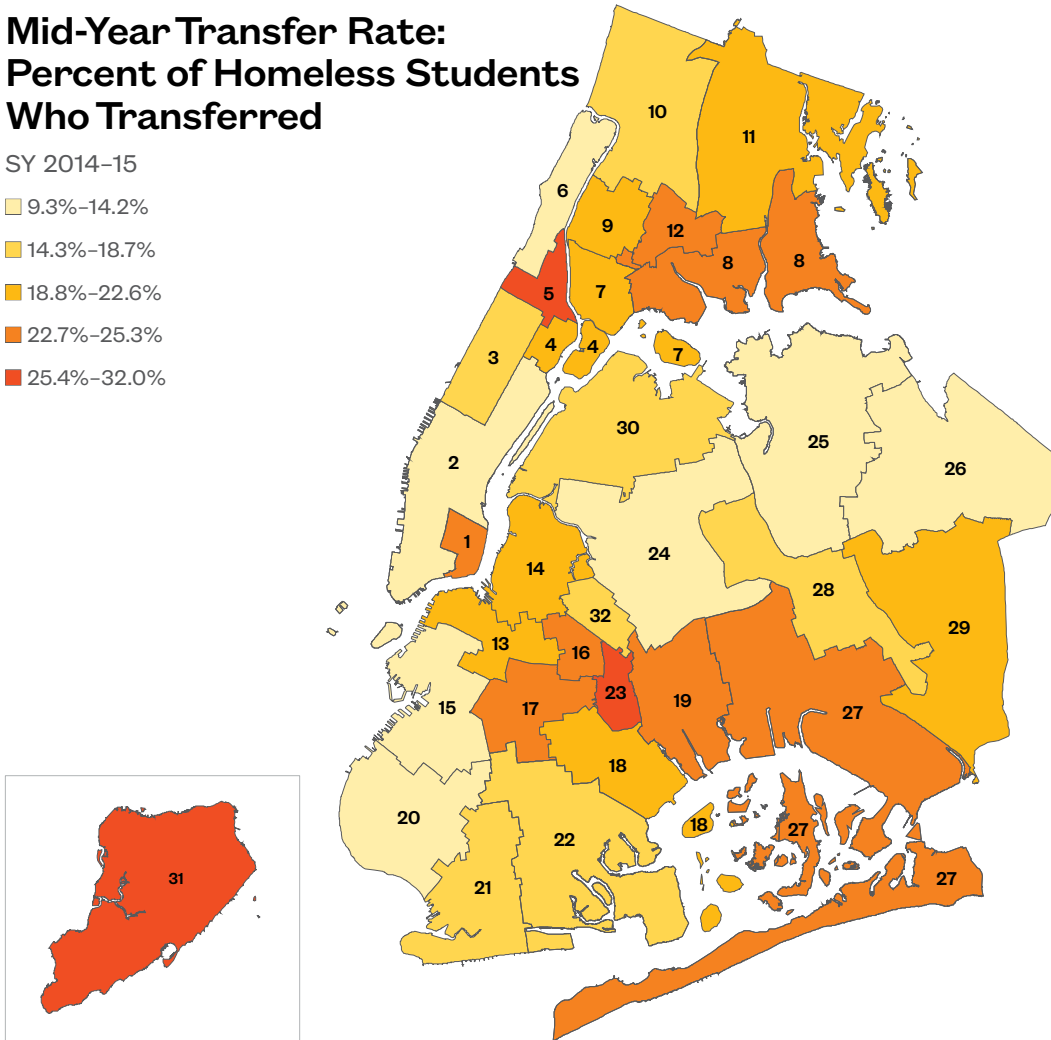


School Instability Across Districts

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%



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Source: New York City Department of Education, unpublished data tabulated by the Institute for Children, Poverty, and Homelessness, SY 2014–15.

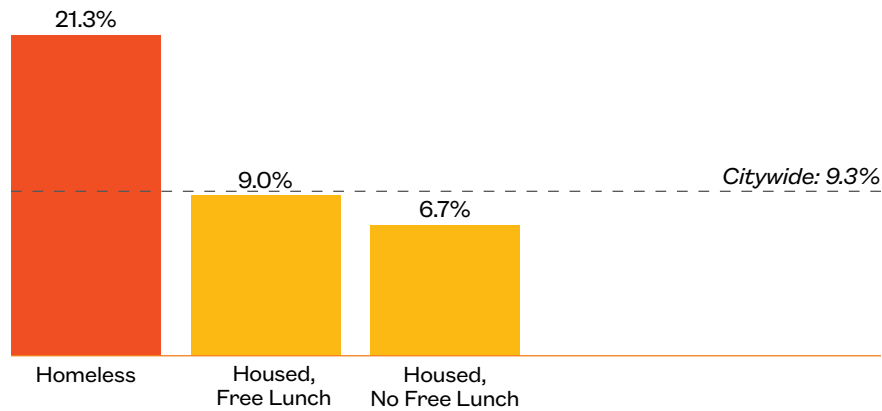
School stability is key to educational success, but many students face disruptive mid-year transfers. This disruption was most pronounced for homeless students, who transferred schools mid-year at two times the rate of their low-income housed peers and three times the rate of their non-low-income peers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

Mid-Year Transfer Rate, School Year 2014–15



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.

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