

A PORTRAIT OF

# NEW YORK CITY 2018

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



## NYC BOROUGHES: MANHATTAN 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. Manhattan fares rather well in most regards compared to the other four boroughs. Its life expectancy is the second highest, and its educational attainment and income levels top the charts. However, these numbers still obscure large variations across the three indicators.

### HEALTH

- A baby born today in Manhattan can expect to live 84.2 years, surpassing the US average of 79.3 years. However, this average obscures variation in life expectancies depending on geography and demographic group.
- While Manhattan overall has the second-highest life expectancy (84.2 years) of the five boroughs, black people living in Manhattan have the lowest life expectancy (76.6 years) of all racial and ethnic groups across the boroughs.
- The variation in leading causes of death in the five longest- and shortest-living community districts demonstrates important differences. Suicide is one of the leading causes of death in the five community

**Life Expectancy by Borough and Race and Ethnicity**

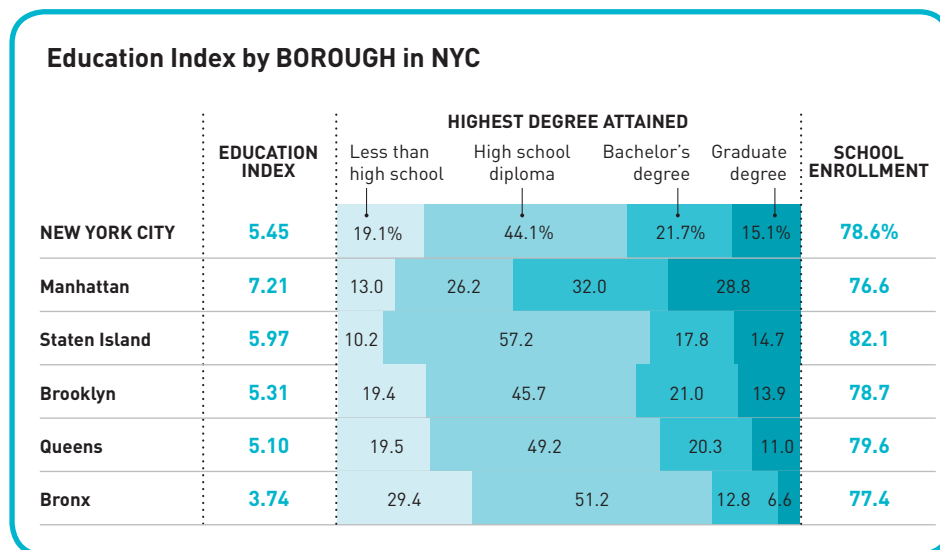
	OVERALL	ASIAN	BLACK	LATINO	WHITE
<b>NYC</b>	<b>82.3</b>	<b>89.3</b>	<b>79.2</b>	<b>83.5</b>	<b>82.6</b>
BRONX	80.4	94.1	78.5	82.7	79.5
BROOKLYN	82.0	88.9	80.2	82.5	82.8
MANHATTAN	84.2	89.8	76.6	84.8	82.6
QUEENS	85.1	90.3	82.6	89.2	83.5
STATEN ISLAND	81.1	90.4	78.2	82.3	80.9

districts with the highest life expectancies, and HIV is among the leading causes of death for the five community districts with the lowest.

- Ranking community districts by life expectancy, two are located in Manhattan, as are two of the bottom five, demonstrating great variation that is masked by the borough's relatively high average life expectancy.

## EDUCATION

- Education is a means to a host of desirable ends, better jobs and bigger paychecks to name two. Manhattan has the highest Education Index score, 7.21. Education Index scores are developed using two indicators: school enrollment and educational degree attainment.
- Among the most striking findings is the high share of Manhattan adults with bachelor's degrees, more than six in ten.
- Seven of the ten neighborhoods with the highest educational attainment rates are located in Manhattan.



## INCOME

- Recent research on neighborhood income and poverty underscores the role that neighborhood income plays in children's future earnings potential. Calculating earnings by NYC neighborhood shows enormous variation.
- Manhattan residents top the charts for income, with typical earnings over \$52,000. This is over twice as much as residents of the Bronx.
- 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.
- Residential segregation by race and ethnicity overlaps strongly with economic divides in the city. Of the twenty highest-earning neighborhoods, all but one are majority white.

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