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. Compared to the other four boroughs, Queens residents fare rather well in terms of health, with both men and women having the longest life expectancies. However, it ranks fourth on the Education Index, which measures school enrollment and degree attainment, and fourth in terms of median personal earnings.

HEALTH

- Because New York City has a high degree of residential segregation, the life expectancy patterns by race and ethnicity are reflected in geographic patterns. A baby born in Queens can expect to live 85.1 years.
- The five community districts with the longest life expectancies, all above 86 years, are located in Queens and Manhattan. Two are majority white, one is majority Asian, one is split fairly evenly between whites and Asians, and all five have very low black populations.
- Both women and men have the longest life expectancies in Queens, 87.4 years and 82.3 years, respectively.

EDUCATION

- People with higher levels of educational attainment earn more and are less likely to be unemployed than those whose formal educations ended with high school. However, Queens ranks fourth out of the five boroughs on the Education Index, with a score of 5.10.
• Educational outcomes vary tremendously across New York City neighborhoods, ranging from the top-scoring Carnegie Hill on the Upper East Side, with a score of 9.50 on the Education Index, to the bottom-scoring North Corona in Queens, which scores just 1.38.
• In North Corona in Queens, 46.6 percent of residents have less than a high school degree, and only 5.0 percent of residents have a bachelor’s degree.

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. Queens residents have earnings of $33,161, ranking them fourth of all the boroughs, above only the Bronx.
• The range of black workers’ earnings across the city’s five boroughs is the smallest of the five major racial and ethnic groups; there is only a $6,000 difference between black earnings in Queen and the Bronx.

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