

A PORTRAIT OF NEW YORK CITY 2018

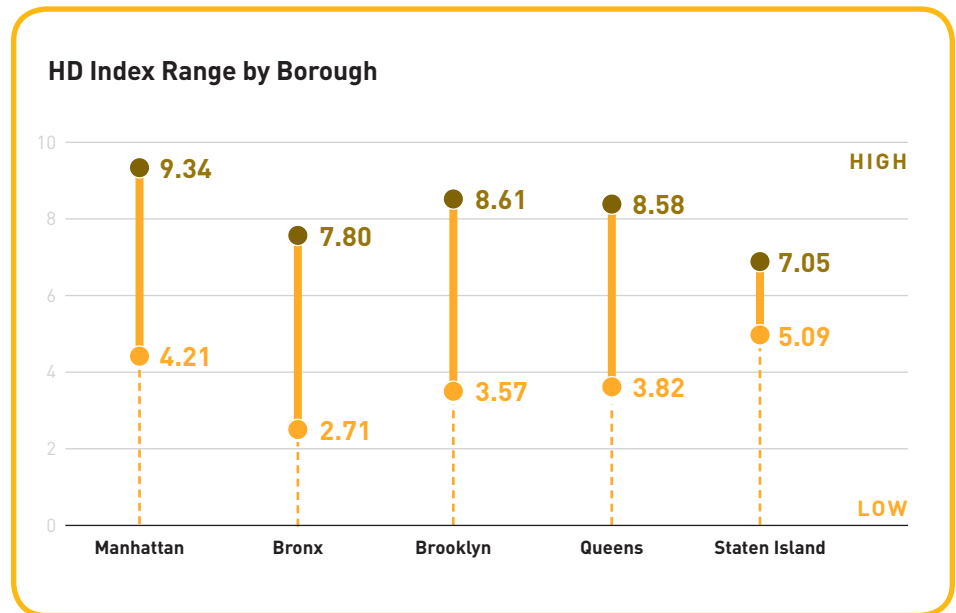
WELL-BEING IN THE FIVE BOROUGHES AND THE GREATER METRO AREA



NYC BOROUGHES: BROOKLYN 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 group and geography on the overall well-being of an individual. Brooklyn's indicators are a mixed bag. It has high highs and low lows. For example, one of Brooklyn's neighborhood tabulation areas (NTAs) ranks among the top ten for Human Development (HD) Index scores, with 8.61. However, another NTA in Brooklyn has an HD Index score of 3.57, only slightly higher than the ten lowest HD Index scores.

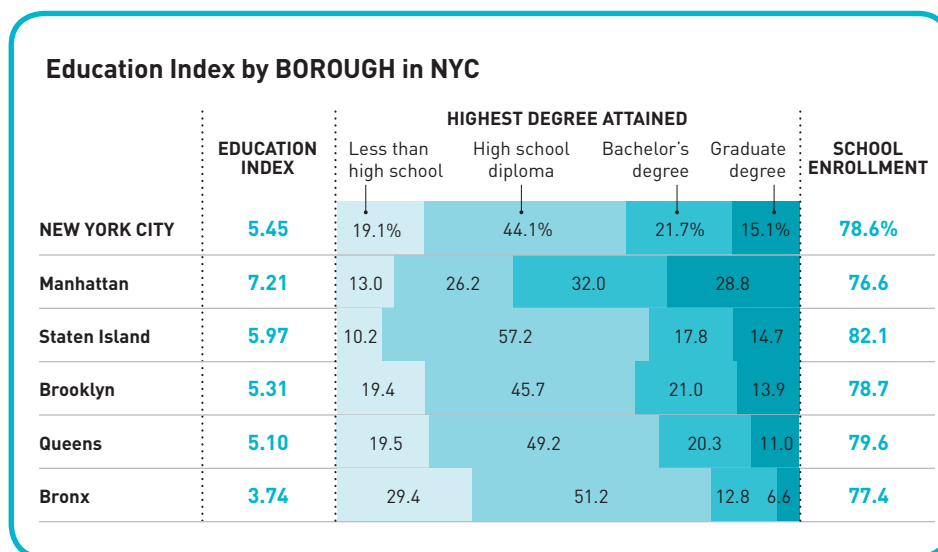


HEALTH

- A baby born today in Brooklyn can expect to live to 82.0 years, surpassing the US average of 79.3 years. Brooklyn life expectancy is the same as the New York City average and less than only Manhattan and Queens. However, life expectancy varies across demographic groups.
- The community districts with the shortest life expectancies, all under 79 years, are found in Harlem, Central Brooklyn, and the Bronx. Brooklyn communities occupy no spots in the five community districts with the highest life expectancies.
- Brooklyn women live 5.1 years longer, on average, than their male counterparts.

EDUCATION

- Educational outcomes vary tremendously across New York City neighborhoods, and low scores on the Education Index, which measures school enrollment and degree attainment, are strongly associated with a host of negative human development outcomes. Brooklyn's score on the Education Index is third-highest of the five boroughs, at 5.31.
- Among the top ten neighborhoods ranked according to Education Index score are seven neighborhoods in Manhattan, two in Brooklyn (Brooklyn Heights–Cobble Hill and Park Slope–Gowanus), and one in the Bronx (Riverdale).
- The lowest scores 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.
- In Brooklyn, slightly over one in three adults holds a four-year college degree, the second-highest rate of the five boroughs after only Manhattan.



INCOME

- One-third of the American Human Development Index is devoted to the capabilities people have to enjoy a decent material standard of living. Out of the five boroughs, Brooklyn ranks third in terms of median personal earnings.
- The ten highest-earning NTAs are all located in Manhattan while eight of the ten lowest-earning NTAs are in the Bronx, with the remaining two in Brooklyn.
- Manhattan residents top the income charts, with typical earnings over \$52,000, followed by Staten Island residents, who earn roughly \$42,000. Brooklyn and Queens residents have similar earnings, in the range of \$33,500. Bronx workers earn the least, less than half of what Manhattan workers take home.

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