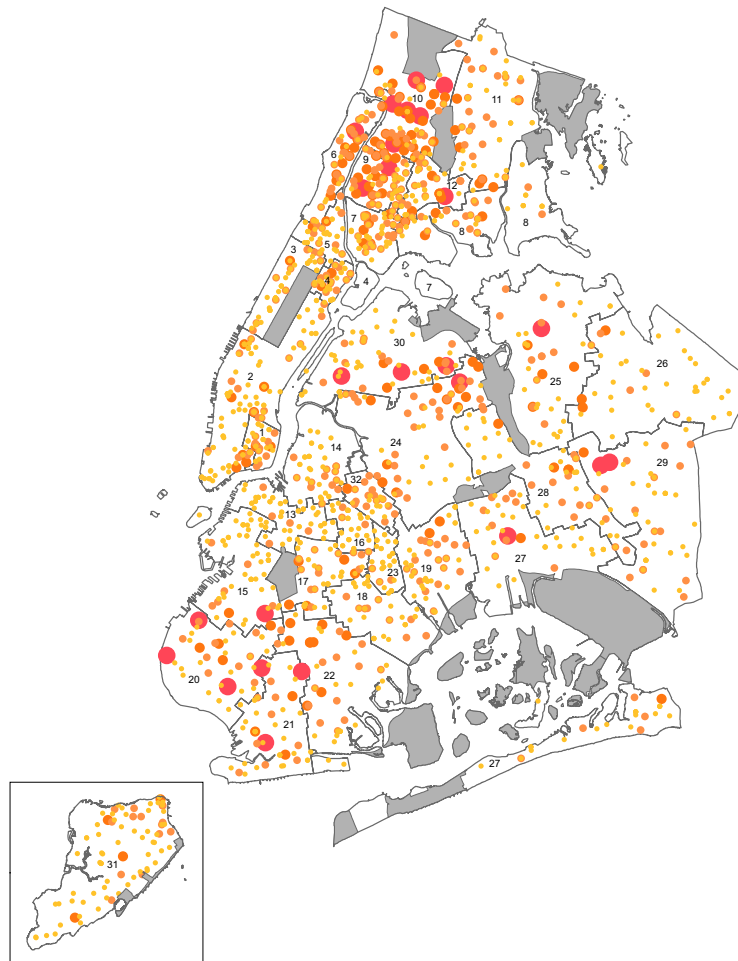
In SY 2016–17 nearly 64,000 homeless students—6.0% of the total student population, or 60.8% of homeless students—lived doubled up.

Homeless students living doubled up attended school in every district in the city, including areas with no family shelters. The top ten schools for number of homeless students living doubled up saw an average 14.2% increase between SY 2015–16 and SY 2016–17.

The school with the largest number of doubled-up students was P.S. 503 The School of Discovery, an elementary school in Bay Ridge (District 20). Over 445 doubled-up students were enrolled—over 97% of all homeless students at the school. District 20 is one of the two school districts in the city with no shelters. The other is Bayside — District 26.

Edward R. Murrow High School in Coney Island had an over 400% increase in doubled-up homeless students, from 77 in SY 2015–16 to over 390 in SY 2016–17 (District 21).

Who is a Doubled-up Student?

Doubled-up students are homeless students who are living temporarily with friends or family due to loss of housing, economic hardship, or a related reason.

Where Students Living Doubled Up Go to School?

Top 10 Schools for Students Living Doubled Up

SY 2016–17

Rank	School Name	School Level	Select Neighborhood (School District #)	Borough	Homeless, Doubled Up*	All Homeless	Percent Doubled Up of All Homeless*
1	P.S. 503 The School of Discovery	Elementary	Bay Ridge/Dyker Heights/Borough Park (20)	Brooklyn	445	458	97.2%
2	Franklin Delano Roosevelt High School	High School	Bay Ridge/Dyker Heights/Borough Park (20)	Brooklyn	400	436	91.7%
3	Edward R. Murrow High School	High School	Coney Island/Gravesend/Ocean Parkway (21)	Brooklyn	390	432	90.3%
4	P.S. 086 Kingsbridge Heights	Elementary	Riverdale/Bedford/Fordham/Belmont (10)	Bronx	370	419	88.3%
5	P.S. 019 Marino Jeantet	Elementary	Sunnyside/Ridgewood/Elmhurst/Corona (24)	Queens	305	319	95.6%
6	New Utrecht High School	High School	Bay Ridge/Dyker Heights/Borough Park (20)	Brooklyn	295	313	94.2%
7	P.S. 279 Captain Manuel Rivera, Jr.	Elementary/Middle	Riverdale/Bedford/Fordham/Belmont (10)	Bronx	280	362	77.3%
8	P.S. 152 Gwendoline N. Alleyne School	Elementary	Astoria/Long Island City (30)	Queens	260	274	94.9%
9	Newcomers High School	High School	Astoria/Long Island City (30)	Queens	250	262	95.4%
10	P.S. 152 Dyckman Valley	Elementary	Hamilton/Washington Heights/Inwood (6)	Manhattan	250	269	92.9%

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How Long Are Students Homeless?

Number of Years Students Have Been Homeless
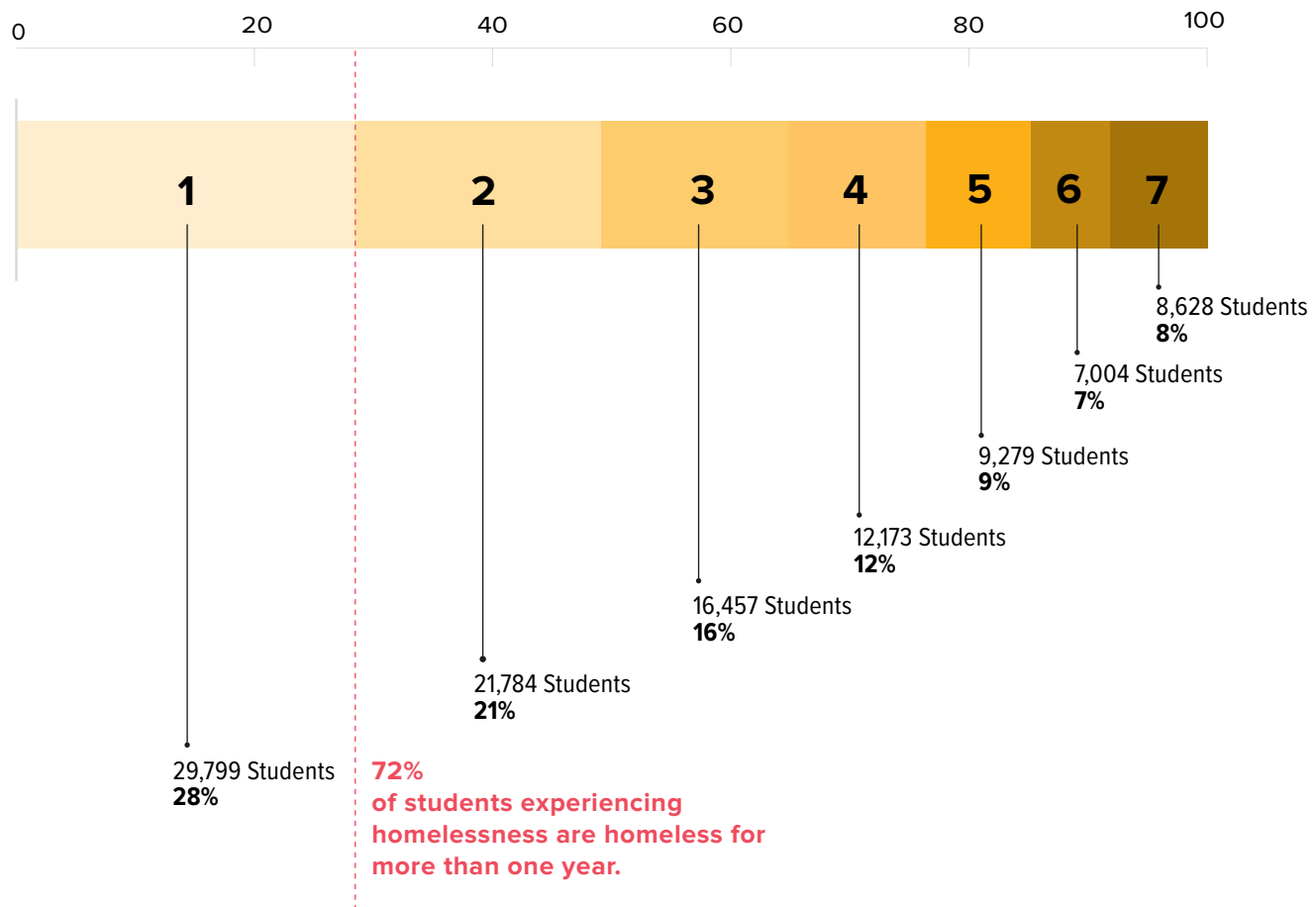
| 0 | 20 | 40 | 60 | 80 | 100 |

1   **2**   **3**   **4**   **5**   **6**   **7**

29,799 Students
28%

72%
of students experiencing homelessness are homeless for more than one year.

21,784 Students
21%

16,457 Students
16%

12,173 Students
12%

9,279 Students
9%

7,004 Students
7%

8,628 Students
8%

The majority (72%) of students identified as homeless in SY 2016–17 had experienced housing instability in a previous school year.

Over 8,000 students were identified as homeless in seven consecutive years dating back to SY 2010–11, the first year for which data is available.

Recording Housing Status

Because a student's housing status is only recorded once per year, it is not possible to know if students were homeless continuously over a period of multiple years, or had temporary episodes of homelessness in these years.

Race and Ethnicity of Homeless Students

SY 2016–17

53% Hispanic

32% Black

10% Asian
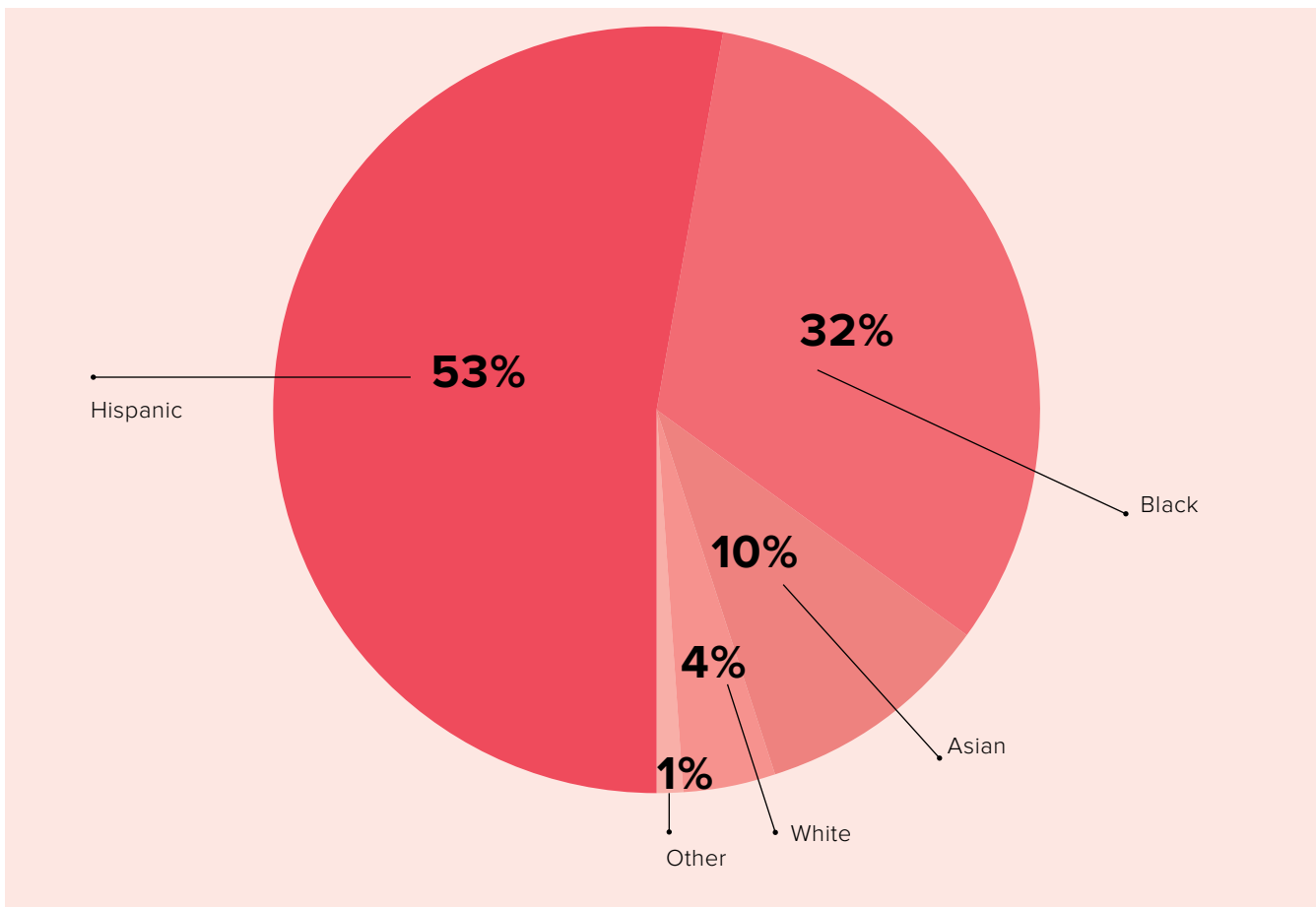
4% White

1% Other

	All Housed	All Homeless	In Shelter	Doubled Up
Hispanic	40%	53%	43%	58%
Black	23%	32%	51%	21%
Asian	18%	10%	1%	15%
White	17%	4%	3%	5%
Other	2%	1%	2%	1%

The racial and ethnic make-up of homeless students enrolled in public schools in SY 2016–17 remained the same as the previous year.

Black and Hispanic students continue to be over-represented among homeless students. Half (53%) of homeless students in New York City are Hispanic, while 40% of housed students are. One third (32%) of homeless students are black, but black students make up only one quarter (23%) of housed students.

Black students were more likely to be living in shelter than doubled up (51% and 21%), while Hispanic students were more likely to be living doubled up than in shelter (58% and 43%).

How Are Homeless Students Distributed Across Grade Level?

SY 2016–17

33%
Pre-K–2nd Grade

Pre-K	5,984
Kindergarten	8,812
1st Grade	9,396
2nd Grade	9,335

43%
3rd –8th Grade

3rd Grade	9,088
4th Grade	8,449
5th Grade	7,619
6th Grade	6,919
7th Grade	6,212
8th Grade	6,192

24%
High School

9th Grade	8,161
10th Grade	7,402
11th Grade	4,892
12th Grade	4,314
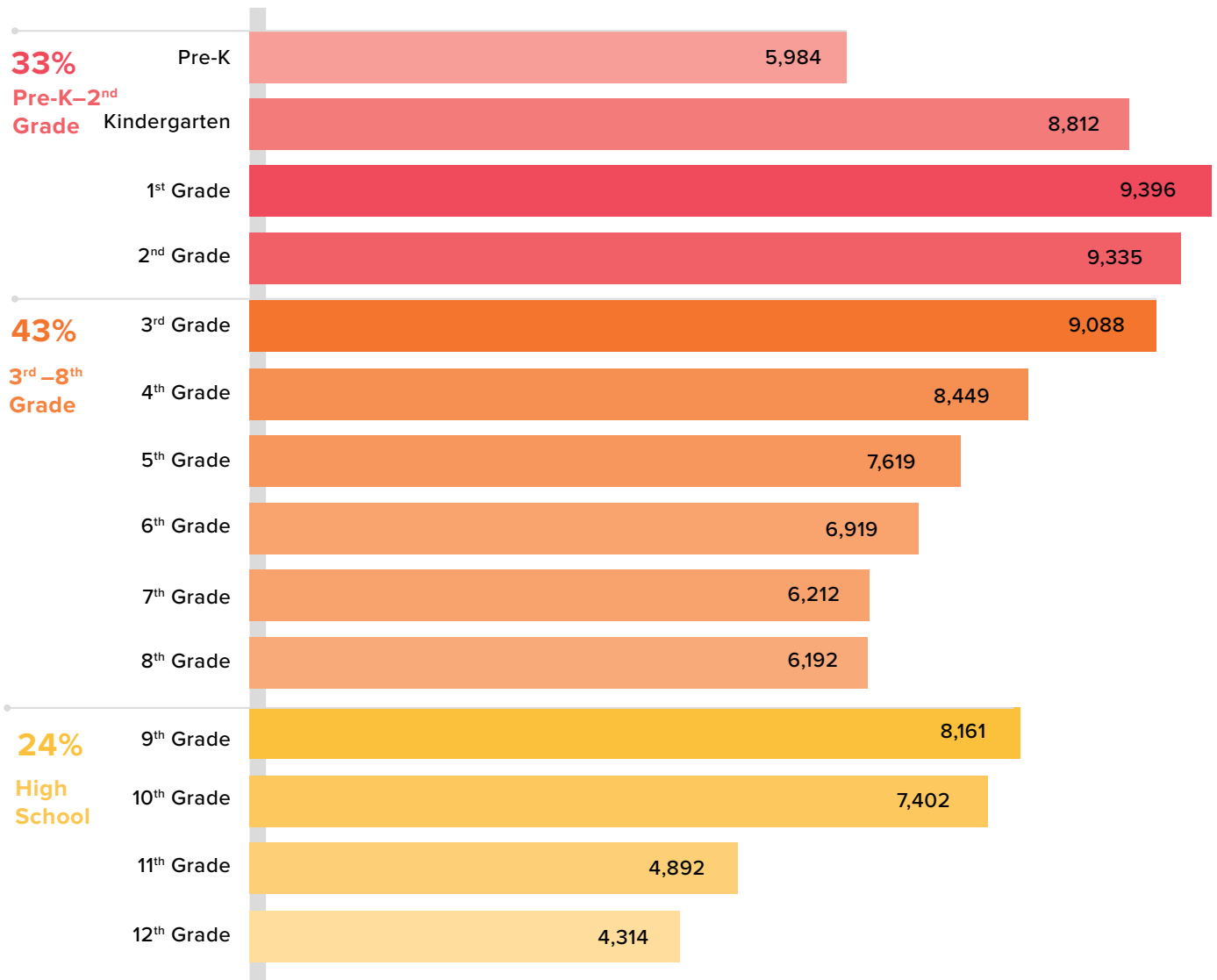
The number of homeless students in each grade level from second grade through high school increased from SY 2015–16 to SY 2016–17. The greatest increase was in 11th grade with a 21.2% increase from 4,035 to 4,892.

The gap between the number of homeless Kindergarten and homeless pre-K students has grown from 2,600 in SY 2015–16 to over 2,800 in SY 2016–17, suggesting that about one-third of homeless children eligible for pre-K did not enroll in Universal Pre-K programs in New York City.

Are Homeless Pre-K Students Enrolling in School as Expected?

Percent of Pre-K Students Who Are Homeless, by School District
SY 2016–17

Expected Pre-K Enrollment

- More than Expected (≥ +2% point difference)
- Roughly the Same
- Less than Expected (≥ -2% point difference)
- Major Parks/Airports

Percent Change in Homeless Pre-K Students

- ○ Decrease
- Moderate Increase (0.1%–8.3%)
- Largest Increase (8.4%–28.9%)

Note: Data are by school district for SY 2016–17 and do not include schools in non-geographic districts. Expected pre-K enrollment refers to the comparison between the percentage of pre-K students homeless and the percentage of Kindergarteners and first 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.

23 out of 32 school districts (72%) saw decreases in SY 2016–17 from the previous year, while only 3 districts saw a decrease in SY 2015–16 from the previous year.

The number of homeless students enrolled in pre-K decreased by 7.1% from SY 2015–16 to SY 2016–17, compared to 17% increase between SY 2014–15 and SY 2016–17.

20 of the city's 32 school districts (over 60%) enrolled a lower percentage of homeless pre-K students than would be expected based on percentage of homeless students enrolled in low elementary grades in the districts.

Are Homeless Pre-K Students Enrolling in School as Expected?

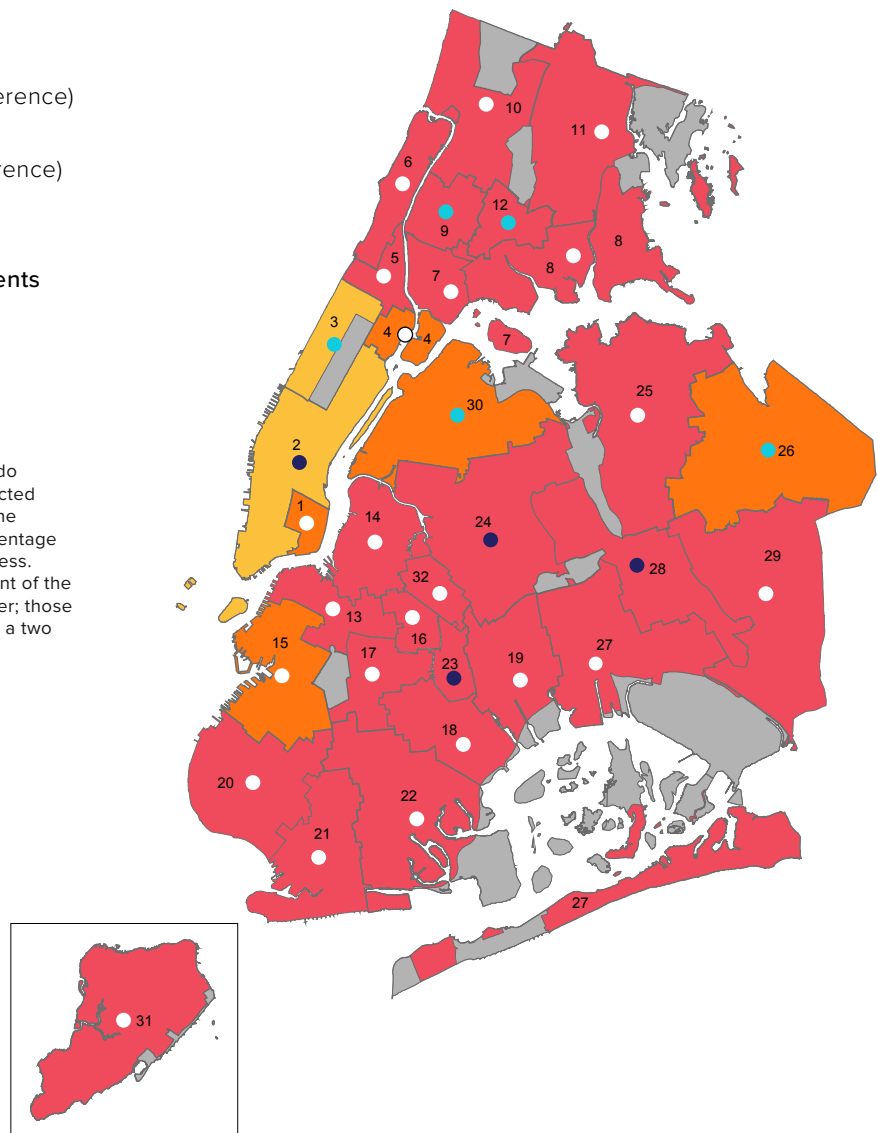Percent of Pre-K Students Who Are Homeless, by School District

SY 2016–17

Top Districts for Expected Pre-K Enrollment

Rank	Select Neighborhoods (School District #)	Total Number of Pre-K Students	Percent of Pre-K Homeless Students	Expected Homeless Pre-K Enrollment
1	Upper West Side/Morningside Heights (3)	1,112	14.5%	More Than Expected
2	Financial District/Midtown/Upper East Side (2)	2,585	7.8%	More Than Expected

Bottom Districts for Expected Pre-K Enrollment

Rank	Select Neighborhoods (School District #)	Total Number of Pre-K Students	Percent of Pre-K Students Homeless	Expected Homeless Pre-K Enrollment
31	Riverdale/Bedford/Fordham/Belmont (10)	3,946	14.3%	Less Than Expected
32	Crown Heights/Prospect Leffert Gardens (17)	2,184	8.8%	Less Than Expected

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Are Charter Schools Proportionally Enrolling Homeless Students?

Percent of Homeless Students, by Charter School
SY 2016–17

- 0.0%–7.4%
- 7.5%–15.2%
- Major Parks/Airports
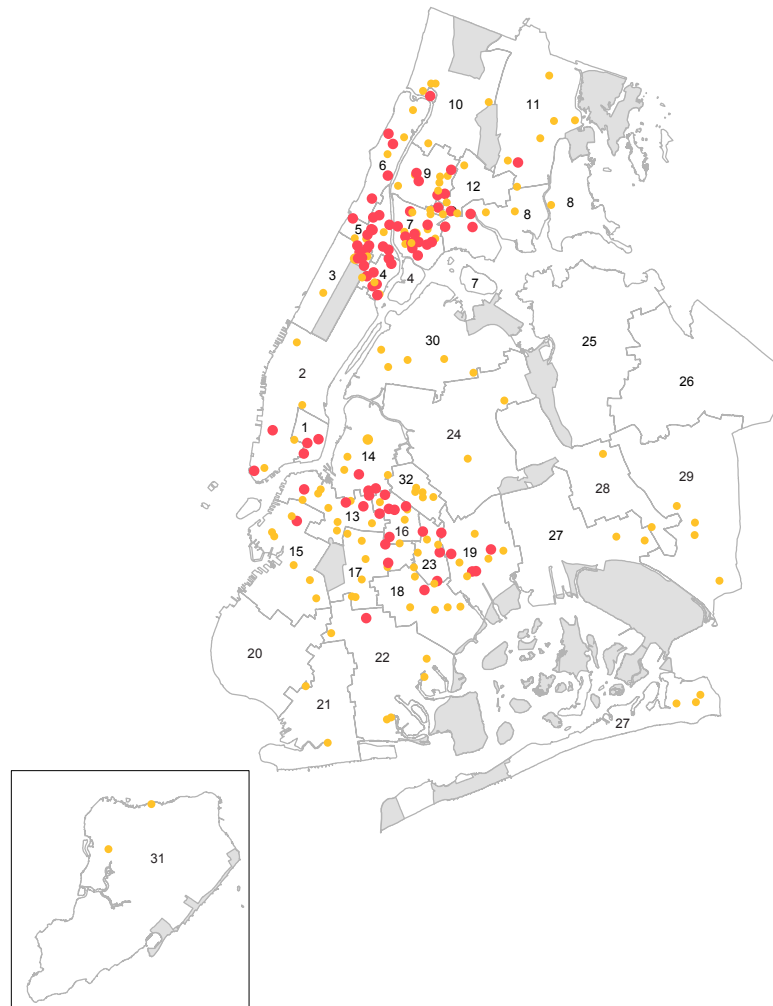
There are over 200 charter schools in New York City. Three percent do not have any homeless students enrolled.

In New York City charter schools, 6.7% of students were homeless in SY 2016–17, roughly the same as the previous year (6.6%). This represents about two-thirds the rate of public school enrollment (9.9%).

Over 20% of charter schools have a rate of student homelessness higher than 9.9% seen across traditional public schools.

Over 30 charter schools had ten or fewer homeless students enrolled. Sisulu-Walker Charter School of Harlem had the highest percentage of homeless students in a charter school citywide (15.2%) in SY 2016–17 for the second consecutive year.

What Are Charter Schools?

Charter schools are public schools that operate under their own not-for-profit Boards of Trustees, and are given more autonomy than traditional public schools. Because charters do not have the same requirements for reporting data as public schools, their numbers have to be examined separately and in less detail.

Are Charter Schools Proportionally Enrolling Homeless Students?

Top 10 Charter Schools for Homeless Students
SY 2016–17

Rank	School Name	School District	Borough	Total Number of Students	Number of Homeless Students	Percent of Homeless Students
1	Sisulu-Walker Charter School of Harlem	Upper West Side/Morningside Heights (3)	Manhattan	263	40	15.2%
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Appendix

Complete List of Tables

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Where Do Homeless Students Attend School?
Number and Percent of Homeless Students, by School District
SY 2016–17

Rank	Select Neighborhoods (School District #)	Total Number of Students	Number of Homeless Students	Percent Homeless Students
1	Highbridge/Concourse (9)	37,354	8,071	21.6%
2	Brownsville (23)	9,892	1,910	19.3%
3	East Tremont (12)	25,008	4,739	18.9%
4	Central Harlem/Manhattanville (5)	12,349	2,272	18.4%
5	Mott Haven/Melrose (7)	20,353	3,654	18.0%
6	Bedford-Stuyvesant (16)	7,409	1,324	17.9%
7	Riverdale/Bedford/Fordham/Belmont (10)	58,967	10,423	17.7%
8	Hamilton/Washington Heights/Inwood (6)	24,111	4,072	16.9%
9	East Harlem (4)	13,862	2,174	15.7%
10	East New York/Starrett City (19)	24,233	3,573	14.7%
11	Bushwick (32)	12,599	1,855	14.7%
12	Hunts Point/Longwood (8)	30,183	4,435	14.7%
13	Crown Heights/Prospect Lefferts Gardens (17)	24,221	3,302	13.6%
14	Lower East Side (1)	12,110	1,532	12.7%
15	Williamsbridge/Baychester/Morris Park/Co-op City (11)	42,046	4,793	11.4%
16	Williamsburg/Greenpoint (14)	19,762	1,938	9.8%
17	East Flatbush/Canarsie (18)	17,001	1,639	9.6%
18	Hollis/Queens Village (29)	29,215	2,674	9.2%
19	Upper West Side/Morningside Heights (3)	23,063	2,021	8.8%
20	Brooklyn Heights/Fort Greene (13)	21,964	1,638	7.5%
21	Flatbush/Flatlands/Sheepshead Bay (22)	36,551	2,720	7.4%
22	Astoria/Long Island City (30)	42,492	2,963	7.0%
23	Financial District/Midtown/Upper East Side (2)	64,298	4,450	6.9%
24	Woodhaven/Ozone Park/Howard Beach (27)	47,030	3,035	6.5%
25	Sunnyside/Ridgewood/Maspeth/Elmhurst/Corona (24)	62,282	3,987	6.4%
26	Coney Island/Gravesend/Ocean Parkway (21)	37,912	2,371	6.3%
27	Rego Park/Forest Hills/Briarwood (28)	43,905	2,636	6.0%
28	Bay Ridge/Dyker Heights (20)	55,494	3,240	5.8%
29	Caroll Gardens/Park Slope/Sunset Park (15)	33,456	1,767	5.3%
30	Flushing/Whitestone (25)	40,378	2,051	5.1%
31	Staten Island (31)	64,024	2,890	4.5%
32	Bayside/Little Neck/Fresh Meadows/Floral Park (26)	33,298	950	2.9%

Where is Student Homelessness Growing?

Percent Increase, by School District

SY 2015–16 to SY 2016–17

Rank	Select Neighborhoods (School District #)	Number of Homeless Students SY 2015–16	Number of Homeless Students SY 2016–17	Percent Change SY 2015–16 to SY 2016–17
1	Coney Island/Gravesend/Ocean Parkway (21)	2,001	2,371	18.5%
2	Flushing/Whitestone (25)	1,738	2,051	18.0%
3	Bayside/Little Neck/Fresh Meadows/Floral Park (26)	823	950	15.4%
4	Sunnyside/Ridgewood/Elmhurst (24)	3,520	3,987	13.3%
5	Rego Park/Forest Hills/Briarwood (28)	2,332	2,636	13.0%
6	Williamsburg/Greenpoint (14)	1,740	1,938	11.4%
7	Woodhaven/Ozone Park/Howard Beach (27)	2,763	3,035	9.8%
8	Hollis/Queens Village (29)	2,441	2,674	9.5%
9	Financial District/Midtown/Upper East Side (2)	4,104	4,450	8.4%
10	Bay Ridge/Dyker Heights/Borough Park (20)	2,999	3,240	8.0%
11	Flatbush/Flatlands/Sheepshead Bay (22)	2,537	2,720	7.2%
12	Carroll Gardens/Park Slope/Sunset Park (15)	1,655	1,767	6.8%
13	Astoria/Long Island City (30)	2,780	2,963	6.6%
14	East Flatbush/Canarsie (18)	1,554	1,639	5.5%
15	Brownsville (23)	1,811	1,910	5.5%
16	Upper West Side/Morningside Heights (3)	1,917	2,021	5.4%
17	Bushwick (32)	1,764	1,855	5.2%
18	Lower East Side (1)	1,467	1,532	4.4%
19	East New York/Starrett City (19)	3,433	3,573	4.1%
20	Staten Island (31)	2,783	2,890	3.8%
21	East Tremont (12)	4,567	4,739	3.8%
22	Williamsbridge/Baychester/Morris Park/Co-op City (11)	4,630	4,793	3.5%
23	Highbridge/Concourse (9)	7,798	8,071	3.5%
24	Mott Haven/Melrose (7)	3,540	3,654	3.2%
25	Hamilton/Washington Heights/Inwood (6)	3,966	4,072	2.7%
26	Hunts Point/Longwood (8)	4,323	4,435	2.6%
27	Brooklyn Heights/Fort Greene (13)	1,612	1,638	1.6%
28	Riverdale/Bedford/Fordham/Belmont (10)	10,368	10,423	0.5%
29	Crown Heights/Prospect Lefferts Garden (17)	3,286	3,302	0.5%
30	Bedford-Stuyvesant (16)	1,324	1,324	0.0%
31	East Harlem (4)	2,200	2,174	-1.2%
32	Central Harlem/Manhattanville (5)	2,311	2,272	-1.7%

Growth in Student Homelessness Over Time
Percent Increase, by School District
SY 2010–11 to SY 2016–17

Rank	Select Neighborhoods (School District #)	Number of Homeless Students SY 2010–11	Number of Homeless Students SY 2016–17	Percent Change SY 2010–11 to SY 2016–17
1	Flushing/Whitestone (25)	764	2,051	168.5%
2	Bayside/Little Neck/Fresh Meadows/Floral Park (26)	388	950	144.8%
3	Sunnyside/Ridgewood/Elmhurst (24)	1,745	3,987	128.5%
4	Williamsbridge/Morris Park/Co-op City (11)	2,629	4,793	82.3%
5	Bay Ridge/Dyker Heights (20)	1,806	3,240	79.4%
6	Riverdale/Bedford/Fordham/Belmont (10)	5,833	10,423	78.7%
7	Hollis/Queens Village (29)	1,498	2,674	78.5%
8	Astoria/Long Island City (30)	1,665	2,963	78.0%
9	Rego Park/Forest Hills/Briarwood (28)	1,485	2,636	77.5%
10	Coney Island/Gravesend/Ocean Parkway (21)	1,336	2,371	77.5%
11	Flatbush/Flatlands/Sheepshead Bay (22)	1,613	2,720	68.6%
12	Highbridge/Concourse (9)	4,829	8,071	67.1%
13	Mott Haven/Melrose (7)	2,189	3,654	66.9%
14	Woodhaven/Ozone Park/Howard Beach (27)	1,889	3,035	60.7%
15	East Tremont (12)	2,976	4,739	59.2%
16	Williamsburg/Greenpoint (14)	1,271	1,938	52.5%
17	Financial District/Midtown/Upper East Side (2)	2,947	4,450	51.0%
18	Staten Island (31)	1,934	2,890	49.4%
19	East Flatbush/Canarsie (18)	1,126	1,639	45.6%
20	Upper West Side/Morningside Heights (3)	1,409	2,021	43.4%
21	East Harlem (4)	1,529	2,174	42.2%
22	Lower East Side (1)	1,082	1,532	41.6%
23	Hunts Point/Longwood (8)	3,152	4,435	40.7%
24	East New York/Starrett City (19)	2,550	3,573	40.1%
25	Brownsville (23)	1,381	1,910	38.3%
26	Central Harlem/Manhattanville (5)	1,656	2,272	37.2%
27	Carroll Gardens/Park Slope/Sunset Park (15)	1,290	1,767	37.0%
28	Crown Heights/Prospect Lefferts Garden (17)	2,478	3,302	33.3%
29	Bushwick (32)	1,411	1,855	31.5%
30	Brooklyn Heights/Fort Greene (13)	1,250	1,638	31.0%
31	Hamilton/Washington Heights/Inwood (6)	3,261	4,072	24.9%
32	Bedford-Stuyvesant (16)	1,437	1,324	-7.9%

Where Do Formerly Homeless Students Attend School?

Number and Percent of Students Formerly Homeless, by School District
SY 2016–17

Rank	Select Neighborhoods (School District #)	Total Number of Students	Number of Formerly Homeless Students	Percent Students who were Formerly Homeless
1	East Tremont (12)	25,008	2,051	8.2%
2	Mott Haven/Melrose (7)	20,353	1,571	7.7%
3	East Harlem (4)	13,862	1,030	7.4%
4	Highbridge/Concourse (9)	37,354	2,747	7.4%
5	Central Harlem/Manhattanville (5)	12,349	900	7.3%
6	Hamilton/Washington Heights/Inwood (6)	24,111	1,679	7.0%
7	Riverdale/Bedford/Fordham/Belmont (10)	58,967	4,073	6.9%
8	Hunts Point/Longwood (8)	30,183	2,072	6.9%
9	Brownsville (23)	9,892	675	6.8%
10	East New York/Starrett City (19)	24,233	1,607	6.6%
11	Bedford-Stuyvesant (16)	7,409	457	6.2%
12	Williamsbridge/Baychester/Morris Park/Co-op City (11)	42,046	2,426	5.8%
13	Woodhaven/Ozone Park/Howard Beach (27)	47,030	2,376	5.1%
14	Lower East Side (1)	12,110	592	4.9%
15	Williamsburg/Greenpoint (14)	19,762	948	4.8%
16	Bushwick (32)	12,599	535	4.2%
17	Crown Heights/Prospect Lefferts Gardens (17)	24,221	1,027	4.2%
18	Upper West Side/Morningside Heights (3)	23,063	939	4.1%
19	East Flatbush/Canarsie (18)	17,001	690	4.1%
20	Financial District/Midtown/Upper East Side (2)	64,298	2,587	4.0%
21	Brooklyn Heights/Fort Greene (13)	21,964	847	3.9%
22	Staten Island (31)	64,024	2,419	3.8%
23	Coney Island/Gravesend/Ocean Parkway (21)	37,912	1,362	3.6%
24	Hollis/Queens Village (29)	29,215	982	3.4%
25	Astoria/Long Island City (30)	42,492	1,404	3.3%
26	Carroll Gardens/Park Slope/Sunset Park (15)	33,456	1,002	3.0%
27	Sunnyside/Ridgewood/Maspeth/Elmhurst/Corona (24)	62,282	1,732	2.8%
28	Rego Park/Forest Hills/Briarwood (28)	43,905	1,213	2.8%
29	Bay Ridge/Dyker Heights (20)	55,494	1,526	2.7%
30	Flatbush/Flatlands/Sheepshead Bay (22)	36,551	926	2.5%
31	Flushing/Whitestone (25)	40,378	844	2.1%
32	Bayside/Little Neck/Fresh Meadows/Floral Park (26)	33,298	595	1.8%

Where Do Students Living in Shelter Go to School?
Schools with At Least 100 Students Living in Shelter
SY 2016–17

School Name	School Level	Select Neighborhoods (School District #)	Borough	Homeless, In Shelter	All Homeless	Percent In Shelter Of All Homeless
P.S./M.S 004 Crotona Park West	Elementary/Middle	Highbridge/Concourse (9)	Bronx	252	297	84.8%
P.S. 053 Basheer Quisim	Elementary	Highbridge/Concourse (9)	Bronx	239	390	61.3%
P.S. 048 Joseph R. Drake	Elementary	Hunts Point/Longwood (8)	Bronx	170	295	57.6%
P.S. 066 School of Higher Expectations	Elementary	East Tremont (12)	Bronx	146	216	67.6%
P.S. 070 Max Schoenfeld	Elementary	Highbridge/Concourse (9)	Bronx	140	365	38.4%
P.S. 149 Danny Kaye	Elementary	East New York/Starrett City (19)	Brooklyn	140	197	71.1%
P.S. 188 The Island School	Elementary/Middle	Lower East Side (1)	Manhattan	134	222	60.4%
The School of Science and Applied Learning	Elementary	East Tremont (12)	Bronx	124	189	65.6%
P.S. 052 Queens	Elementary	Hollis/Queens Village (29)	Queens	116	155	74.8%
P.S. 123 Mahalia Jackson	Elementary/Middle	Central Harlem/Manhattanville (5)	Manhattan	116	207	56.0%
P.S. 399 Stanley Eugene Clark	Elementary	Crown Heights/Prospect Leffert Gardens (17)	Brooklyn	112	125	89.6%
P.S. 065 Mother Hale Academy	Elementary	Mott Haven/Melrose (7)	Bronx	109	185	58.9%
Christopher Avenue Community School	Elementary	Brownsville (23)	Brooklyn	105	126	83.3%
P.S. 199X - The Shakespeare School	Elementary	Highbridge/Concourse (9)	Bronx	103	263	39.2%
J.H.S. 292 Margaret S. Douglas	Middle	East New York/Starrett City (19)	Brooklyn	103	123	83.7%
P.S. 006 West Farms	Elementary	East Tremont (12)	Bronx	100	192	52.1%
P.S. 328 Phyllis Wheatley	Elementary	East New York/Starrett City (19)	Brooklyn	100	112	89.3%

Are Homeless Pre-K Students Enrolling in School as Expected?

Number of Pre-K Students Who Are Homeless, by School District
SY 2016–17

Select Neighborhoods (School District #)	Total Number of Pre-K Students	Number of Homeless Students	Expected Homeless Pre-K Enrollment
Lower East Side (1)	847	117	Roughly the Same
Financial District/Midtown/Upper East Side (2)	2,585	202	More Than Expected
Upper West Side/Morningside Heights (3)	1,112	161	More Than Expected
East Harlem (4)	965	208	Roughly the Same
Central Harlem/Manhattanville (5)	1,146	226	Less Than Expected
Hamilton/Washington Heights/Inwood (6)	1,805	307	Less Than Expected
Mott Haven/Melrose (7)	1,405	233	Less Than Expected
Hunts Point/Longwood (8)	2,102	249	Less Than Expected
Highbridge/Concourse (9)	2,670	534	Less Than Expected
Riverdale/Bedford/Fordham/Belmont (10)	3,946	566	Less Than Expected
Williamsbridge/Baychester/Morris Park/Co-op City (11)	3,273	222	Less Than Expected
East Tremont (12)	1,461	236	Less Than Expected
Brooklyn Heights/Fort Greene (13)	1,309	90	Less Than Expected
Williamsburg/Greenpoint (14)	1,481	123	Less Than Expected
Carroll Gardens/Park Slope/Sunset Park (15)	2,865	113	Roughly the Same
Bedford-Stuyvesant (16)	764	116	Less Than Expected
Crown Heights/Prospect Lefferts Gardens (17)	2,184	192	Less Than Expected
East Flatbush/Canarsie (18)	1,496	95	Less Than Expected
East New York/Starrett City (19)	2,021	210	Less Than Expected
Bay Ridge/Dyker Heights/Borough Park (20)	4,379	101	Less Than Expected
Coney Island/Gravesend/Ocean Parkway (21)	3,076	103	Less Than Expected
Flatbush/Flatlands/Sheepshead Bay (22)	2,879	150	Less Than Expected
Brownsville (23)	839	159	Less Than Expected
Sunnyside/Ridgewood/Maspeth/Elmhurst/Corona (24)	4,125	232	Less Than Expected
Flushing/Whitestone (25)	3,256	92	Less Than Expected
Bayside/Little Neck/Fresh Meadows/Floral Park (26)	1,808	13	Roughly the Same
Woodhaven/Ozone Park/Howard Beach (27)	3,111	115	Less Than Expected
Rego Park/Forest Hills/Briarwood (28)	3,312	164	Less Than Expected
Hollis/Queens Village (29)	2,416	132	Less Than Expected
Astoria/Long Island City (30)	3,277	203	Roughly the Same
Staten Island (31)	4,195	135	Less Than Expected
Bushwick (32)	1,233	164	Less Than Expected
Citywide Special Education (75)	366	21	Less Than Expected

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SY 2016–17

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New York City School Districts

Manhattan

	Lower East Side (1)
	Financial District/Midtown/Upper East Side (2)
	Upper West Side/Morningside Heights (3)
	East Harlem (4)
	Central Harlem/Manhattanville (5)
	Hamilton/Washington Heights/Inwood (6)

Bronx

	Mott Haven/Melrose (7)
	Hunts Point/Longwood (8)
	Highbridge/Concourse (9)
	Riverdale/Bedford/Fordham/Belmont (10)
	Williamsbridge/Baychester/Morris Park/Co-op City (11)
	East Tremont (12)

Brooklyn

	Brooklyn Heights/Fort Greene (13)
	Williamsburg/Greenpoint (14)
	Carroll Gardens/Park Slope/Sunset Park (15)
	Bedford-Stuyvesant (16)
	Crown Heights/Prospect Lefferts Gardens (17)
	East Flatbush/Canarsie (18)
	East New York/Starrett City (19)
	Bay Ridge/Dyker Heights/Borough Park (20)
	Coney Island/Gravesend/Ocean Parkway (21)
	Flatbush/Flatlands/Sheepshead Bay (22)
	Brownsville (23)
	Bushwick (32)

Queens

	Sunnyside/Ridgewood/Maspeth/Elmhurst/Corona (24)
	Flushing/Whitestone (25)
	Bayside/Little Neck/Fresh Meadows/Floral Park (26)
	Woodhaven/Ozone Park/Howard Beach (27)
	Rego Park/Forest Hills/Briarwood (28)
	Hollis/Queens Village (29)
	Astoria/Long Island City (30)

Staten Island

	Staten Island (31)

Citywide Special Education (75)

Citywide Alternative Schools & Programs (79)