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**DATA2GO.NYC shows stark differences in well-being, life expectancy
across New York City’s nearly 200 neighborhoods, with life expectancy
ranging from 73.6 years at its lowest to 91 at its highest**

*Updated DATA2GO.NYC provides extensive data on hundreds of indicators of human
well-being and inequality and shows how they compare across the City’s nearly 200
neighborhoods*

NEW YORK, May 5, 2025 — [Measure of America](#) today announced the launch of the updated [DATA2GO.NYC](#), a free online data mapping tool that shows and compares indicators for human well-being and inequality in New York City. The tool provides extensive statistical data on hundreds of relevant indicators and shows how they compare across the City’s nearly 200 neighborhoods.

The updated DATA2GO.NYC shows stark inequality across the City based on the [American Human Development Index](#), with wealthier neighborhoods in Manhattan scoring vastly higher on this measure than many struggling neighborhoods in the outer boroughs, where residents have much lower median wages, a higher housing cost burden, and fewer local resources. DATA2GO.NYC’s updated data also shows a vast chasm—17.4 years—in life expectancy between New York City neighborhoods, contrasting the lowest life expectancy, 73.6 years in Brownsville in Central Brooklyn, with the highest, an astonishing 91.0 years in Stuyvesant Town-Peter Cooper Village on Manhattan’s East Side. The difference in life expectancy reflects significant differences in measures of the social determinants of health across the City —defined by the World Health Organisation as “the circumstances in which people are born, grow up, live, work, and age, as well as the systems put in place to deal with illness”—as DATA2GO.NYC’s comprehensive data illustrates.

First launched in 2015 by Measure of America, a project of the nonprofit Social Science Research Council, with support from The Leona M. and Harry B. Helmsley Charitable Trust, DATA2GO.NYC has since become a part of NYC’s civic infrastructure, a go-to tool for people and organizations dedicated to improving the lives of New Yorkers. The comprehensively updated DATA2GO.NYC, again supported by the Helmsley Charitable Trust, includes extensive new data, a new interface, and new functions,

including the ability to compare changes over time for some indicators, and to view data by borough, neighborhood, community district, and census tract.

DATA2GO.NYC includes robust, visually accessible data for more than 400 indicators of well-being, across categories including Core Demographics, Health, Education, Work and Wealth, Safety (including crime data), Civics (including voter registration data), and the Physical World (including neighborhood housing and environmental data).

“Our updated DATA2GO.NYC illustrates clearly the case for greater investment to improve the social determinants of health across all of New York City—particularly in struggling neighborhoods,” said Kristen Lewis, Director of Measure of America. “The vast difference in life expectancy by neighborhood shows how much people’s lives can improve with strong community resources and public outreach. We are proud to bring this vital updated resource to the public, with the support of the Helmsley Charitable Trust, and we hope that City leaders and all New Yorkers will make use of this resource.”

“Now more than ever, access to mapped, harmonized data on indicators of well-being is essential to help solve some of New York City’s biggest challenges. Measure of America is leading the way with Data2Go.NYC, an easy-to-use tool that is free for all. Whether the issue is health, policy, or economic stability, researchers, funders, service providers and community members will find something they can use to create solutions and policies for a healthier New York,” said Tracy Perrizo, NYC program Officer at the Helmsley Charitable Trust.

Since its launch in 2015, DATA2GO.NYC has been featured in an exhibit on information design at the Museum of the City of New York and won data democratization awards from the White House-Census Bureau Opportunity Project.

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About Measure of America

[Measure of America](#) provides easy-to-use yet methodologically sound tools for understanding the distribution of well-being and opportunity in America. Through national and state reports, thematic briefs, and interactive websites such as [DATA2GO.NYC](#), Measure of America aims to breathe life into numbers, using data to create compelling narratives that foster greater understanding of our shared challenges and greater support for people-centered policies. MOA has produced [over 60 comprehensive reports, tools, and resources](#) based on original research that provide a uniquely accessible way to understand well-being and opportunity in America’s communities; the hallmark of this work is MOA’s American Human Development Index, an alternative to GDP and other money metrics that tells the story of how ordinary Americans are faring and empowers communities with a tool to track progress over time.

Measure of America was founded in 2006, and became an initiative of the Social Science Research Council ([SSRC](#)) in 2008.

About the Helmsley Charitable Trust

The Leona M. and Harry B. Helmsley Charitable Trust aspires to improve lives by supporting exceptional efforts in the U.S. and around the world in health and select place-based initiatives. Since beginning its active grantmaking in 2008, Helmsley has committed more than \$4.5 billion for a wide range of charitable purposes. Helmsley’s New York City Program works to improve the lives of New Yorkers with multiple, chronic health needs. To learn more, visit helmsleytrust.org.