



A PORTRAIT OF NEW YORK CITY 2018

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



INCOME IN THE NYC METRO AREA

Consider this fact: While Manhattan nabs half of the top ten spots in the ranking of median earnings in the New York metro area, half of the metro area locales with the lowest median personal earnings are found in the Bronx.

Because material well-being is a critical ingredient to overall well-being, one-third of the American Human Development (HD) Index is devoted to the capabilities people have to enjoy a decent material standard of living. The HD Index uses median personal earnings to gauge material well-being. This measure was chosen as a way to reflect the resources of the ordinary worker and to capture the command that both women and men have over economic resources.

Everyone knows that the five boroughs and the larger tri-state area are home to rich and poor alike; the income inequality that characterizes our city and region is readily apparent and colors our lived experience, sorting us into everything from neighborhoods and schools to buses, subway lines, commuter trains, and Ubers. Yet although the evidence is in plain sight, the depth of the poverty that exists here remains invisible to many, as do the boundless advantages afforded to those perched at the top of the scale.

A Portrait of New York City analyzes the New York metro area because the city does not exist in isolation—it is part and parcel of the larger tri-state area. Just as what happens in New York City affects the surrounding areas, so too does the regional context influence the choices and opportunities open to residents of the Big Apple.

Top- and Bottom-Scoring Areas by Earnings

RANK	PUMA NAMES	MEDIAN EARNINGS (\$)
TOP 10		
1	NY: Manhattan Community District 1 & 2-Battery Park City, Greenwich Village/Soho	86,164
2	NY: Manhattan Community District 4 & 5-Chelsea, Clinton & Midtown Business District	80,264
3	NY: Manhattan Community District 6-Murray Hill, Gramercy & Stuyvesant Town	76,879
4	NY: Manhattan Community District 8-Upper East Side	75,313
5	NY: Brooklyn Community District 6-Park Slope, Carroll Gardens & Red Hook	70,081
6	NJ: Tenafly, Park Ridge & Cresskill, NJ	67,379
7	NY: Manhattan Community District 7-Upper West Side & West Side	66,666
8	NJ: Summit City & Westfield Town, NJ (North)	62,705
9	NJ: Somerset County, NJ (North & West)	61,676
10	CT: Fairfield, New Canaan, Wilton, Weston & Easton, CT	61,237
BOTTOM 10		
161	NY: Queens Community District 4-Elmhurst & South Corona	23,632
162	NJ: Newark, NJ (Southwest)	23,192
163	NJ: Newark, NJ (North & East)	22,966
164	NY: Bronx Community District 5-Morris Heights, Fordham South & Mount Hope	22,494
165	NJ: Paterson, NJ	22,256
166	NY: Brooklyn Community District 7-Sunset Park & Windsor Terrace	22,025
167	NY: Bronx Community District 1 & 2-Hunts Point, Longwood & Melrose	21,687
168	NY: Bronx Community District 4-Concourse, Highbridge & Mount Eden	21,577
169	NY: Bronx Community District 7-Bedford Park, Fordham North & Norwood	21,341
170	NY: Bronx Community District 3 & 6-Belmont, Crotona Park East/East Tremont	21,306

STRIKING FINDINGS IN INCOME FROM A PORTRAIT OF NEW YORK CITY

- Though white women live four years longer than white men and the two are neck and neck on education indicators, white men out-earn their female counterparts by a whopping \$20,000.
- The earnings gap between black women and men is the smallest among the four major racial and ethnic groups, \$3,205.
- In terms of median personal earnings, the high of \$86,164 is found in Manhattan, in Battery Park City, Greenwich Village, and Soho. The low, \$21,306, is found in Belmont, Crotona Park East, and East Tremont in the Bronx.
- Among Latino metro area residents, there is great variation in earnings across subgroups. Latinos who trace their origins to Mexico have median earnings of \$21,701, while Latinos who trace their origins to Spain have median earnings of \$47,073.

Human Development Indicators by LATINO Subgroup in the Metro Area

	LESS THAN HIGH SCHOOL (% of adults 25+)	AT LEAST BACHELOR'S DEGREE (% of adults 25+)	GRADUATE DEGREE (% of adults 25+)	SCHOOL ENROLLMENT (% ages 3 to 24)	MEDIAN EARNINGS (\$)	POPULATION (#)	PERCENT OF METRO AREA POP THAT LIVES IN NYC
PR, DR, Cuban	28.7	17.4	5.2	76.8	27,767	2,570,099	53.3
Men	28.8	16.0	4.5	75.2	32,160	1,212,211	52.4
Women	28.6	18.5	5.9	78.3	24,045	1,357,888	54.2
Central American	43.9	12.3	3.8	72.8	23,729	623,193	29.9
Men	47.1	10.3	2.8	70.2	26,239	337,044	27.1
Women	40.2	14.5	5.0	76.1	19,838	286,149	33.1
Mexican	44.6	12.0	4.6	77.6	21,701	631,286	53.3
Men	44.6	9.5	3.9	77.8	24,520	341,649	53.8
Women	44.7	15.2	5.4	77.4	17,161	289,637	52.7
South American	22.4	22.4	7.1	80.4	26,241	968,151	38.7
Men	23.7	19.6	6.1	80.2	30,871	481,530	38.7
Women	21.1	25.1	8.0	80.6	21,547	486,621	38.6
Other Latino	32.3	23.2	8.9	84.8	26,242	172,134	46.6
Men	32.5	25.7	9.9	83.9	30,920	91,321	47.5
Women	32.0	20.5	7.9	85.8	22,402	80,813	45.6
Spaniard	13.2	48.2	22.0	85.3	47,073	64,647	38.6
Men	11.5	47.1	23.7	89.2	52,386	30,696	35.2
Women	14.8	49.3	20.3	82.5	41,623	33,951	41.7

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