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City Council District 15

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Highlights

Over half of the single mothers with young children in District 15 live in poverty and 41% of households are severely rent burdened.

Amidst an already high rate of rent burden, over 3,700 units of affordable housing could be lost in the next five years.

1 out of 4 District 15 students experienced homelessness in the last five years

Community Resources

- Homebase: Homelessness Prevention: 2
- NYC and NYS Job Centers: 3
- Adult and Continuing Education: 5
- Financial Literacy Program: 1
- Community School: 4
- Health Center and Immunization Facility: 0
- Runaway and Homeless Youth Services: 0

Affordable & Public Housing

- Remaining affordable units: 24,406
- NYCHA units: 2,150
- Affordable units lost: 3,713
- Affordable units lost between 2005 and 2016: 523

Community Indicators

- Homelessness and Poverty Among Students
  - Homeless (N=4,467): 17% in District 15, 13% in Bronx, 8% in NYC
  - Formerly Homeless (N=1,885): 7% in District 15, 6% in Bronx, 4% in NYC
  - Housed, Free Lunch (N=16,737): 65% in District 15, 64% in Bronx, 60% in NYC
  - Housed, No Free Lunch (N=2,700): 10% in District 15, 16% in Bronx, 28% in NYC

- Educational Outcomes of Homeless Students
  - Chronic Absenteeism Rate: 41% in District 15, 41% in Bronx, 37% in NYC
  - Dropout Rate: 28% in District 15, 20% in Bronx, 18% in NYC
  - Graduation Rate: 37% in District 15, 50% in Bronx, 52% in NYC
  - ELA Proficiency 3–8 Grade: 14% in District 15, 14% in Bronx, 18% in NYC
  - Math Proficiency 3–8 Grade: 10% in District 15, 11% in Bronx, 14% in NYC
  - Received IEP Late: 58% in District 15, 62% in Bronx, 62% in NYC

Family Shelters

- 774 units: 16% of Bronx units, 7% of NYC units
- 35 family shelters: 21% of Bronx shelters, 11% of NYC shelters

Neighborhood

- 41% of households are severely rent burdened
- 17% of people are unemployed
- 51% of people work in low-wage occupations
- 36% of people have less than a high school education
- 55% of single mothers with children under five live in poverty

Rank by Largest Number of Family Shelter Units

3 out of 9 districts in the Bronx

4 out of 51 districts in New York City

Rank by Highest Percent of Homeless Students

2 out of 9 districts in the Bronx

2 out of 51 districts in New York City

Note: The number of homeless students represents the council district where students attend school; homeless students may attend schools in districts where they do not live. Students who experienced homelessness in the last five years is the ratio of currently homeless and formerly homeless students to the total number of students in the district. Formerly homeless students are defined as those who are currently housed but experienced homelessness at any point during SY 2010–11 to SY 2014–15. Chronically absent students are those who miss 20 or more school days in a school year. Late IEP is defined as received 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. Math and English proficiency rates refer to students who score a 3 or above on the New York State Education Department Math and English Language Arts tests. Dropout and graduation data represent the four-year dropout and graduation rates for students who entered high school in 2011 and experienced homelessness at any point during their high school career. Low-wage occupations are defined as those with annual median salaries at or below $28,583, which is 150% of the Federal Poverty Level for a family of three in 2014. Households that are severely rent burdened spend 50% or more of their income on rent. Districts 8 and 34 are split between boroughs, and the numbers used in the borough rankings are for the section of the district that falls in that borough. Percentages may not add to 100% due to rounding.

Source: Legal Aid Society; New York City Council; New York City Department of City Planning; New York City Department of Education, unpublished data tabulated by the Institute for Children, Poverty, and Homelessness, SY 2010–11 to SY 2014–15; New York City Department of Homeless Services; New York City Department of Housing Preservation and Development; New York City Department of Youth and Community Development; New York City Health and Hospitals Corporation; New York City Housing Authority; NYU Furman Center Moelis Institute for Affordable Housing Policy; U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey 5-year Estimates, 2014.
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- District Boundaries

Shelters
- Tier II Family Shelter
- Hotel Family Shelter
- Cluster Site Family Shelter
- Single Adult Shelter/Supportive SRO Housing

Community Resources
- Homebase: Homelessness Prevention ✓
- NYC and NYS Job Centers ✓
- Adult and Continuing Education ✓
- Financial Literacy Program ✓
- Community School: DOE School and Family Supports ✓
- Health Center and Immunization Facility
- Runaway and Homeless Youth Services

Affordable Housing
- Affordable units lost (2005–2016)
- Affordable units that could be lost (2017–2022)
- NYCHA Developments

Note: Check marks on Community Resources indicate the resources that appear in the district. See User’s Guide for further notes about resources shown on this map. Some resources may overlap or be co-located. Some affordable properties shown in the district had affordable restrictions but no housing units that were restricted.

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