Educational Achievement of Homeless Students

Not having a consistent place to call home undermines a child's sense of stability, making it difficult to succeed in school. Across grade levels, homeless students are more likely than their housed peers to transfer schools mid-year, have special education needs identified late, be chronically absent, and not meet grade-level standards in math and English. By high school, homeless students drop out at higher rates and graduate less often. While homeless students have consistently worse educational outcomes than both their low-income and non-low-income housed peers, a great deal of variation exists by school district and by the type of homelessness a child experiences. This section examines local differences in the educational outcomes of homeless students both across and within school districts. Building on the *2015 Atlas of Student Homelessness in New York City*, Section 3 looks not only at homeless students in comparison to their housed peers, but also at the differences between homeless students living doubled up and those living in shelter. These differences highlight not only the challenges homeless students face, but also areas of success that can be shared and built upon among school districts.

Staten Island (District 31) had the highest rate of mid-year transfers for homeless students living in shelter, with over half transferring schools compared to just 9% of all students citywide.

In seven school districts, more than 43% of homeless students were chronically absent, missing four weeks or more of school.

ELA proficiency among homeless students varied from 8% in Brownsville, Brooklyn to 36% in Bayside, Queens (Districts 23 and 26).

Sharply different rates of late IEP identification existed with a close to 40 percentage-point gap between homeless students in two adjacent Manhattan districts (1 and 2).

In eight school districts, homeless students were suspended at rates that were below the citywide average of 2.8%.
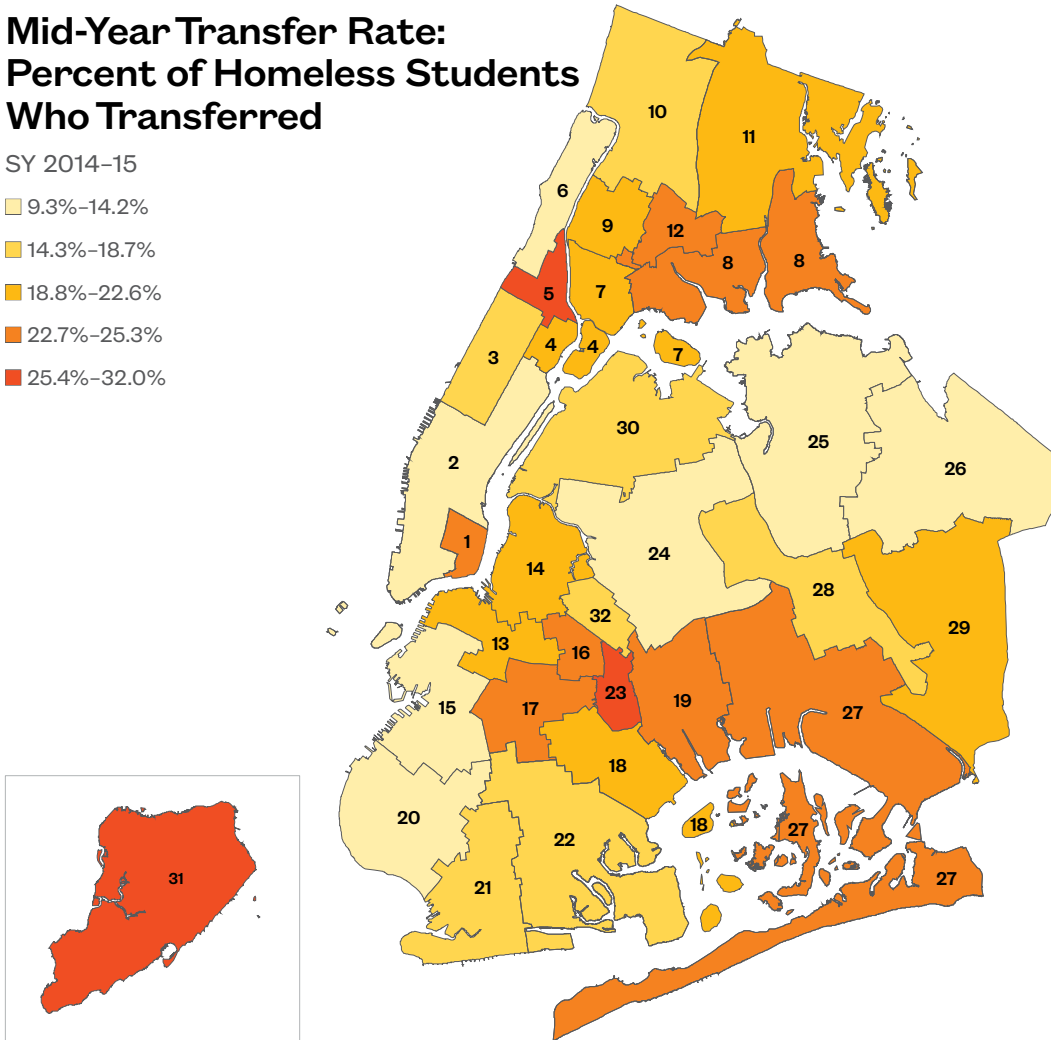
Only half of students who were homeless during high school graduated in four years and 18% dropped out compared to 71% and 9% citywide.

School Instability Across Districts

Mid-Year Transfer Rate: Percent of Homeless Students Who Transferred

SY 2014–15

- 9.3%–14.2%
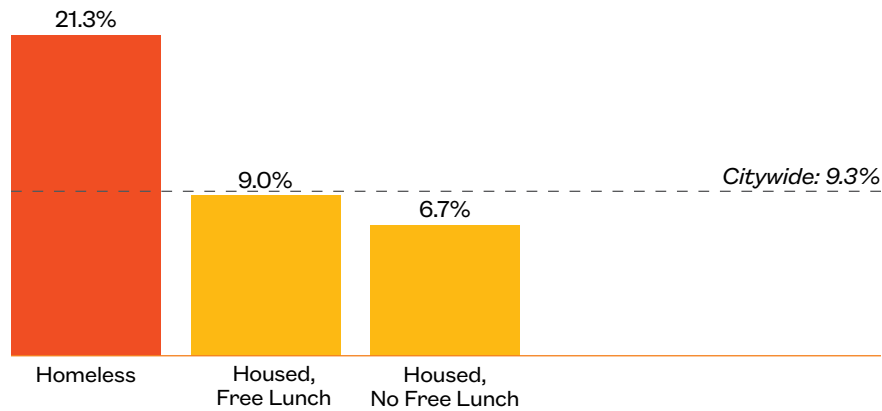- 14.3%–18.7%
- 18.8%–22.6%
- 22.7%–25.3%
- 25.4%–32.0%

School stability is key to educational success, but many students face disruptive mid-year transfers. This disruption was most pronounced for homeless students, who transferred schools mid-year at two times the rate of their low-income housed peers and three times the rate of their non-low-income peers (21%, 9%, and 7% respectively).

Homeless students living in shelter had the highest mid-year transfer rate at 32%—twice the rate of their homeless peers living doubled up (15%) and more than four times the rate of their non-low-income housed peers (7%).

Mid-year transfer rates varied greatly by district, even among similar income and housing groups. Among homeless students living doubled up, transfer rates ranged from a low of 9% in Bay Ridge (District 20) to a high of 25% in Brownsville (District 23). Among homeless students living in shelter, 20% transferred in the Financial District in Manhattan and Bay Ridge, Brooklyn (Districts 2 and 20) compared to 56% in Staten Island (District 31).

Staten Island (District 31) had the highest rate of mid-year transfers for homeless students living in shelter, with over half (56%) transferring mid-year.

Note: Transfer rate shows the percentage of homeless students who transferred into or within the district at some point during the school year. Data are by school district for SY 2014–15 and do not include schools in non-geographic districts.

Source: New York City Department of Education, unpublished data tabulated by the Institute for Children, Poverty, and Homelessness, SY 2014–15.

Mid-Year Transfer Rate, School Year 2014–15

Bar chart:
- Homeless: 21.3%
- Housed, Free Lunch: 9.0%
- Housed, No Free Lunch: 6.7%
- Citywide: 9.3%

City/Borough/ Select Neighborhoods (School District #)	All Students	Homeless			Housed	
		All Homeless	In Shelter	Doubled Up	Free Lunch	No Free Lunch
New York City	**9.3%**	**21.3%**	**32.1%**	**14.6%**	**9.0%**	**6.7%**
Manhattan		**19.7%**	**29.7%**	**13.8%**	**10.0%**	**6.9%**
Lower East Side (1)		23.6%	36.0%	15.0%	12.0%	6.6%
Financial District/Midtown/Upper East Side (2)		14.2%	19.8%	11.4%	7.4%	4.8%
Upper West Side/Morningside Heights (3)		18.6%	23.8%	15.7%	10.6%	4.7%
East Harlem (4)		20.6%	32.1%	13.5%	8.4%	8.5%
Central Harlem/Manhattanville (5)		28.8%	36.3%	19.7%	12.3%	8.1%
Hamilton/Washington Heights/Inwood (6)		13.8%	23.0%	11.8%	7.9%	8.1%
Bronx		**22.0%**	**30.9%**	**15.7%**	**10.4%**	**8.4%**
Mott Haven/Melrose (7)		21.4%	29.6%	15.0%	10.3%	15.0%
Hunts Point/Longwood (8)		25.2%	33.3%	17.9%	11.5%	10.1%
Highbridge/Concourse (9)		21.3%	30.4%	13.6%	9.7%	8.6%
Riverdale/Bedford/Fordham/Belmont (10)		18.5%	29.1%	14.5%	9.2%	6.3%
Williamsbridge/Morris Park/Co-op City (11)		22.7%	33.0%	16.3%	9.5%	6.9%
East Tremont (12)		25.2%	29.5%	20.4%	10.9%	9.8%

City/Borough/ Select Neighborhoods (School District #)	Homeless			Housed	
	All Homeless	In Shelter	Doubled Up	Free Lunch	No Free Lunch
Brooklyn	**20.5%**	**30.8%**	**13.5%**	**8.5%**	**6.0%**
Brooklyn Heights/Fort Greene (13)	21.5%	24.5%	16.7%	8.9%	6.7%
Williamsburg/Greenpoint (14)	21.1%	30.7%	13.3%	7.3%	5.0%
Carroll Gardens/Park Slope/Sunset Park (15)	13.3%	24.8%	9.9%	6.8%	4.5%
Bedford-Stuyvesant (16)	24.7%	28.6%	18.9%	14.4%	14.5%
Crown Heights/Prospect Lefferts Gardens (17)	23.4%	33.3%	13.5%	10.1%	8.3%
East Flatbush/Canarsie (18)	22.4%	30.1%	16.4%	11.4%	9.9%
East New York/Starrett City (19)	25.4%	30.8%	19.1%	12.1%	10.3%
Bay Ridge/Dyker Heights/Borough Park (20)	9.3%	19.7%	8.7%	5.5%	4.2%
Coney Island/Gravesend/Ocean Parkway (21)	15.9%	36.7%	10.8%	7.0%	5.0%
Flatbush/Flatlands/Sheepshead Bay (22)	16.8%	34.1%	12.0%	6.4%	4.0%
Brownsville (23)	32.0%	36.2%	24.6%	14.4%	11.9%
Bushwick (32)	18.8%	27.4%	13.8%	7.4%	8.5%
Queens	**20.9%**	**39.3%**	**13.7%**	**8.0%**	**7.2%**
Sunnyside/Ridgewood/Elmhurst/Corona (24)	14.2%	38.3%	9.6%	5.5%	4.5%
Flushing/Whitestone (25)	13.4%	31.1%	10.8%	7.1%	4.8%
Bayside/Little Neck/Fresh Meadows/Floral Park (26)	11.5%	–	11.8%	4.4%	3.6%
Woodhaven/Ozone Park/Howard Beach (27)	24.8%	40.4%	16.2%	7.9%	6.2%
Rego Park/Forest Hills/Briarwood (28)	17.4%	31.9%	11.7%	6.4%	4.6%
Hollis/Queens Village (29)	22.3%	34.4%	15.3%	9.2%	7.6%
Astoria/Long Island City (30)	17.6%	42.2%	12.8%	6.2%	5.1%
Staten Island	**29.1%**	**55.2%**	**19.1%**	**8.2%**	**4.0%**
Staten Island (31)	28.6%	55.8%	18.6%	7.8%	3.8%
Citywide Special Education (75)	**33.9%**	**33.7%**	**35.6%**	**20.0%**	**13.7%**
Citywide Alternative Schools & Programs (79)	**72.8%**	**77.9%**	**67.4%**	**70.7%**	**59.8%**

Note: Figures refer to the percentage of students who transferred who were homeless, etc. in school year 2014–15. Data by school district do not include schools in non-geographic districts so borough and district total percentages may differ. Ns of fewer than 30 students were redacted.

Source: New York City Department of Education, unpublished data tabulated by the Institute for Children, Poverty, and Homelessness, SY 2014–15.

Geographic Patterns of Absenteeism

Chronic Absenteeism Among Homeless Students
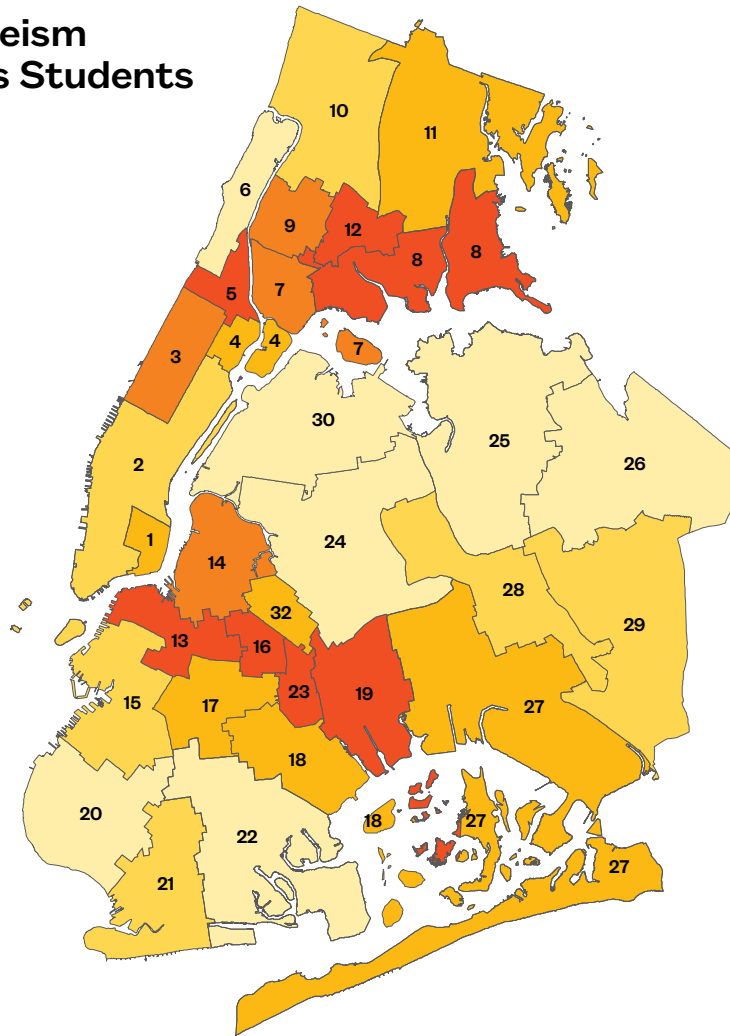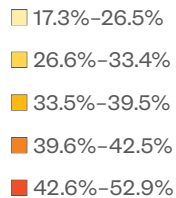
SY 2014–15

- 17.3%–26.5%
- 26.6%–33.4%
- 33.5%–39.5%
- 39.6%–42.5%
- 42.6%–52.9%

Note: Data are by school district for SY 2014–15 and do not include schools in non-geographic districts.

Source: New York City Department of Education, unpublished data tabulated by the Institute for Children, Poverty, and Homelessness, SY 2014–15.

On average, 22% of students in New York City and 37% of all homeless students were chronically absent, missing 20 or more days of school in SY 2014–15.

Across all school districts, homeless students living in shelter had the highest rates of chronic absenteeism when compared to all other housing and income groups. Over half of students in shelter were chronically absent compared to 25% of their homeless peers living doubled up, 23% of their low-income housed peers, and 15% of their non-low-income housed peers.

The seven geographic school districts with the highest rates of chronic absenteeism among homeless students were: Hunts Point and East Tremont in the Bronx (Districts 8 and 12), Central Harlem in Manhattan (District 5), and Brooklyn Heights, Bedford-Stuyvesant, East New York, and Brownsville in Brooklyn (Districts 13, 16, 19, and 23). In each of these districts, over 43% of homeless students were chronically absent from school.

In New York City's Special Education District (75) and Alternative Schools & Programs District (79), homeless students were particularly vulnerable to chronic absenteeism. More than two-thirds of all homeless students, and three-quarters of students living in shelter, missed 20 or more days of school.

Chronic Absenteeism Rate, School Year 2014–15
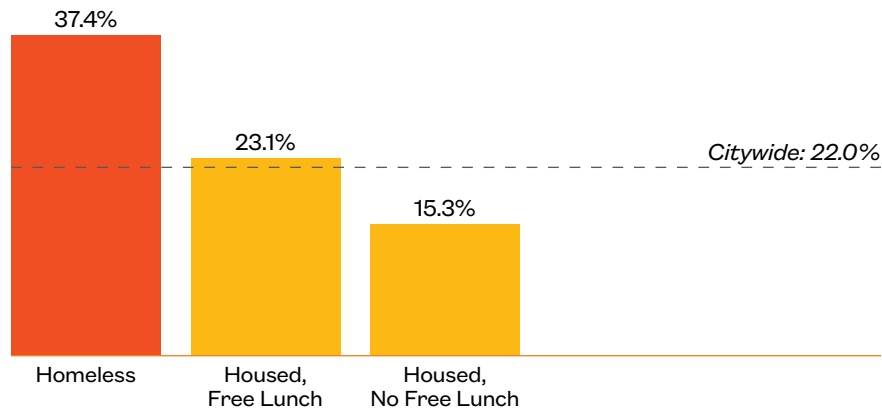
37.4%

23.1%

Citywide: 22.0%

15.3%

| Homeless | Housed, Free Lunch | Housed, No Free Lunch |

City/Borough/ Select Neighborhoods (School District #)	All Students	Homeless			Housed	
		All Homeless	In Shelter	Doubled Up	Free Lunch	No Free Lunch
New York City	**22.0%**	**37.4%**	**57.7%**	**24.6%**	**23.1%**	**15.3%**
Manhattan		**35.8%**	**53.6%**	**24.9%**	**26.6%**	**12.4%**
Lower East Side (1)		36.5%	47.4%	28.3%	25.9%	11.5%
Financial District/Midtown/Upper East Side (2)		31.6%	53.2%	20.5%	24.8%	11.6%
Upper West Side/Morningside Heights (3)		40.6%	53.6%	29.8%	28.9%	7.7%
East Harlem (4)		38.4%	53.1%	28.4%	23.7%	15.7%
Central Harlem/Manhattanville (5)		44.7%	55.2%	32.7%	32.0%	18.1%
Hamilton/Washington Heights/Inwood (6)		26.5%	51.0%	21.2%	22.2%	16.0%
Bronx		**40.7%**	**58.9%**	**27.1%**	**28.9%**	**21.6%**
Mott Haven/Melrose (7)		42.5%	58.2%	30.5%	33.5%	40.9%
Hunts Point/Longwood (8)		46.2%	60.3%	32.4%	32.2%	24.3%
Highbridge/Concourse (9)		41.7%	59.2%	26.0%	28.1%	25.4%
Riverdale/Bedford/Fordham/Belmont (10)		33.4%	54.5%	25.1%	24.9%	17.5%
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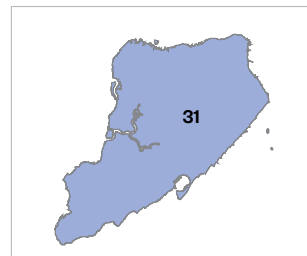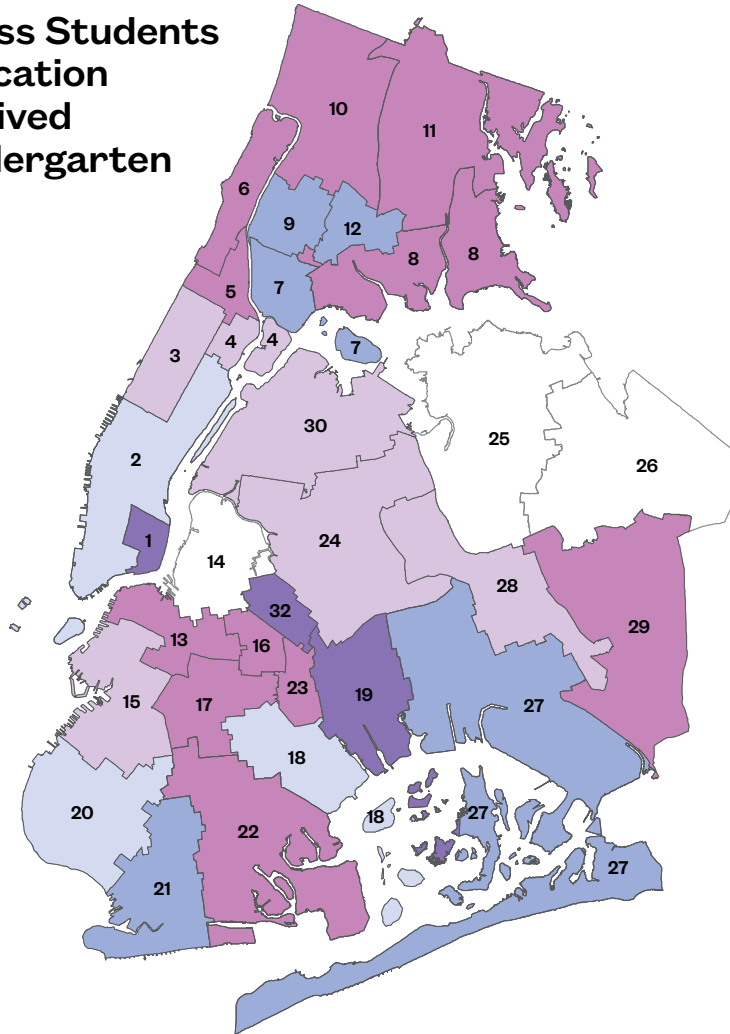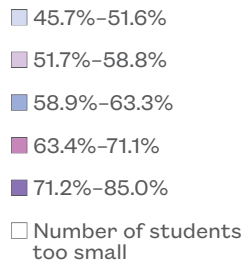| City/Borough/ Select Neighborhoods (School District #)	Homeless			Housed	
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Flatbush/Flatlands/Sheepshead Bay (22)	26.5%	53.9%	18.9%	15.2%	10.5%
Brownsville (23)	52.9%	62.1%	31.3%	37.1%	35.2%
Bushwick (32)	39.0%	58.0%	26.7%	24.3%	25.2%
Queens	**31.0%**	**58.8%**	**20.3%**	**17.8%**	**15.6%**
Sunnyside/Ridgewood/Elmhurst/Corona (24)	22.7%	55.2%	15.6%	12.7%	12.0%
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Rego Park/Forest Hills/Briarwood (28)	32.5%	52.8%	23.5%	18.3%	12.9%
Hollis/Queens Village (29)	32.7%	54.0%	21.3%	18.1%	14.4%
Astoria/Long Island City (30)	21.7%	53.3%	15.3%	14.8%	11.4%
Staten Island	**36.8%**	**61.2%**	**27.3%**	**23.5%**	**12.0%**
Staten Island (31)	36.1%	60.1%	27.3%	22.7%	11.5%
Citywide Special Education (75)	**67.6%**	**74.6%**	**55.2%**	**48.5%**	**38.8%**
Citywide Alternative Schools & Programs (79)	**77.8%**	**81.9%**	**76.4%**	**74.1%**	**64.0%**

Note: Data by school district do not include schools in non-geographic districts so borough and district total percentages may differ. Ns of fewer than 30 students were redacted.

Source: New York City Department of Education, unpublished data tabulated by the Institute for Children, Poverty, and Homelessness, SY 2014–15.

Identifying Students in Need of IEPs

Share of Homeless Students with Special Education Needs Who Received IEP Late, by Kindergarten School District

SY 2010–11 to SY 2014–15

- 45.7%–51.6%
- 51.7%–58.8%
- 58.9%–63.3%
- 63.4%–71.1%
- 71.2%–85.0%
- Number of students too small

Early identification of special education needs is critical to the success of all students. Citywide, half of students (50%) with special education needs received their Individual Education Plan (IEP) late, after Kindergarten.

Homeless students were more likely than their housed peers to receive their IEP late. Among homeless students with IEPs, 62% received their IEP after Kindergarten compared to 48% of low-income housed students and 43% of non-low-income housed students.

Rates of late identification also varied sharply by school district with a close to 40 percentage-point difference among homeless students attending schools in two adjacent Manhattan school districts. District 1, serving the East Village and Lower East Side, had the highest rate of late IEPs with 85% of homeless students in need identified after Kindergarten. District 2, serving the Financial District, Midtown, and the Upper East Side, had the lowest rate of late IEPs among homeless students at 46%.

Note: Late is defined as after Kindergarten. Data represent a cohort of students who entered Kindergarten in SY 2010–11 and received an IEP at some point during the next five years. Students are categorized according to whether they experienced homelessness at any point during the five-year period. Data are by school district and do not include schools in non-geographic districts. Ns of fewer than 30 students were redacted.
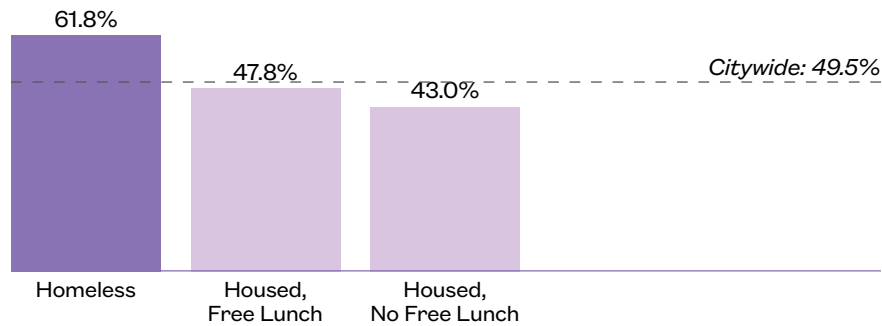
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Late IEP Identification, School Years 2010–11 to 2014–15

61.8%

47.8%

43.0%

Citywide: 49.5%

Homeless

Housed,
Free Lunch

Housed,
No Free Lunch

City/Borough/ Select Neighborhoods (School District #)	All Students	All Homeless	Housed, Free Lunch	Housed, No Free Lunch
New York City	**49.5%**	**61.8%**	**47.8%**	**43.0%**
Manhattan		**61.3%**	**47.7%**	**48.1%**
Lower East Side (1)		85.0%	49.1%	–
Financial District/Midtown/Upper East Side (2)		45.7%	50.7%	47.8%
Upper West Side/Morningside Heights (3)		54.2%	59.3%	49.5%
East Harlem (4)		56.4%	46.2%	–
Central Harlem/Manhattanville (5)		68.9%	51.1%	–
Hamilton/Washington Heights/Inwood (6)		69.1%	51.9%	–
Bronx		**61.9%**	**44.9%**	**46.8%**
Mott Haven/Melrose (7)		61.2%	50.3%	–
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Highbridge/Concourse (9)		59.7%	46.1%	–
Riverdale/Bedford/Fordham/Belmont (10)		68.7%	52.7%	–
Williamsbridge/Morris Park/Co-op City (11)		68.9%	46.6%	–
East Tremont (12)		63.3%	45.5%	–

City/Borough/ Select Neighborhoods (School District #)	All Homeless	Housed, Free Lunch	Housed, No Free Lunch
Brooklyn	**64.8%**	**50.0%**	**41.5%**
Brooklyn Heights/Fort Greene (13)	67.5%	71.0%	52.9%
Williamsburg/Greenpoint (14)	–	54.3%	–
Carroll Gardens/Park Slope/Sunset Park (15)	58.2%	57.3%	48.4%
Bedford-Stuyvesant (16)	71.1%	64.3%	–
Crown Heights/Prospect Lefferts Gardens (17)	69.4%	51.6%	–
East Flatbush/Canarsie (18)	51.6%	53.6%	–
East New York/Starrett City (19)	79.4%	59.9%	–
Bay Ridge/Dyker Heights/Borough Park (20)	50.0%	45.5%	–
Coney Island/Gravesend/Ocean Parkway (21)	61.5%	48.4%	–
Flatbush/Flatlands/Sheepshead Bay (22)	66.2%	47.8%	–
Brownsville (23)	66.7%	60.4%	–
Bushwick (32)	78.6%	51.6%	–
Queens	**58.0%**	**48.4%**	**39.6%**
Sunnyside/Ridgewood/Elmhurst/Corona (24)	58.8%	46.0%	32.6%
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Hollis/Queens Village (29)	69.0%	58.3%	–
Astoria/Long Island City (30)	57.4%	45.4%	–
Staten Island	**60.0%**	**46.2%**	**40.3%**
Staten Island (31)	61.1%	49.8%	40.3%

Note: Late is defined as after Kindergarten. Data represent a cohort of students who entered Kindergarten in SY 2010–11 and received an IEP at some point during the next five years. Students are categorized according to whether they experienced homelessness or were eligible for free lunch at any point during the five-year period. Data by school district do not include schools in non-geographic districts, so borough and district total percentages may differ. Ns of fewer than 30 students were redacted. Doubled up and in shelter categories are not included due to small sample size.
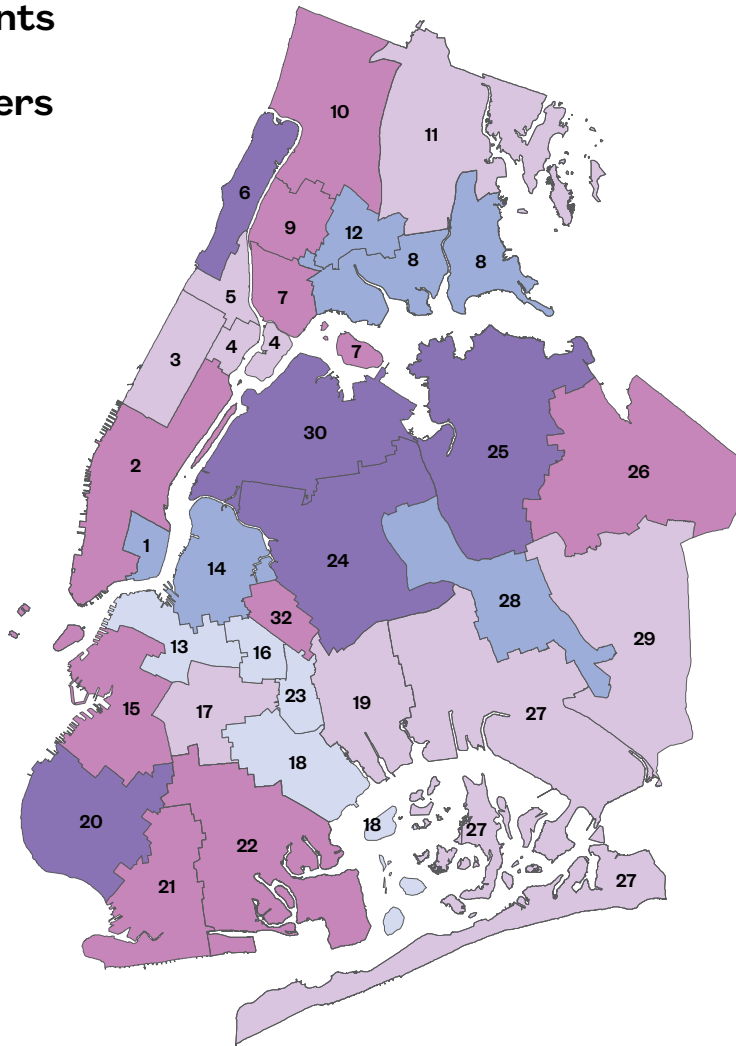
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The Intersection of Homelessness and English Language Learners

Close to one-quarter (23%) of all homeless students in New York City were English Language Learners (ELL) in SY 2014–15. By comparison, only 14% of students citywide were ELL.

Stark differences in prevalence of ELL also exist among homeless students. One-third (33%) of doubled-up students were ELL compared to only 10% of homeless students living in shelter.

The highest rate of ELL among homeless students was seen in the Bay Ridge area of Brooklyn (District 20), where 61% of all homeless students living doubled up were ELL.

Homeless Students Who Are English Language Learners

SY 2014–15

- 5.5%–7.0%
- 7.1%–16.0%
- 16.1%–21.6%
- 21.7%–31.6%
- 31.7%–58.0%

Note: Data are by school district for SY 2014–15 and do not include schools in non-geographic districts.
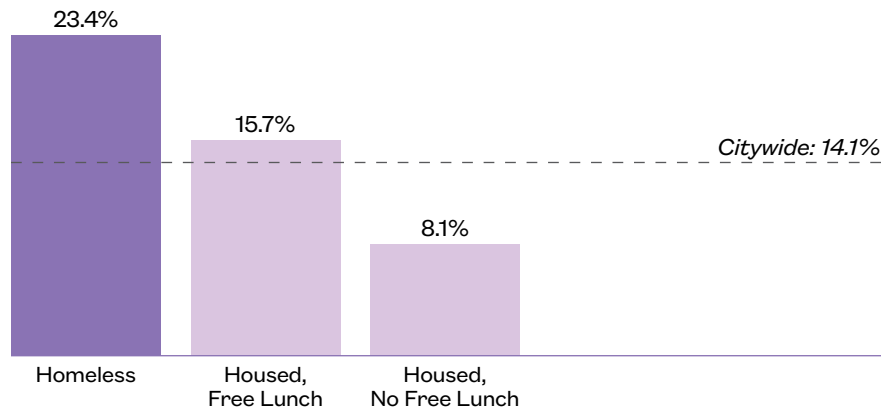
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Percent of Students Who Are English Language Learners, School Year 2014–15

23.4%

15.7%

Citywide: 14.1%

8.1%

Homeless | Housed, Free Lunch | Housed, No Free Lunch

City/Borough/ Select Neighborhoods (School District #)	All Students	Homeless			Housed	
		All Homeless	In Shelter	Doubled Up	Free Lunch	No Free Lunch
New York City	**14.1%**	**23.4%**	**9.8%**	**32.5%**	**15.7%**	**8.1%**
Manhattan		**23.5%**	**10.1%**	**31.8%**	**14.8%**	**6.1%**
Lower East Side (1)		16.7%	8.7%	22.9%	10.3%	8.9%
Financial District/Midtown/Upper East Side (2)		29.2%	9.0%	39.7%	11.4%	5.3%
Upper West Side/Morningside Heights (3)		12.9%	9.1%	15.7%	8.3%	2.5%
East Harlem (4)		14.1%	9.5%	16.5%	11.6%	5.1%
Central Harlem/Manhattanville (5)		13.8%	6.5%	23.0%	9.3%	5.1%
Hamilton/Washington Heights/Inwood (6)		39.4%	23.4%	42.8%	30.6%	16.6%
Bronx		**24.6%**	**12.6%**	**34.1%**	**17.3%**	**11.0%**
Mott Haven/Melrose (7)		23.7%	11.4%	33.8%	16.7%	10.5%
Hunts Point/Longwood (8)		19.3%	11.0%	28.5%	12.0%	10.7%
Highbridge/Concourse (9)		26.3%	12.0%	39.4%	21.9%	21.6%
Riverdale/Bedford/Fordham/Belmont (10)		31.3%	16.5%	37.5%	21.1%	10.6%
Williamsbridge/Morris Park/Co-op City (11)		15.9%	9.0%	21.0%	10.1%	6.2%
East Tremont (12)		21.6%	12.5%	33.3%	18.9%	11.9%

| City/Borough/ Select Neighborhoods (School District #)	Homeless			Housed	
	All Homeless	In Shelter	Doubled Up	Free Lunch	No Free Lunch
Brooklyn	**20.3%**	**6.3%**	**30.8%**	**15.5%**	**8.7%**
Brooklyn Heights/Fort Greene (13)	5.7%	3.2%	8.6%	5.2%	3.0%
Williamsburg/Greenpoint (14)	17.0%	6.8%	26.3%	11.9%	8.6%
Carroll Gardens/Park Slope/Sunset Park (15)	28.2%	9.7%	34.8%	25.4%	7.2%
Bedford-Stuyvesant (16)	5.5%	3.7%	9.1%	4.6%	2.8%
Crown Heights/Prospect Lefferts Gardens (17)	12.2%	4.8%	19.1%	9.4%	9.0%
East Flatbush/Canarsie (18)	6.8%	3.9%	9.5%	4.8%	4.6%
East New York/Starrett City (19)	14.5%	7.4%	22.8%	12.3%	9.9%
Bay Ridge/Dyker Heights/Borough Park (20)	58.0%	15.4%	61.4%	27.7%	14.6%
Coney Island/Gravesend/Ocean Parkway (21)	31.6%	8.3%	39.2%	17.6%	11.0%
Flatbush/Flatlands/Sheepshead Bay (22)	23.3%	6.6%	28.9%	12.6%	5.1%
Brownsville (23)	7.0%	5.4%	12.5%	4.5%	4.0%
Bushwick (32)	23.1%	11.3%	29.8%	18.7%	16.0%
Queens	**27.5%**	**9.2%**	**34.9%**	**16.4%**	**9.5%**
Sunnyside/Ridgewood/Elmhurst/Corona (24)	39.3%	15.5%	44.0%	24.0%	15.6%
Flushing/Whitestone (25)	37.8%	7.6%	43.5%	22.5%	10.2%
Bayside/Little Neck/Fresh Meadows/Floral Park (26)	23.2%	–	26.8%	10.7%	3.4%
Woodhaven/Ozone Park/Howard Beach (27)	16.0%	6.6%	22.8%	11.2%	5.6%
Rego Park/Forest Hills/Briarwood (28)	19.4%	7.0%	26.0%	11.0%	6.4%
Hollis/Queens Village (29)	13.7%	5.0%	18.8%	7.5%	5.4%
Astoria/Long Island City (30)	40.5%	16.0%	45.7%	20.9%	11.6%
Staten Island	**12.1%**	**4.7%**	**15.4%**	**7.8%**	**1.9%**
Staten Island (31)	12.2%	4.8%	15.4%	7.8%	1.8%
Citywide Special Education (75)	**14.6%**	**12.6%**	**24.4%**	**19.3%**	**18.4%**
Citywide Alternative Schools & Programs (79)	**16.4%**	**10.3%**	**29.6%**	**13.0%**	**13.7%**

Note: Data by school district do not include schools in non-geographic districts, so borough and district total percentages may differ. Ns of fewer than 30 students were redacted.

Source: New York City Department of Education, unpublished data tabulated by the Institute for Children, Poverty, and Homelessness, SY 2014–15.

Academic Achievement in English

Grade-Level Proficiency Among Homeless Students: 3rd–8th Grade State English Language Arts (ELA) Test

SY 2014–15
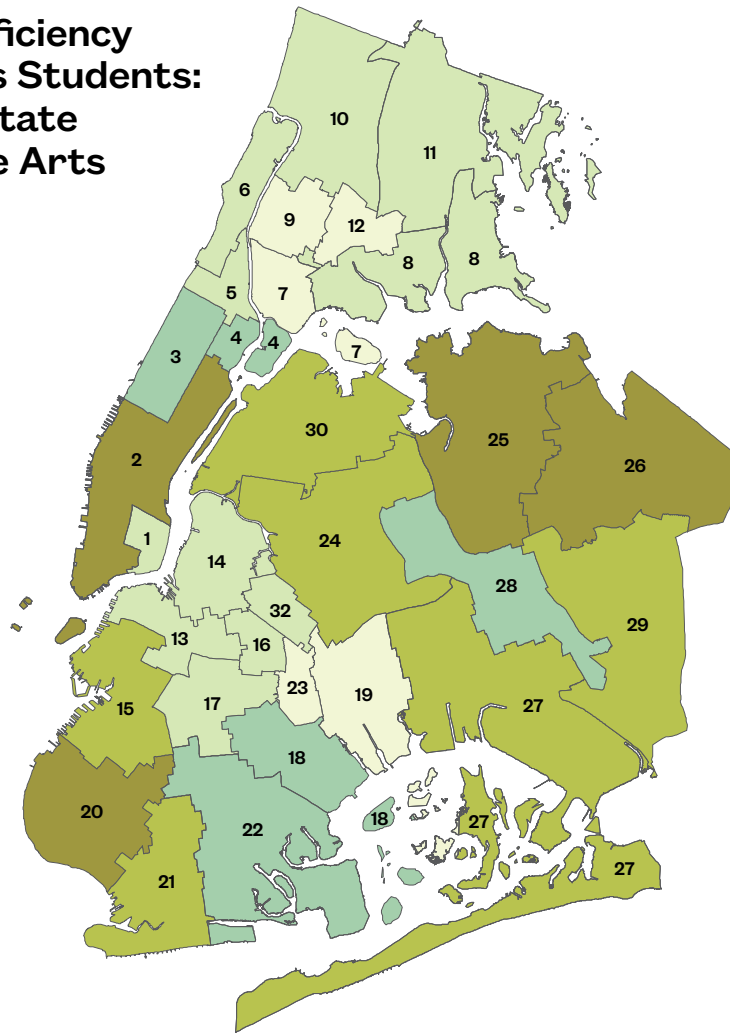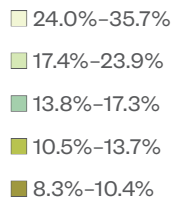
- ☐ 24.0%–35.7%
- ☐ 17.4%–23.9%
- ☐ 13.8%–17.3%
- ☐ 10.5%–13.7%
- ☐ 8.3%–10.4%

The proficiency gap by income and housing status in SY 2014–15 was similar to that in SY 2013–14.

Citywide, 31% of students in 3rd–8th grade were proficient in English, meeting English Language Arts (ELA) grade-level standards in SY 2014–15.

Only 14% of homeless students met grade-level standards in English compared to 25% of low-income housed students and 48% of non-low-income housed students.

Among homeless students, differences exist by the type of homelessness a student experienced. Doubled-up students were proficient in ELA at close to two times the rate of homeless students living in shelter (17% compared to 10% respectively).

Differences in ELA proficiency rates varied geographically by 27 percentage points with only 8% of homeless students in Brownsville (District 23) meeting grade-level standards compared to 36% in Bayside (District 26).

Note: Data are by school district for SY 2014–15 and do not include schools in non-geographic districts. The pass rate published in the *2015 Atlas of Student Homelessness* is synonymous to the proficiency rate shown here.

Source: New York City Department of Education, unpublished data tabulated by the Institute for Children, Poverty, and Homelessness, SY 2014–15.

3rd–8th Grade State English Language Arts Test Proficiency Rate, School Year 2014–15

48.0%

25.2%

14.1%

Citywide: 30.5%

| Homeless | Housed, Free Lunch | Housed, No Free Lunch |
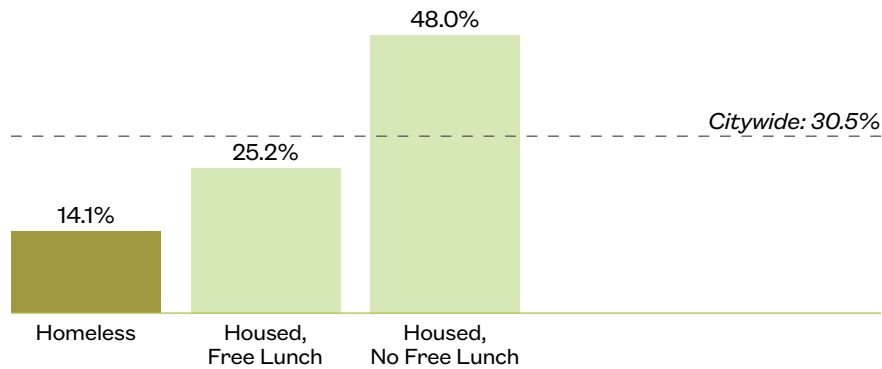
City/Borough/ Select Neighborhoods (School District #)	All Students	Homeless			Housed	
		All Homeless	In Shelter	Doubled Up	Free Lunch	No Free Lunch
New York City	**30.5%**	**14.1%**	**9.7%**	**17.1%**	**25.2%**	**48.0%**
Manhattan		**15.9%**	**11.7%**	**18.2%**	**23.5%**	**63.8%**
Lower East Side (1)		13.1%	9.9%	15.2%	27.3%	65.2%
Financial District/Midtown/Upper East Side (2)		29.7%	15.4%	33.1%	41.7%	71.2%
Upper West Side/Morningside Heights (3)		15.5%	13.5%	16.8%	23.4%	71.9%
East Harlem (4)		17.3%	15.7%	18.4%	20.5%	37.9%
Central Harlem/Manhattanville (5)		12.1%	9.7%	14.4%	15.2%	32.3%
Hamilton/Washington Heights/Inwood (6)		11.8%	10.4%	12.1%	16.5%	32.5%
Bronx		**10.6%**	**7.8%**	**12.8%**	**16.2%**	**25.9%**
Mott Haven/Melrose (7)		8.6%	6.6%	10.3%	11.5%	13.4%
Hunts Point/Longwood (8)		10.9%	7.2%	14.5%	19.0%	28.3%
Highbridge/Concourse (9)		9.2%	7.4%	10.8%	14.0%	17.0%
Riverdale/Bedford/Fordham/Belmont (10)		12.3%	9.2%	13.7%	17.6%	29.5%
Williamsbridge/Morris Park/Co-op City (11)		13.7%	11.0%	15.2%	19.9%	28.9%
East Tremont (12)		8.5%	6.6%	10.7%	12.4%	14.4%

City/Borough/ Select Neighborhoods (School District #)	Homeless			Housed	
	All Homeless	In Shelter	Doubled Up	Free Lunch	No Free Lunch
Brooklyn	**14.3%**	**9.9%**	**18.0%**	**26.6%**	**47.4%**
Brooklyn Heights/Fort Greene (13)	13.0%	9.2%	21.7%	18.1%	47.9%
Williamsburg/Greenpoint (14)	13.4%	13.7%	13.7%	19.8%	39.1%
Carroll Gardens/Park Slope/Sunset Park (15)	23.9%	19.7%	24.7%	27.5%	65.8%
Bedford-Stuyvesant (16)	12.9%	14.4%	11.2%	17.6%	25.0%
Crown Heights/Prospect Lefferts Gardens (17)	12.7%	9.8%	15.3%	22.1%	27.2%
East Flatbush/Canarsie (18)	14.4%	10.0%	16.9%	22.5%	28.9%
East New York/Starrett City (19)	10.4%	6.7%	14.8%	16.4%	23.1%
Bay Ridge/Dyker Heights/Borough Park (20)	26.4%	12.2%	28.0%	37.1%	54.7%
Coney Island/Gravesend/Ocean Parkway (21)	19.0%	18.4%	19.3%	35.6%	55.5%
Flatbush/Flatlands/Sheepshead Bay (22)	16.0%	9.9%	17.7%	32.3%	47.3%
Brownsville (23)	8.3%	8.1%	9.6%	13.7%	18.9%
Bushwick (32)	11.4%	8.9%	13.5%	19.1%	27.5%
Queens	**20.0%**	**13.3%**	**22.6%**	**31.2%**	**47.7%**
Sunnyside/Ridgewood/Elmhurst/Corona (24)	20.2%	15.2%	21.3%	29.4%	44.2%
Flushing/Whitestone (25)	26.6%	21.1%	26.9%	38.8%	53.7%
Bayside/Little Neck/Fresh Meadows/Floral Park (26)	35.7%	–	35.2%	51.5%	66.2%
Woodhaven/Ozone Park/Howard Beach (27)	18.9%	13.5%	22.1%	27.4%	41.1%
Rego Park/Forest Hills/Briarwood (28)	15.1%	9.7%	18.8%	29.6%	49.2%
Hollis/Queens Village (29)	19.2%	14.0%	22.2%	24.6%	30.7%
Astoria/Long Island City (30)	21.4%	15.1%	22.7%	30.5%	46.2%
Staten Island	**20.7%**	**14.3%**	**24.9%**	**26.9%**	**51.0%**
Staten Island (31)	21.0%	14.8%	25.1%	27.2%	51.4%
Citywide Special Education (75)	**1.4%**	**0.9%**	**2.0%**	**3.1%**	**6.3%**

Note: Data by school district do not include schools in non-geographic districts, so borough and district total percentages may differ. Ns of fewer than 30 students were redacted. The pass rate published in the *2015 Atlas of Student Homelessness* is synonymous to the proficiency rate shown here.

Source: New York City Department of Education, unpublished data tabulated by the Institute for Children, Poverty, and Homelessness, SY 2014–15.

Academic Achievement in Math

Grade-Level Proficiency Among Homeless Students: 3rd–8th Grade State Math Test

SY 2014–15
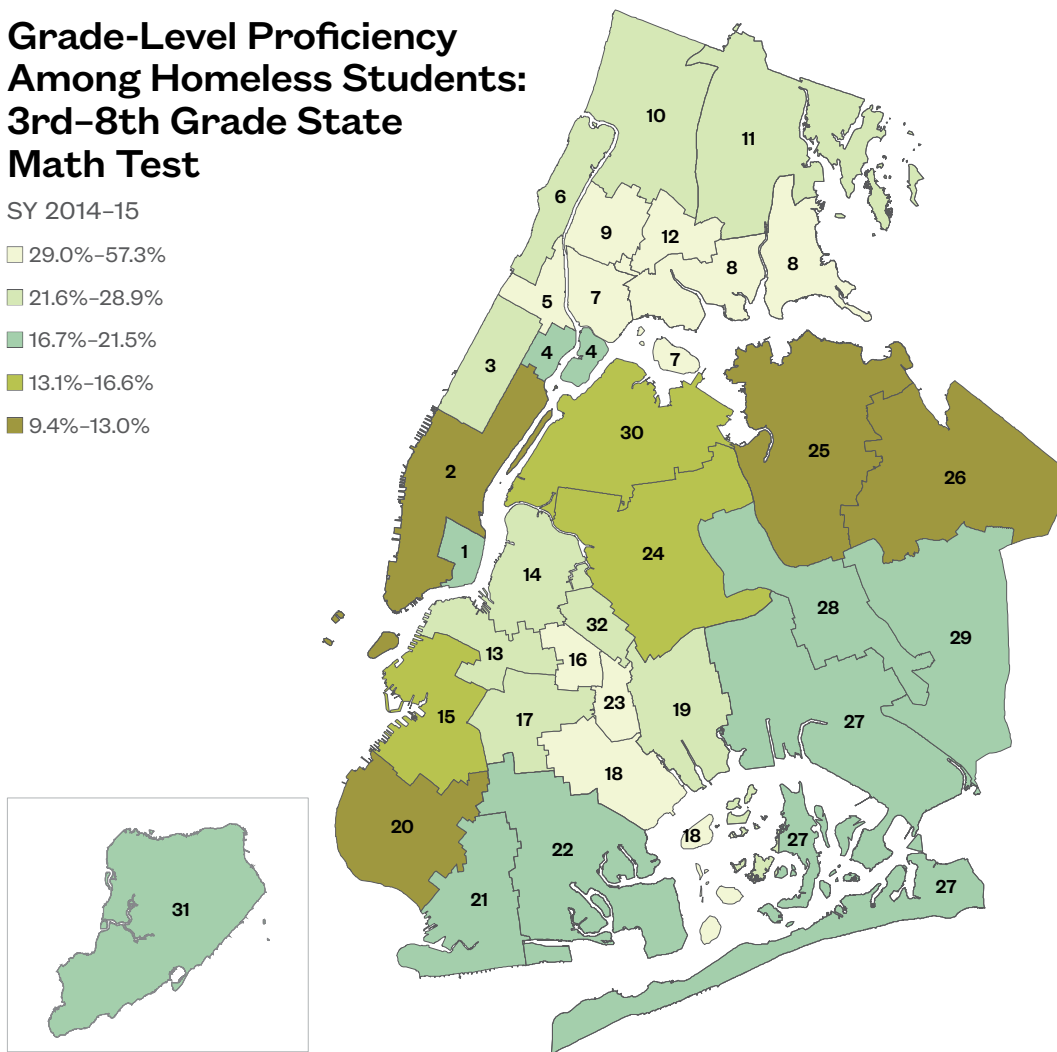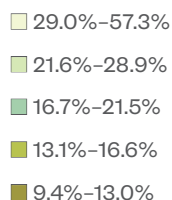
- 29.0%–57.3%
- 21.6%–28.9%
- 16.7%–21.5%
- 13.1%–16.6%
- 9.4%–13.0%

Note: Data are by school district for SY 2014–15 and do not include schools in non-geographic districts. The pass rate published in the *2015 Atlas of Student Homelessness* is synonymous to the proficiency rate shown here.

Source: New York City Department of Education, unpublished data tabulated by the Institute for Children, Poverty, and Homelessness, SY 2014–15.

The proficiency gap by income and housing status in SY 2014–15 was similar to that in SY 2013–14.

Citywide, 35% of students in 3rd–8th grade were proficient in math, meeting grade-level standards in SY 2014–15.

Only 18% of homeless students met grade-level standards in math compared to 31% of low-income housed students and 52% of non-low-income housed students.

Among homeless students, differences exist by the type of homelessness a student experienced. Doubled-up students were proficient in math at two times the rate of homeless students living in shelter (22% compared to 11% respectively).

Differences in math proficiency rates varied geographically by 48 percentage points with only 9% of homeless students in Brownsville (District 23) meeting grade-level standards compared to 57% in Bayside (District 26).

3rd–8th Grade State Math Test Proficiency Rate, School Year 2014–15
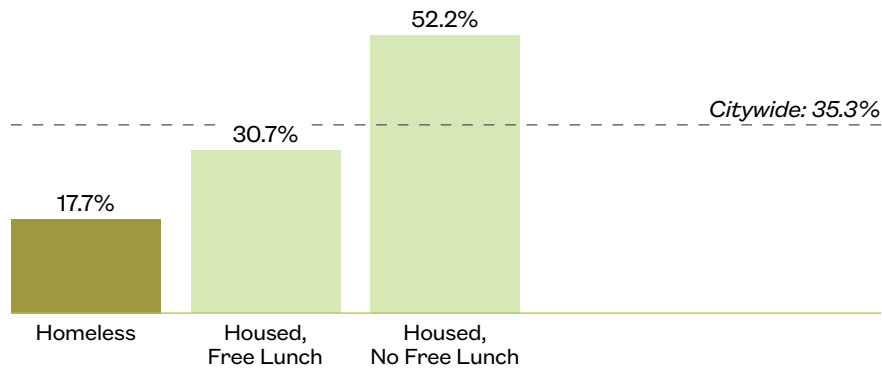
52.2%

30.7%

17.7%

Citywide: 35.3%

| Homeless | Housed, Free Lunch | Housed, No Free Lunch |

City/Borough/ Select Neighborhoods (School District #)	All Students	Homeless			Housed	
		All Homeless	In Shelter	Doubled Up	Free Lunch	No Free Lunch
New York City	**35.3%**	**17.7%**	**10.5%**	**22.2%**	**30.7%**	**52.2%**
Manhattan		**20.3%**	**12.4%**	**24.6%**	**28.3%**	**67.7%**
Lower East Side (1)		19.0%	13.8%	23.7%	33.2%	68.0%
Financial District/Midtown/Upper East Side (2)		47.4%	15.8%	54.7%	52.8%	77.4%
Upper West Side/Morningside Heights (3)		16.5%	11.3%	20.7%	25.4%	73.7%
East Harlem (4)		18.7%	14.6%	20.4%	23.3%	42.9%
Central Harlem/Manhattanville (5)		10.3%	9.5%	10.5%	14.9%	25.4%
Hamilton/Washington Heights/Inwood (6)		16.0%	14.8%	16.0%	21.7%	36.5%
Bronx		**13.5%**	**9.0%**	**16.5%**	**19.8%**	**29.0%**
Mott Haven/Melrose (7)		10.8%	7.7%	12.6%	15.1%	13.1%
Hunts Point/Longwood (8)		12.0%	8.7%	14.8%	21.9%	28.8%
Highbridge/Concourse (9)		13.0%	9.1%	15.7%	17.8%	18.8%
Riverdale/Bedford/Fordham/Belmont (10)		16.0%	10.7%	18.1%	21.4%	34.2%
Williamsbridge/Morris Park/Co-op City (11)		16.6%	11.2%	19.7%	24.3%	33.3%
East Tremont (12)		9.6%	7.0%	12.8%	15.2%	18.1%

City/Borough/ Select Neighborhoods (School District #)	Homeless			Housed	
	All Homeless	In Shelter	Doubled Up	Free Lunch	No Free Lunch
Brooklyn	**17.6%**	**11.0%**	**23.3%**	**32.4%**	**51.3%**
Brooklyn Heights/Fort Greene (13)	14.3%	12.1%	19.9%	18.2%	47.7%
Williamsburg/Greenpoint (14)	14.7%	13.1%	16.7%	21.5%	39.3%
Carroll Gardens/Park Slope/Sunset Park (15)	28.9%	16.2%	32.8%	36.5%	68.1%
Bedford-Stuyvesant (16)	11.3%	11.2%	12.2%	17.3%	23.0%
Crown Heights/Prospect Lefferts Gardens (17)	15.3%	10.8%	18.9%	24.6%	26.5%
East Flatbush/Canarsie (18)	12.0%	10.1%	13.7%	22.1%	29.4%
East New York/Starrett City (19)	14.3%	11.5%	18.0%	18.2%	25.4%
Bay Ridge/Dyker Heights/Borough Park (20)	43.4%	9.8%	46.6%	51.6%	65.3%
Coney Island/Gravesend/Ocean Parkway (21)	21.5%	15.5%	23.8%	43.8%	61.9%
Flatbush/Flatlands/Sheepshead Bay (22)	19.8%	14.3%	20.9%	37.1%	52.6%
Brownsville (23)	9.4%	8.2%	12.4%	13.7%	14.5%
Bushwick (32)	13.4%	10.0%	16.1%	21.2%	22.8%
Queens	**25.5%**	**13.0%**	**29.9%**	**38.9%**	**54.0%**
Sunnyside/Ridgewood/Elmhurst/Corona (24)	25.9%	12.6%	28.3%	37.5%	49.5%
Flushing/Whitestone (25)	46.5%	27.8%	48.7%	54.9%	64.3%
Bayside/Little Neck/Fresh Meadows/Floral Park (26)	57.3%	–	57.9%	65.1%	76.1%
Woodhaven/Ozone Park/Howard Beach (27)	19.9%	12.0%	24.7%	32.2%	45.5%
Rego Park/Forest Hills/Briarwood (28)	19.9%	15.3%	22.6%	35.7%	56.2%
Hollis/Queens Village (29)	18.2%	8.9%	22.9%	24.4%	30.0%
Astoria/Long Island City (30)	27.9%	16.5%	30.1%	38.9%	53.5%
Staten Island	**19.7%**	**9.0%**	**25.0%**	**29.3%**	**52.2%**
Staten Island (31)	20.0%	9.3%	25.2%	29.7%	52.6%
Citywide Special Education (75)	**2.6%**	**2.6%**	**1.9%**	**4.6%**	**9.3%**

Note: Data by school district do not include schools in non-geographic districts, so borough and district total percentages may differ. Ns of fewer than 30 students were redacted. The pass rate published in the *2015 Atlas of Student Homelessness* is synonymous to the proficiency rate shown here.

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Aftershocks of Homelessness by District

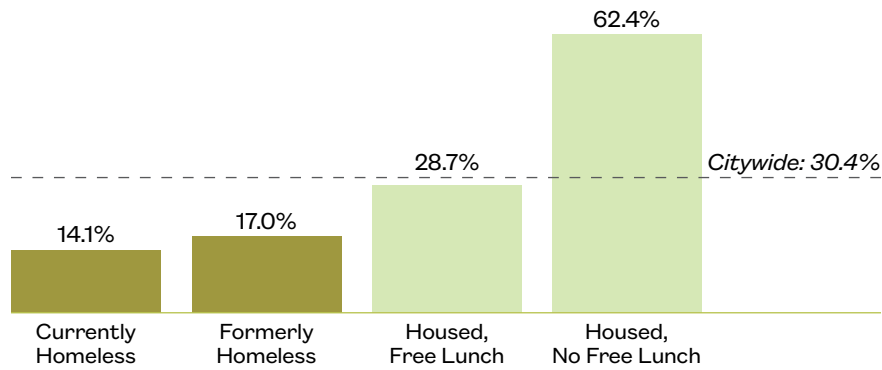## 3rd–8th Grade State Math Test Proficiency Rate, School Year 2014–15
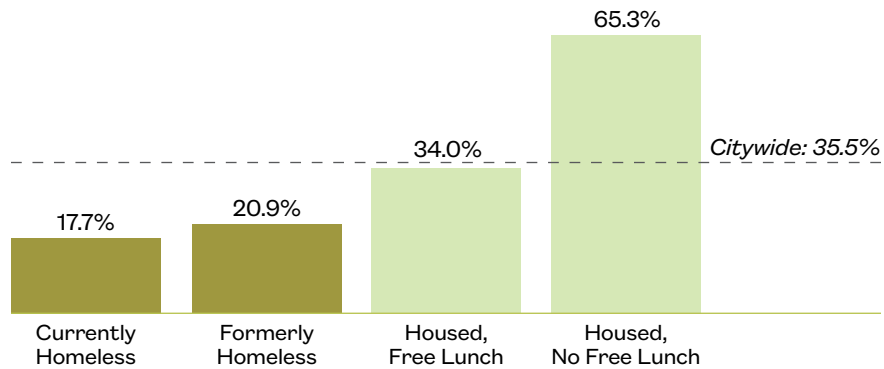
65.3%

34.0%

Citywide: 35.5%

20.9%

17.7%

| Currently Homeless | Formerly Homeless | Housed, Free Lunch | Housed, No Free Lunch |

City/Borough/ Select Neighborhoods (School District #)	All Students	Currently Homeless	Formerly Homeless	Always Housed, Free Lunch	Always Housed, No Free Lunch
New York City	**35.5.%**	**17.7%**	**20.9%**	**34.0%**	**65.3%**
Manhattan		**20.3%**	**20.5%**	**33.4%**	**77.8%**
Lower East Side (1)		19.0%	21.0%	37.5%	84.7%
Financial District/Midtown/Upper East Side (2)		47.4%	44.3%	57.5%	80.5%
Upper West Side/Morningside Heights (3)		16.5%	19.2%	36.0%	81.6%
East Harlem (4)		18.7%	15.3%	28.4%	51.4%
Central Harlem/Manhattanville (5)		10.3%	13.6%	16.0%	43.9%
Hamilton/Washington Heights/Inwood (6)		16.0%	18.6%	24.2%	38.5%
Bronx		**13.5%**	**14.1%**	**21.5%**	**36.6%**
Mott Haven/Melrose (7)		10.8%	13.2%	15.2%	9.8%
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Williamsbridge/Morris Park/Co-op City (11)		16.6%	14.9%	27.1%	36.1%
East Tremont (12)		9.6%	12.4%	15.9%	16.1%

City/Borough/ Select Neighborhoods (School District #)	Currently Homeless	Formerly Homeless	Always Housed, Free Lunch	Always Housed, No Free Lunch
Brooklyn	**17.6%**	**22.2%**	**36.2%**	**63.5%**
Brooklyn Heights/Fort Greene (13)	14.3%	10.8%	20.4%	64.0%
Williamsburg/Greenpoint (14)	14.7%	15.4%	27.7%	43.7%
Carroll Gardens/Park Slope/Sunset Park (15)	28.9%	27.7%	43.4%	77.8%
Bedford-Stuyvesant (16)	11.3%	17.7%	18.2%	26.6%
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Bushwick (32)	13.4%	20.8%	21.3%	29.1%
Queens	**25.5%**	**30.0%**	**41.1%**	**65.2%**
Sunnyside/Ridgewood/Elmhurst/Corona (24)	25.9%	31.8%	39.6%	57.3%
Flushing/Whitestone (25)	46.5%	42.7%	56.5%	68.1%
Bayside/Little Neck/Fresh Meadows/Floral Park (26)	57.3%	54.1%	66.1%	79.9%
Woodhaven/Ozone Park/Howard Beach (27)	19.9%	27.7%	34.6%	53.1%
Rego Park/Forest Hills/Briarwood (28)	19.9%	25.2%	38.3%	69.9%
Hollis/Queens Village (29)	18.2%	21.3%	25.6%	34.4%
Astoria/Long Island City (30)	27.9%	34.0%	42.4%	61.1%
Staten Island	**19.7%**	**21.6%**	**32.3%**	**59.5%**
Staten Island (31)	20.0%	22.4%	32.7%	59.6%
Citywide Special Education (75)	**2.6%**	**3.5%**	**5.5%**	**22.4%**

Note: Formerly homeless students are defined as those who are currently housed but experienced homelessness at any point during SY 2010–11 to SY 2013–14. Data by school district do not include schools in non-geographic districts, so borough and district total percentages may differ. Ns of fewer than 30 students were redacted.

Source: New York City Department of Education, unpublished data tabulated by the Institute for Children, Poverty, and Homelessness, SY 2010–11 to SY 2014–15.

3rd–8th Grade State English Language Arts Test Proficiency Rate, School Year 2014–15

Bar chart:
- Currently Homeless: 14.1%
- Formerly Homeless: 17.0%
- Housed, Free Lunch: 28.7%
- Housed, No Free Lunch: 62.4%
- Citywide: 30.4%

City/Borough/ Select Neighborhoods (School District #)	All Students	Currently Homeless	Formerly Homeless	Always Housed, Free Lunch	Always Housed, No Free Lunch
New York City	**30.4%**	**14.1%**	**17.0%**	**28.7%**	**62.4%**
Manhattan		**15.9%**	**17.1%**	**28.8%**	**74.2%**
Lower East Side (1)		13.1%	17.8%	31.8%	81.6%
Financial District/Midtown/Upper East Side (2)		29.7%	35.1%	46.8%	75.2%
Upper West Side/Morningside Heights (3)		15.5%	18.2%	35.4%	78.3%
East Harlem (4)		17.3%	15.6%	24.6%	52.2%
Central Harlem/Manhattanville (5)		12.1%	13.2%	17.3%	51.8%
Hamilton/Washington Heights/Inwood (6)		11.8%	13.3%	19.0%	45.1%
Bronx		**10.6%**	**11.3%**	**17.8%**	**37.0%**
Mott Haven/Melrose (7)		8.6%	7.8%	12.1%	17.1%
Hunts Point/Longwood (8)		10.9%	12.3%	20.8%	39.8%
Highbridge/Concourse (9)		9.2%	12.7%	14.4%	16.7%
Riverdale/Bedford/Fordham/Belmont (10)		12.3%	12.7%	19.0%	45.4%
Williamsbridge/Morris Park/Co-op City (11)		13.7%	13.3%	22.4%	34.2%
East Tremont (12)		8.5%	7.5%	13.2%	19.3%

City/Borough/ Select Neighborhoods (School District #)	Currently Homeless	Formerly Homeless	Always Housed, Free Lunch	Always Housed, No Free Lunch
Brooklyn	**14.3%**	**18.1%**	**30.7%**	**62.0%**
Brooklyn Heights/Fort Greene (13)	13.0%	10.0%	20.7%	63.5%
Williamsburg/Greenpoint (14)	13.4%	15.0%	26.5%	46.5%
Carroll Gardens/Park Slope/Sunset Park (15)	23.9%	20.4%	36.0%	77.0%
Bedford-Stuyvesant (16)	12.9%	17.1%	19.0%	21.7%
Crown Heights/Prospect Lefferts Gardens (17)	12.7%	18.3%	23.2%	30.6%
East Flatbush/Canarsie (18)	14.4%	15.6%	23.7%	36.4%
East New York/Starrett City (19)	10.4%	11.9%	17.8%	22.8%
Bay Ridge/Dyker Heights/Borough Park (20)	26.4%	31.1%	40.7%	60.4%
Coney Island/Gravesend/Ocean Parkway (21)	19.0%	25.9%	40.3%	68.5%
Flatbush/Flatlands/Sheepshead Bay (22)	16.0%	19.4%	36.6%	54.0%
Brownsville (23)	8.3%	9.9%	14.8%	19.1%
Bushwick (32)	11.4%	17.9%	20.0%	45.7%
Queens	**20.0%**	**23.8%**	**33.8%**	**59.7%**
Sunnyside/Ridgewood/Elmhurst/Corona (24)	20.2%	19.7%	32.0%	56.7%
Flushing/Whitestone (25)	26.6%	31.6%	41.3%	58.7%
Bayside/Little Neck/Fresh Meadows/Floral Park (26)	35.7%	38.2%	53.5%	69.7%
Woodhaven/Ozone Park/Howard Beach (27)	18.9%	24.9%	29.7%	50.8%
Rego Park/Forest Hills/Briarwood (28)	15.1%	22.0%	32.1%	63.3%
Hollis/Queens Village (29)	19.2%	19.9%	26.0%	34.5%
Astoria/Long Island City (30)	21.4%	25.1%	34.2%	58.2%
Staten Island	**20.7%**	**20.9%**	**30.4%**	**57.6%**
Staten Island (31)	21.0%	21.6%	30.8%	57.7%
Citywide Special Education (75)	**1.4%**	**2.0%**	**3.5%**	**20.6%**

Note: Formerly homeless students are defined as those who are currently housed but experienced homelessness at any point during SY 2010–11 to SY 2013–14. Data by school district do not include schools in non-geographic districts, so borough and district total percentages may differ. Ns of fewer than 30 students were redacted.

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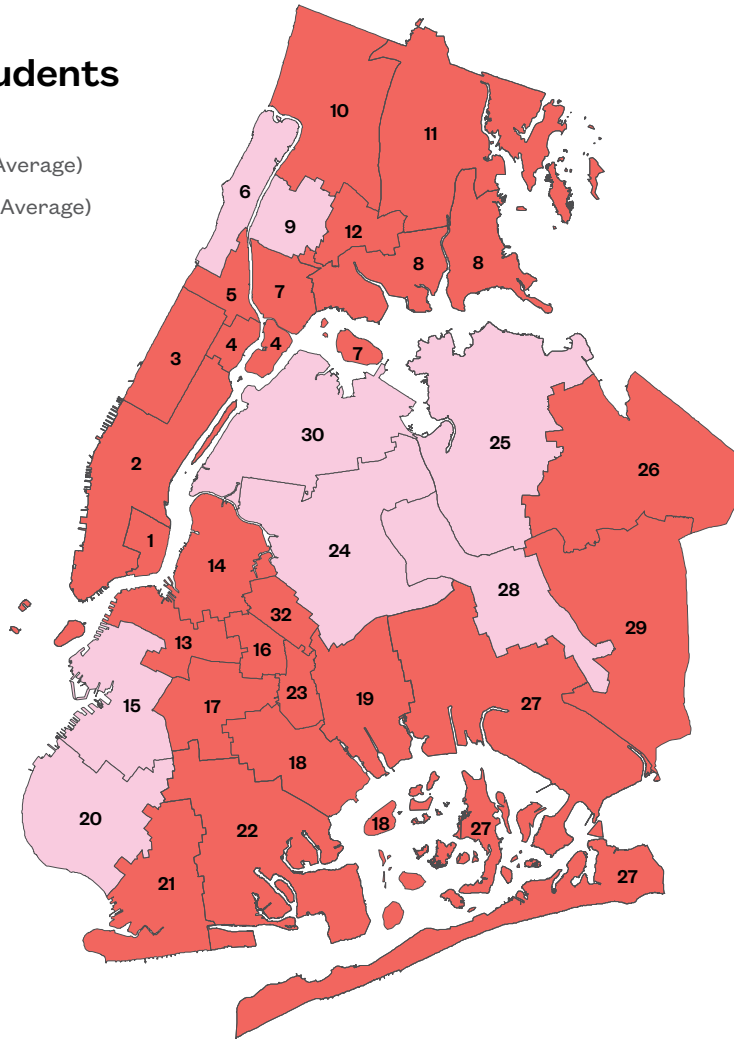
Suspension of Homeless Students

Suspension Rate for Homeless Students

SY 2014–15

■ 1.4%–2.8% (Below Citywide Average)
■ 2.9%–6.2% (Above Citywide Average)

Note: Data are by school district for SY 2014–15 and do not include schools in non-geographic districts. Students were counted if they were suspended at their final school of enrollment for SY 2014–15.

Source: New York City Department of Education, unpublished data tabulated by the Institute for Children, Poverty, and Homelessness, SY 2014–15.

Homeless students saw a slight decline in suspensions between SY 2013–14 and SY 2014–15 from 4.3% to 3.6% respectively.

The average suspension rate for all students in New York City in SY 2014–15 was 2.8%, roughly the same as the year prior.

Homeless students continued to be suspended at overall higher rates than their low-income housed peers and their non-low-income housed peers (3.6%, 3.1%, and 1.9% respectively).

Homeless students living in shelter had the highest suspension rates by housing and income group with an average of 6% of homeless students living in shelter suspended in SY 2014–15.

In eight school districts homeless students were suspended at rates below the citywide average of 2.8%. These districts included Washington Heights in Manhattan (District 6), Highbridge in the Bronx (District 9), Carroll Gardens and Bay Ridge in Brooklyn (Districts 15 and 20) and Sunnyside, Flushing, Rego Park, and Astoria in Queens (Districts 24, 25, 28, and 30).

By school district, the highest rate of suspension for homeless students living in shelter was in Bayside, Queens (District 26) where 15% were suspended.

Suspension Rate, School Year 2014–15
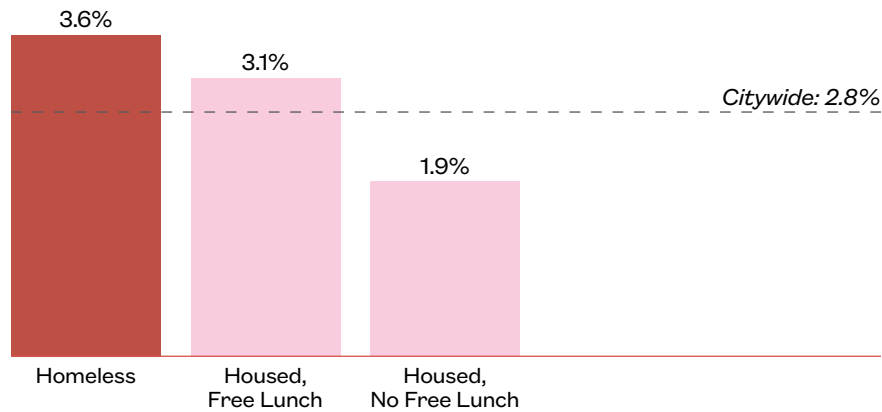
Homeless: 3.6%
Housed, Free Lunch: 3.1%
Housed, No Free Lunch: 1.9%

Citywide: 2.8%

City/Borough/ Select Neighborhoods (School District #)	All Students	Homeless			Housed	
		All Homeless	In Shelter	Doubled Up	Free Lunch	No Free Lunch
New York City	**2.8%**	**3.6%**	**5.6%**	**2.1%**	**3.1%**	**1.9%**
Manhattan		**3.7%**	**6.0%**	**2.2%**	**3.6%**	**1.7%**
Lower East Side (1)		2.9%	4.8%	1.6%	2.8%	1.0%
Financial District/Midtown/Upper East Side (2)		4.5%	7.9%	2.8%	4.2%	1.7%
Upper West Side/Morningside Heights (3)		5.8%	8.8%	3.1%	5.3%	1.4%
East Harlem (4)		3.0%	4.6%	1.9%	3.2%	2.5%
Central Harlem/Manhattanville (5)		3.7%	4.6%	2.3%	4.0%	3.6%
Hamilton/Washington Heights/Inwood (6)		2.4%	5.6%	1.8%	2.5%	1.6%
Bronx		**3.5%**	**4.9%**	**2.2%**	**3.4%**	**2.6%**
Mott Haven/Melrose (7)		4.5%	5.7%	3.2%	5.1%	5.8%
Hunts Point/Longwood (8)		4.6%	6.1%	2.4%	3.8%	3.4%
Highbridge/Concourse (9)		2.7%	3.6%	1.7%	2.6%	2.4%
Riverdale/Bedford/Fordham/Belmont (10)		3.4%	5.9%	2.2%	2.9%	2.1%
Williamsbridge/Morris Park/Co-op City (11)		3.4%	4.8%	2.1%	3.1%	2.1%
East Tremont (12)		3.6%	4.6%	2.0%	4.1%	3.3%

City/Borough/ Select Neighborhoods (School District #)	Homeless			Housed	
	All Homeless	In Shelter	Doubled Up	Free Lunch	No Free Lunch
Brooklyn	**4.0%**	**6.3%**	**2.1%**	**3.2%**	**1.9%**
Brooklyn Heights/Fort Greene (13)	5.3%	7.3%	3.1%	3.6%	1.7%
Williamsburg/Greenpoint (14)	5.2%	7.5%	2.7%	4.3%	2.2%
Carroll Gardens/Park Slope/Sunset Park (15)	2.6%	6.5%	1.3%	2.5%	1.0%
Bedford-Stuyvesant (16)	3.6%	4.4%	2.1%	3.3%	2.7%
Crown Heights/Prospect Lefferts Gardens (17)	4.7%	6.1%	2.7%	5.2%	4.1%
East Flatbush/Canarsie (18)	6.2%	8.9%	4.3%	5.8%	4.4%
East New York/Starrett City (19)	4.8%	6.8%	2.3%	4.5%	2.7%
Bay Ridge/Dyker Heights/Borough Park (20)	1.4%	10.9%	0.6%	1.7%	1.2%
Coney Island/Gravesend/Ocean Parkway (21)	3.6%	8.7%	2.2%	2.9%	1.9%
Flatbush/Flatlands/Sheepshead Bay (22)	3.7%	6.5%	2.8%	1.9%	1.5%
Brownsville (23)	4.1%	4.4%	3.1%	4.1%	3.5%
Bushwick (32)	3.2%	5.5%	1.3%	2.2%	2.3%
Queens	**3.0%**	**5.6%**	**1.7%**	**2.5%**	**1.8%**
Sunnyside/Ridgewood/Elmhurst/Corona (24)	2.4%	6.0%	1.6%	1.9%	1.6%
Flushing/Whitestone (25)	2.5%	8.1%	1.4%	2.0%	1.4%
Bayside/Little Neck/Fresh Meadows/Floral Park (26)	3.7%	15.3%	1.4%	2.6%	1.7%
Woodhaven/Ozone Park/Howard Beach (27)	3.9%	4.7%	2.5%	2.8%	2.5%
Rego Park/Forest Hills/Briarwood (28)	2.6%	4.0%	1.8%	2.3%	1.8%
Hollis/Queens Village (29)	3.3%	5.1%	1.4%	3.4%	3.0%
Astoria/Long Island City (30)	2.3%	4.8%	1.5%	2.3%	1.4%
Staten Island	**5.0%**	**6.6%**	**3.7%**	**3.8%**	**1.9%**
Staten Island (31)	5.0%	6.5%	3.6%	3.8%	1.9%
Citywide Special Education (75)	**3.7%**	**4.3%**	**1.8%**	**2.4%**	**1.2%**
Citywide Alternative Schools & Programs (79)	**7.8%**	**9.6%**	**7.0%**	**5.2%**	**2.1%**

Note: Data by school district do not include schools in non-geographic districts, so borough and district total percentages may differ. Ns of fewer than 30 students were redacted. Students were counted if they were suspended at their final school of enrollment for SY 2014–15.
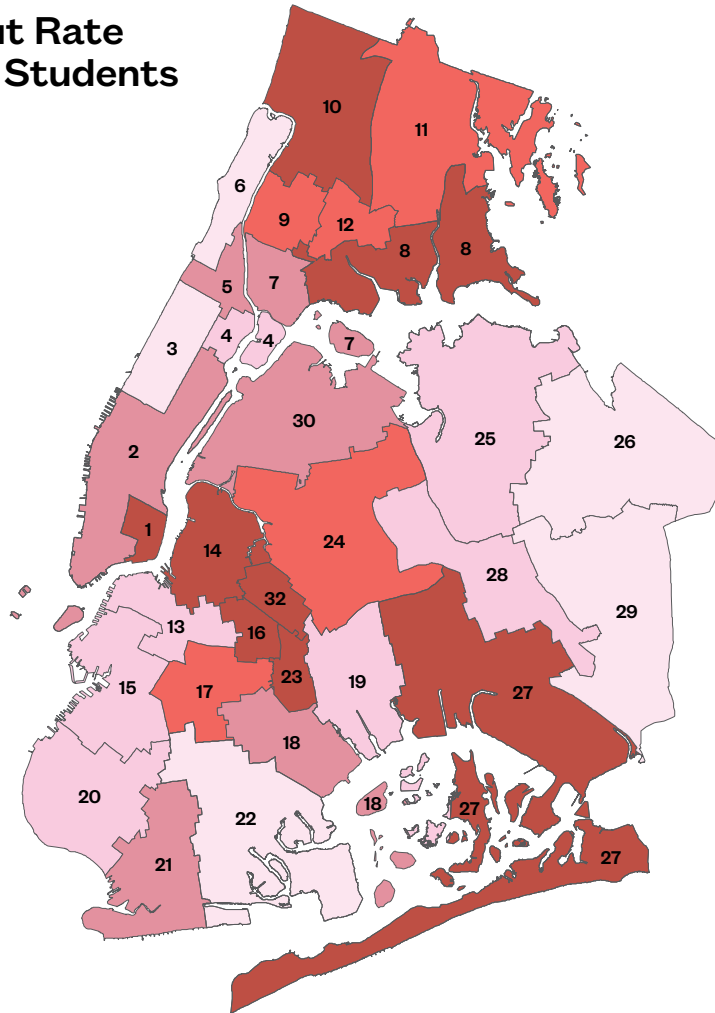
Source: New York City Department of Education, unpublished data tabulated by the Institute for Children, Poverty, and Homelessness, SY 2014–15.

Where Homeless Students Drop Out

Four-Year Dropout Rate Among Homeless Students

Class of 2015

- ☐ 8.6%–12.0%
- ☐ 12.1%–14.5%
- ☐ 14.6%–17.1%
- ☐ 17.2%–20.3%
- ☐ 20.4%–27.5%

Note: Data are by school district and represent the 4-year dropout rate for students who entered high school in 2011 and experienced homelessness at any point during their high school career. Data do not include schools in non-geographic districts.

Source: New York City Department of Education, unpublished data tabulated by the Institute for Children, Poverty, and Homelessness, SY 2011–12 to SY 2014–15.

The four-year dropout rate for New York City improved slightly from 10% for the class of 2014 to 9% for the class of 2015, but the achievement gap persisted.

Homeless students dropped out at two times the rate of low-income housed students and over four times the rate of housed students who were not low-income (18%, 9%, and 4% respectively).

The dropout burden was not equal among students who experienced homelessness during high school. Close to one out of four (24%) students who experienced homelessness but had never been in shelter dropped out of school compared to just 12% of high school students who experienced homelessness and had been in shelter at some point during the four-year period.

In ten districts, more than one out of five students who experienced homelessness in high school dropped out—two times the city-wide rate. These districts included the Lower East Side, Hunts Point, Fordham, Williamsburg, Bedford-Stuyvesant, Crown Heights, Browns-ville, Woodhaven, Staten Island, and Bushwick (Districts 1, 8, 10, 14, 16, 17, 23, 27, 31, and 32).

Four-Year Dropout Rate, Class of 2015
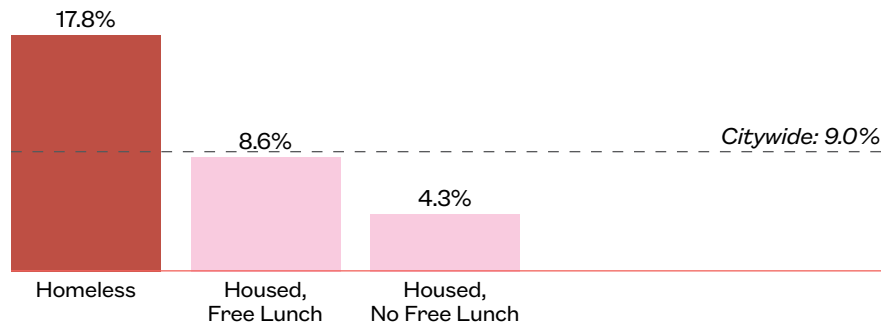
17.8%

8.6%

Citywide: 9.0%

4.3%

| Homeless | Housed, Free Lunch | Housed, No Free Lunch |

City/Borough/ Select Neighborhoods (School District #)	All Students	Homeless			Housed	
		All Homeless	Ever In Shelter	Never In Shelter	Free Lunch	No Free Lunch
New York City	**9.0%**	**17.8%**	**12.0%**	**23.6%**	**8.6%**	**4.3%**
Manhattan		**15.1%**	**13.5%**	**17.4%**	**7.8%**	**1.7%**
Lower East Side (1)		22.7%	22.2%	25.0%	12.4%	5.3%
Financial District/Midtown/Upper East Side (2)		15.2%	12.1%	19.0%	7.7%	1.6%
Upper West Side/Morningside Heights (3)		11.7%	17.2%	8.4%	6.4%	0.7%
East Harlem (4)		13.7%	–	15.6%	4.3%	0.0%
Central Harlem/Manhattanville (5)		17.1%	–	19.6%	9.1%	1.6%
Hamilton/Washington Heights/Inwood (6)		12.0%	10.9%	15.6%	8.6%	–
Bronx		**20.2%**	**10.8%**	**26.1%**	**11.9%**	**8.6%**
Mott Haven/Melrose (7)		16.2%	3.0%	23.1%	12.8%	10.0%
Hunts Point/Longwood (8)		22.1%	7.6%	29.8%	17.8%	20.3%
Highbridge/Concourse (9)		19.9%	8.3%	27.6%	7.8%	12.8%
Riverdale/Bedford/Fordham/Belmont (10)		24.3%	19.7%	26.5%	13.1%	4.4%
Williamsbridge/Morris Park/Co-op City (11)		18.0%	7.9%	26.3%	9.2%	15.7%
East Tremont (12)		18.3%	9.9%	23.3%	10.2%	11.8%

City/Borough/ Select Neighborhoods (School District #)	Homeless			Housed	
	All Homeless	Ever In Shelter	Never In Shelter	Free Lunch	No Free Lunch
Brooklyn	**17.2%**	**12.8%**	**22.2%**	**7.4%**	**5.1%**
Brooklyn Heights/Fort Greene (13)	14.4%	10.0%	17.5%	4.1%	1.5%
Williamsburg/Greenpoint (14)	22.3%	17.6%	25.5%	10.1%	4.0%
Carroll Gardens/Park Slope/Sunset Park (15)	13.8%	10.8%	16.4%	8.0%	4.2%
Bedford-Stuyvesant (16)	24.2%	–	26.2%	14.6%	–
Crown Heights/Prospect Lefferts Gardens (17)	20.3%	14.3%	23.3%	5.8%	2.8%
East Flatbush/Canarsie (18)	15.5%	5.1%	22.2%	8.5%	7.0%
East New York/Starrett City (19)	14.2%	5.9%	17.4%	11.7%	–
Bay Ridge/Dyker Heights/Borough Park (20)	14.5%	15.1%	–	7.5%	15.1%
Coney Island/Gravesend/Ocean Parkway (21)	15.3%	9.2%	32.6%	5.7%	4.2%
Flatbush/Flatlands/Sheepshead Bay (22)	11.5%	8.1%	–	5.0%	2.9%
Brownsville (23)	24.1%	–	25.6%	10.3%	–
Bushwick (32)	27.5%	24.2%	30.2%	13.4%	–
Queens	**15.7%**	**10.0%**	**25.2%**	**7.3%**	**5.2%**
Sunnyside/Ridgewood/Elmhurst/Corona (24)	17.6%	13.3%	25.0%	6.9%	6.9%
Flushing/Whitestone (25)	13.6%	9.9%	22.6%	9.3%	4.7%
Bayside/Little Neck/Fresh Meadows/Floral Park (26)	11.4%	6.8%	20.9%	4.2%	2.9%
Woodhaven/Ozone Park/Howard Beach (27)	22.2%	10.3%	36.8%	12.5%	16.2%
Rego Park/Forest Hills/Briarwood (28)	13.3%	4.6%	22.4%	5.2%	4.2%
Hollis/Queens Village (29)	8.6%	–	12.5%	4.7%	9.3%
Astoria/Long Island City (30)	16.2%	15.2%	–	8.0%	4.0%
Staten Island	**20.2%**	**15.0%**	**30.8%**	**8.8%**	**1.9%**
Staten Island (31)	20.2%	15.0%	30.8%	8.8%	1.9%

Note: Students are categorized according to whether they experienced homelessness or were eligible for free lunch at any point during their high school career. Data by school district do not include schools in non-geographic districts, so borough and district total percentages may differ. Ns of fewer than 30 students were redacted.
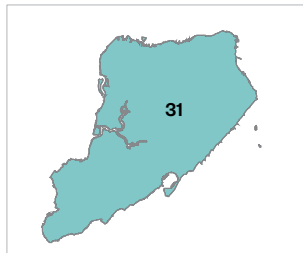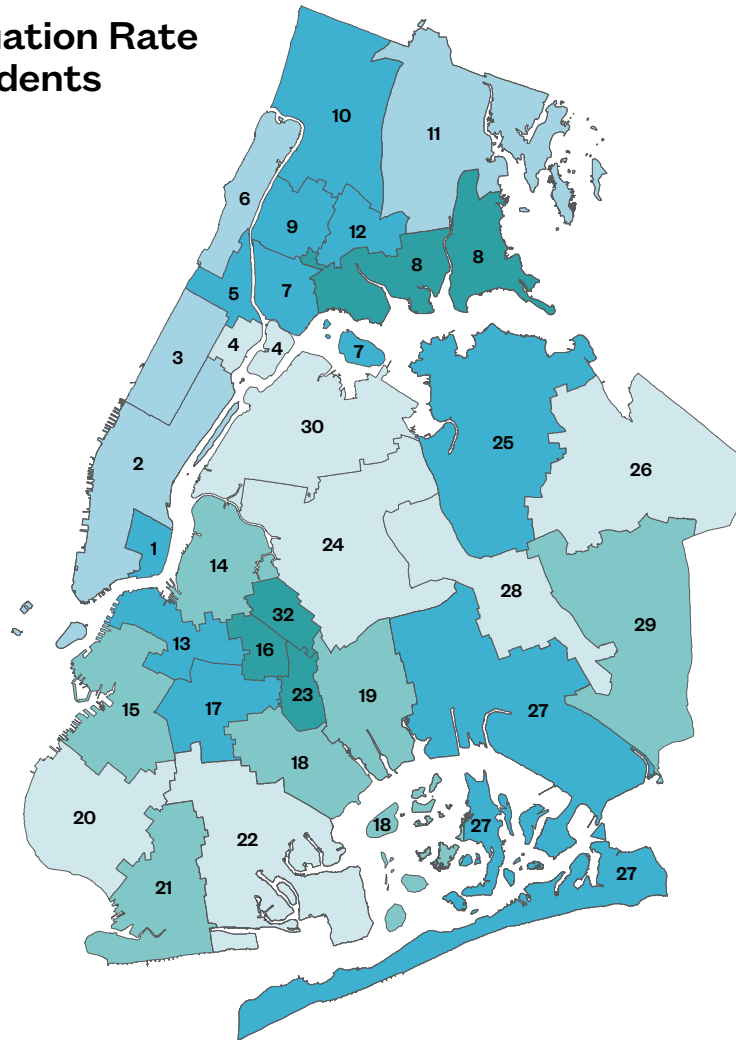
Source: New York City Department of Education, unpublished data tabulated by the Institute for Children, Poverty, and Homelessness, SY 2011–12 to SY 2014–15.

Graduation Rates Differ by District

Four-Year Graduation Rate of Homeless Students

Class of 2015

- ☐ 61.8%–74.2%
- ☐ 56.0%–61.7%
- ☐ 52.0%–55.9%
- ☐ 42.5%–51.9%
- ☐ 32.8%–42.4%

Note: Data are by school district and represent the 4-year graduation rate for students who entered high school in 2011 and experienced homelessness at any point during their high school career. Data do not include schools in non-geographic districts.

Source: New York City Department of Education, unpublished data tabulated by the Institute for Children, Poverty, and Homelessness, SY 2011–12 to SY 2014–15.

The average four-year graduation rate for New York City improved slightly from 69% for the class of 2014 to 71% for the class of 2015. While the overall achievement gap persisted, students who experienced homelessness during high school saw a four-percentage-point increase in graduation from the prior year's cohort, while housed students saw a smaller one- to two- percentage-point increase.

Just over half (52%) of students who were homeless during high school graduated in four years compared to 71% of low-income housed students and 87% of housed students who were not low-income.

Among students who were homeless during high school, those who had lived at some point in shelter had a graduation rate that was closer to that of their low-income housed peers than their homeless peers who had never lived in shelter (63%, 71% and 42% respectively). Students who were homeless during high school who never lived in shelter had the lowest graduation rate of all groups at 42%.

In seven school districts more than 62% of students who experienced homelessness during high school graduated. Only East Harlem (District 4) had a similarly high graduation rate the prior year.

Four-Year Graduation Rate, Class of 2015
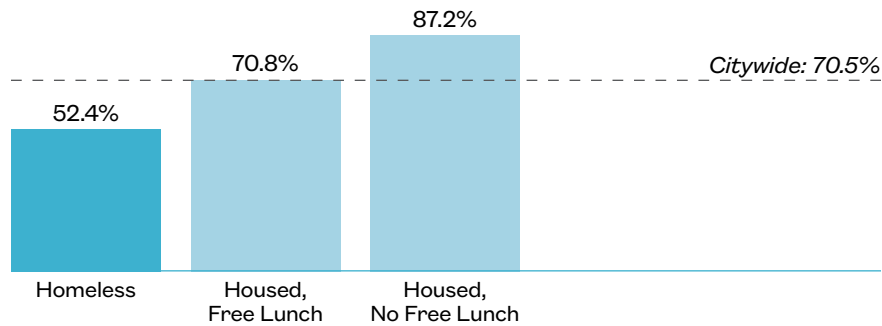
Citywide: 70.5%

Bar chart: Homeless 52.4%, Housed, Free Lunch 70.8%, Housed, No Free Lunch 87.2%

City/Borough/ Select Neighborhoods (School District #)	All Students	Homeless			Housed	
		All Homeless	Ever In Shelter	Never In Shelter	Free Lunch	No Free Lunch
New York City	**70.5%**	**52.4%**	**62.9%**	**42.2%**	**70.8%**	**87.2%**
Manhattan		**57.1%**	**60.9%**	**53.1%**	**73.4%**	**92.9%**
Lower East Side (1)		49.1%	60.3%	30.0%	57.7%	88.8%
Financial District/Midtown/Upper East Side (2)		57.0%	60.4%	53.7%	75.2%	92.0%
Upper West Side/Morningside Heights (3)		57.9%	56.9%	59.0%	71.6%	96.5%
East Harlem (4)		68.6%	–	59.4%	87.9%	94.3%
Central Harlem/Manhattanville (5)		50.0%	–	45.7%	69.4%	92.2%
Hamilton/Washington Heights/Inwood (6)		61.7%	61.3%	62.2%	69.0%	–
Bronx		**49.7%**	**59.7%**	**42.9%**	**65.1%**	**84.0%**
Mott Haven/Melrose (7)		51.0%	62.7%	44.6%	59.1%	63.3%
Hunts Point/Longwood (8)		38.9%	51.5%	32.3%	50.9%	56.5%
Highbridge/Concourse (9)		51.9%	67.7%	41.1%	71.8%	72.3%
Riverdale/Bedford/Fordham/Belmont (10)		48.2%	50.7%	47.0%	67.5%	94.0%
Williamsbridge/Morris Park/Co-op City (11)		58.6%	69.3%	49.2%	71.7%	76.5%
East Tremont (12)		48.5%	59.3%	42.1%	64.7%	67.6%

City/Borough/ Select Neighborhoods (School District #)	Homeless			Housed	
	All Homeless	Ever In Shelter	Never In Shelter	Free Lunch	No Free Lunch
Brooklyn	**54.1%**	**63.1%**	**44.2%**	**73.5%**	**87.1%**
Brooklyn Heights/Fort Greene (13)	51.5%	62.0%	45.0%	82.0%	95.1%
Williamsburg/Greenpoint (14)	53.2%	59.5%	50.0%	74.5%	92.0%
Carroll Gardens/Park Slope/Sunset Park (15)	54.1%	54.1%	53.7%	68.5%	84.2%
Bedford-Stuyvesant (16)	42.4%	–	35.7%	56.0%	–
Crown Heights/Prospect Lefferts Gardens (17)	50.0%	61.2%	44.2%	73.6%	85.9%
East Flatbush/Canarsie (18)	53.4%	71.8%	42.9%	65.3%	72.1%
East New York/Starrett City (19)	55.9%	67.6%	51.1%	68.0%	–
Bay Ridge/Dyker Heights/Borough Park (20)	63.7%	64.4%	–	74.7%	77.8%
Coney Island/Gravesend/Ocean Parkway (21)	53.7%	60.3%	32.6%	75.4%	84.2%
Flatbush/Flatlands/Sheepshead Bay (22)	63.7%	72.1%	–	81.8%	93.0%
Brownsville (23)	32.8%	–	27.9%	48.6%	–
Bushwick (32)	40.0%	54.5%	32.6%	62.2%	–
Queens	**61.6%**	**71.1%**	**46.1%**	**76.0%**	**87.3%**
Sunnyside/Ridgewood/Elmhurst/Corona (24)	64.7%	70.7%	54.5%	78.9%	81.7%
Flushing/Whitestone (25)	51.5%	63.4%	25.8%	67.2%	86.2%
Bayside/Little Neck/Fresh Meadows/Floral Park (26)	70.5%	76.7%	55.8%	83.9%	93.4%
Woodhaven/Ozone Park/Howard Beach (27)	48.0%	61.7%	32.2%	63.5%	73.8%
Rego Park/Forest Hills/Briarwood (28)	74.2%	86.2%	63.8%	83.4%	88.6%
Hollis/Queens Village (29)	53.4%	–	50.0%	73.8%	70.7%
Astoria/Long Island City (30)	68.5%	74.3%	–	75.0%	90.0%
Staten Island	**54.7%**	**65.7%**	**37.2%**	**75.8%**	**91.5%**
Staten Island (31)	54.7%	65.7%	37.2%	75.8%	91.5%

Note: Students are categorized according to whether they experienced homelessness or were eligible for free lunch at any point during their high school career. Data by school district do not include schools in non-geographic districts, so borough and district total percentages may differ. Ns of fewer than 30 students were redacted.

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