



A PORTRAIT OF

NEW YORK CITY 2018

WELL-BEING IN THE FIVE BOROUGHS AND THE GREATER METRO AREA



NYC BOROUGHES: BRONX OVERVIEW

New York City is a haven for healthy, educated residents able to contribute to a vibrant economy and keep pace with today’s rapid labor market shifts. One of the challenges for policymakers at every level is to support actions that will provide all residents, regardless of socioeconomic status, equal access to opportunity in a region with a strong economy but deep inequalities. Despite ongoing efforts to close the gaps, there remains great variation in health, education, and income across the neighborhoods of New York City.

A Portrait of New York City compares health, education, and income across the five boroughs of New York City, demonstrating the varying impact of demographic groups and geography on the overall well-being of an individual. The Bronx fares rather poorly in comparison to the other boroughs. It has the lowest life expectancy, the lowest Education Index score, calculated based on school enrollment and educational attainment rates, and the lowest median earnings.

HEALTH

- Because New York City has a high degree of residential segregation, life expectancy patterns by race and ethnicity are reflected in geographic patterns. A baby born today in the Bronx can expect to live 80.4 years, the lowest of all the boroughs.
- Although the Bronx has the lowest overall life expectancy of any borough, Asians living in the Bronx can expect to live longer than Asians residing in any of the other four boroughs.
- The five community districts with the shortest life expectancies, all under 79 years, are found in Harlem, Central Brooklyn, and the Bronx.

Top- and Bottom-Five Community Districts by Life Expectancy

	LIFE EXPECTANCY AT BIRTH (YEARS)
TOP 5	
1 QUEENS Community District 11-Bayside, Douglaston & Little Neck	89.6
2 QUEENS Community District 13-Queens Village, Cambria Heights & Rosedale	89.0
3 MANHATTAN Community District 6-Murray Hill, Gramercy & Stuyvesant Town	87.0
4 QUEENS Community District 7-Flushing, Murray Hill & Whitestone	86.5
5 MANHATTAN Community District 8-Upper East Side	86.4
BOTTOM 5	
55 BRONX Community Districts 1 & 2-Hunts Point, Longwood & Melrose	78.5
56 MANHATTAN Manhattan Community District 11-East Harlem	78.3
57 MANHATTAN Community District 10-Central Harlem	78.0
58 BRONX Community Districts 3 & 6-Belmont, Crotona Park East & East Tremont	77.6
59 BROOKLYN Community District 16-Brownsville & Ocean Hill	76.7

Source: Measure of America calculations using mortality data from the New York City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene and population data from CDC Wonder and the US Census Bureau, 2010–2014.

EDUCATION

- Educational outcomes vary tremendously across New York City neighborhoods, and low scores on the Education Index are strongly associated with a host of negative human development outcomes. The Bronx has the lowest Education Index score of all the boroughs.
- Among the five boroughs, Education Index scores range from 3.74 (the Bronx) to 7.21 (Manhattan).
- Another indicator that jumps out is that three in every ten adults over age 25 in the Bronx lack a high school diploma, a basic requirement for nearly any job that pays a decent wage.
- The ten neighborhoods that score the lowest on the Education Index are found in the Bronx and Central Brooklyn in areas that are relatively isolated from more prosperous areas of the city.

Education Index in New York City by Neighborhood Tabulation Area: Bottom Ten

BOTTOM 10	EDUCATION INDEX	HIGHEST DEGREE ATTAINED				SCHOOL ENROLLMENT	HD INDEX
		Less than high school	High school diploma	Bachelor's degree	Graduate degree		
BRONX: Claremont-Bathgate	2.51	38.4%	50.4%	9.0%	2.2%	74.7%	2.71
BRONX: Soundview-Bruckner	2.43	39.2	48.9	8.9	3.0	73.5	3.65
BRONX: Longwood	2.42	42.8	46.0	7.7	3.5	75.3	3.30
BROOKLYN: Sunset Park East	2.42	54.6	31.1	9.7	4.6	78.8	3.60
BROOKLYN: Bushwick North	2.42	42.4	36.8	15.2	5.6	69.5	3.83
BRONX: West Farms -Bronx River	2.36	38.2	51.1	8.0	2.7	73.0	3.68
BRONX: East Tremont	2.29	41.5	47.6	8.1	2.8	73.6	2.88
BRONX: Hunts Point	2.26	39.3	50.1	8.0	2.6	72.6	3.18
BRONX: Mott Haven-Port Morris	2.03	44.2	47.0	6.9	1.9	73.7	2.91
QUEENS: North Corona	1.38	46.6	46.0	5.0	2.4	68.3	3.82

INCOME

- The income divide between the haves and the have-nots in New York City is clear, with consequential impacts on the well-being of today's residents and that of their children tomorrow. Of all five boroughs, Bronx workers earn the least (\$25,767), less than half of what Manhattan workers take home (\$52,364).
- Earnings by neighborhood tabulation area (NTA) are more or less consistent with these borough trends: the ten highest-earning NTAs are all located in Manhattan while eight of the bottom ten are in the Bronx.

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