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# Albanian Locations of Concern Report

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# Overview

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The Demographics Unit reviewed census reports, and various computer systems to identify geographic concentrations of ethnic Albanians. Upon identification of these locations, field work was conducted to determine the major Albanian locations of concern within New York City.

The analysis of census figures suggests that the major Albanian neighborhoods and locations of concern in NYC are located in the following commands: 048, 049, 050, 052, 062, 066, 104, 114, 120, and 122 Precincts. The grouping of I-94 addresses in Manhattan appears to be either diplomatic, tourist or business related.



*Albanian flag*

**Facts regarding Albanians:**

**Overview**

The Republic of Albania won its independence from the Ottoman Empire on November 28, 1912. Albania is classified as an emerging democracy since the overthrow of the Communist regime in 1990. Approximately 7 million Albanians reside within the Balkan peninsula. In 1912, during the Balkan wars, Albania was divided in two parts with

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Kosovo becoming a part of today's Serbia. About half of the nation lives in the Republic of Albania. The second largest group lives in the UN administered Serbian province of Kosovo, the Republic of Macedonia and Montenegro. There are also Albanian minorities and immigrant communities in a number of other countries.

### **Albanian Population**

approx. 8.5 million

#### **Regions with significant Albanian populations**

Albania	3,600,520
(Kosovo) Serbia	2,000,000
Rep. Macedonia	550,000
Greece	500,000
United Kingdom	300,000
Italy	250,000
United States	113,660
Montenegro	50,000

*Source: CIA Factbook and www.albanian.com*

### **Languages spoken**

Albanian can be divided into two main dialects, Gheg and Tosk. Tosk dialect is the official language in Albania. It is mostly spoken in Central and Southern Albania. Gheg (or Geg) is spoken in Northern Albania, Macedonia, Kosovo, and in parts of Montenegro. Other dialects spoken are Vlach, Greek, Romani, and Slavic.

### **Ethnicity**

Albanian 95%, Greek 3%, other 2% (Vlach, Roma [Gypsy], Evgjit, Serb, Macedonian, Bulgarian).

### **Location**

The Republic of Albania is a Balkan country in southeastern Europe. It borders Montenegro on the north, Serbia on the northeast, the Republic of Macedonia on the east, and Greece on the south.



## Religion

Muslim 65%-70%, Roman Catholics 20%, Orthodox Christians 10%.

Albanian Muslims are divided into two main communities: those associated with Sunni Islam and those associated with the Bektashi, a mystic Dervish order (a liberal form of Shi'a Sufism).

Estimates indicate that only 30 to 40 percent of the population practices a religion thus leaving 60 to 70 percent of the population non-religious. The country does not have a history of religious extremism. There is a strong unifying cultural identity, where Muslims and Christians see themselves as Albanian before anything else.

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From 1967 to the end of the totalitarian (Communist) regime, religious practices were banned and the country was proclaimed officially Atheist, making Albania the first Atheist country in the world. Albanians born during the regime were never taught religion, so they grew up to become either Atheists or Agnostics.

However this is not the case for the Albanian population that reside in Kosovo, Macedonia, and Montenegro. During the Balkan Wars in 1912 the country of Albania was divided and Serbia attained Kosovo. The Albanians of Kosovo turned to faith to survive this separation and this continues to the present day. **The majority of the Albanian community from Kosovo, Macedonia, and Montenegro that has immigrated to United States practices Islam (mostly Sunni but with a significant number of Bektashis).**

### **Criminal Activity**

The Albanian Organized Crime is the general term used for various criminal organizations based in Albania or composed of ethnic-Albanians. Albanian criminals are significantly active in the United States (especially in New York) participating in a diverse range of criminal enterprises from human trafficking and prostitution to narcotics and gunrunning. One of these criminal organization is the Rudaj Organization which is considered by FBI officials as the sixth member of mafia families operating in New York. Alex Rudaj and five other defendants were indicted of racketeering and extortion charges in 2006.

Albanian Boys Incorporated (ABI) is an Albanian-based gang that is most prominent in the New York City area (Queens and the Bronx). Most members are high school students or former high school students. There are 16 (sixteen) known members of ABI identified in IDS. Most of them come from North Albania and Kosovo. Another high school Albanian gang is K Mob operating in Staten Island. The members are from Kosovo. There are thirty one (31) members identified of this gang in IDS.

### **Albanian Locations of Concern**

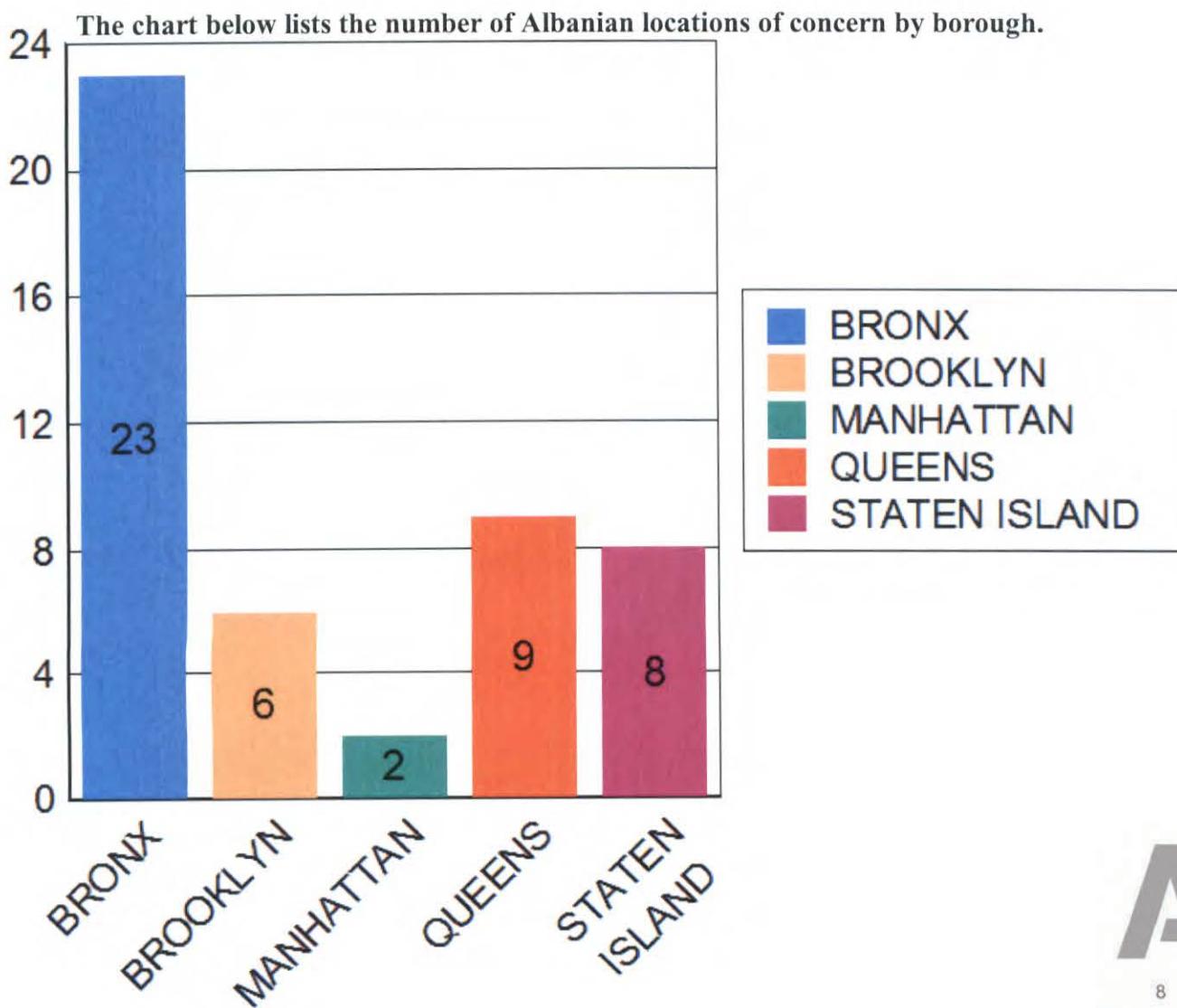
#### **Overview**

Albanians are an ethnic group, in the sense that they share a common Albanian culture, speak the same Albanian language, and are of Albanian descent. The Albanians in general have very close ties with the members of the same region they come from. Thus the Albanians from Montenegro will associate with the Albanians from Montenegro. The Albanians from South Albania will usually associate with South and Central Albanians and so forth. This is evident when Albanian locations of concern are identified. It is found

to be a common trait that a location owned by an Albanian person of certain region will be more frequented by Albanian members of that particular region.

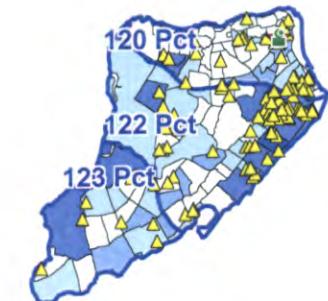
As a Balkan country, Albania has close ties with other Balkan countries cultures such as Greece, Italy, and Turkey (an impact that traces from their five hundred years of occupation of Albanian lands). This reflects strongly on the mentality of the Albanian community residing in the United States. Thus it is very common for Albanians to cohabit in the same neighborhoods with the Italian and Greek communities and frequent Italian, Greek, and to a less extent Turkish restaurants and bars.

In regards to the most significant locations of concern for Albanians in New York, Ridgewood, Queens (104<sup>th</sup> Precinct) is the area where the highest population density can be found. In addition the neighborhoods of Belmont, Bronx (048 Precinct), Pelham Parkway Bronx (049 Precinct), Norwood, Bronx (052 Precinct), Astoria, Queens (114 Precinct), West Brighton, Staten Island (120 Precinct), and Bensonhurst, Brooklyn (062 Precinct) have high concentrations of Albanian residential and commercial establishment.





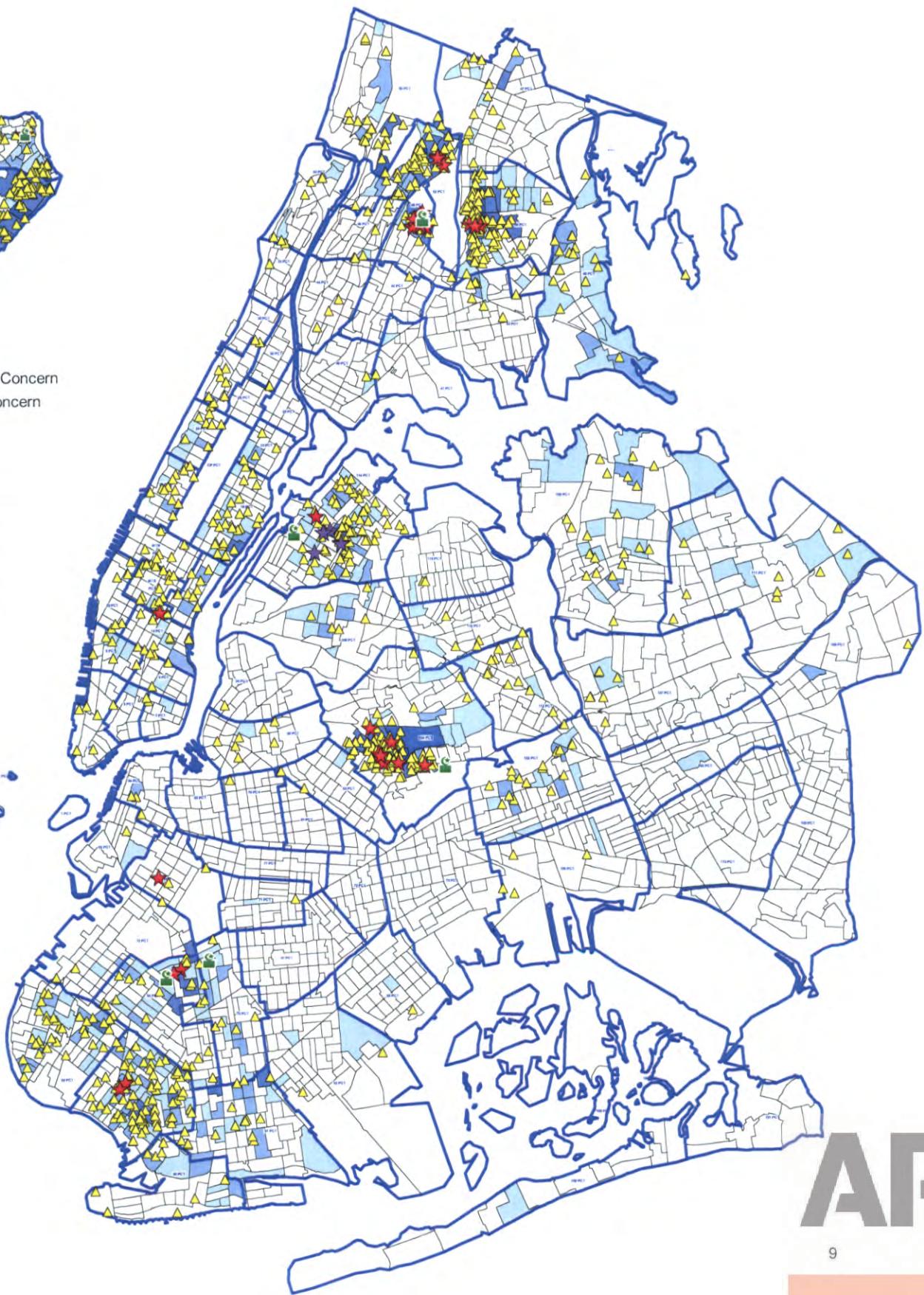
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### Albanian Ancestry

501 to 1,000	(2)
251 to 500	(3)
101 to 250	(15)
51 to 100	(19)
15 to 50	(36)
all others	(280)





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# Albanian Mosques

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***Musa Mosque***



**633 East 189<sup>th</sup> Street**

**Bronx, NY 10458**

**Telephone Number: (212)289-6714**

<b>Patrol Borough:</b>	Bronx
<b>Confines:</b>	48 Precinct
<b>Building Type:</b>	Two Story Commercial
<b>Sect:</b>	Sunni
<b>Ethnic Composition:</b>	Macedonian, (Romney- Gypsy)
<b>Capacity:</b>	Approx. 200
<b>Level of Rhetoric:</b>	1
<b>School/Level:</b>	Located next door
<b>Note(s):</b>	Location also has a School next door at 2481 Belmont Avenue. Imam Mujafet Osmani of Macedonian descent.
<b>I.S. Number:</b>	M-47 Closed 1/27/05

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*Islamic Center*



2481 Belmont Avenue  
Bronx, NY 10457  
Telephone Number: (212) 289-6714

<b>Patrol Borough:</b>	Bronx
<b>Confines:</b>	48 Precinct
<b>Building Type:</b>	Three Story Commercial
<b>Sect:</b>	Sunni
<b>Ethnic Composition:</b>	Albanian, African Muslim & Yemeni
<b>Capacity:</b>	Approx. 200
<b>Level of Rhetoric:</b>	1
<b>School/Level:</b>	Grade School
<b>Note(s):</b>	Location is a School part of the Musa Mosque, located next door at 633 East 189 St.
<b>I.S. Number:</b>	

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*Albanian American Islamic Community*



1325 Albermarle Road  
Brooklyn, NY  
Telephone Number:

<b>Patrol Borough:</b>	Brooklyn South
<b>Confines:</b>	71 Precinct
<b>Building Type:</b>	Three Story Brick Private House
<b>Sect:</b>	Sunni
<b>Ethnic Composition:</b>	Albanian
<b>Capacity:</b>	
<b>Level of Rhetoric:</b>	
<b>School/Level:</b>	
<b>Note(s):</b>	
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Masjid Nur Al-Islam Inc.



21 Church Avenue  
Brooklyn, NY 11218  
Telephone Number: 718 435-3237

<b>Patrol Borough:</b>	Brooklyn South
<b>Confines:</b>	66 Precinct
<b>Building Type:</b>	Three Story Brick Residential Store Front
<b>Sect:</b>	Sunni
<b>Ethnic Composition:</b>	Pakistani
<b>Capacity:</b>	
<b>Level of Rhetoric:</b>	
<b>School/Level:</b>	
<b>Note(s):</b>	Old Address 3324 Church Ave. <a href="mailto:Masjidnuralislam@yahoo.com">Masjidnuralislam@yahoo.com</a>
<b>I.S. Number:</b>	29/04 TEI (ssu)

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***Albanian American Islamic Center of Queens***



**72-24 Myrtle Avenue  
Ridgewood, NY 11385  
Telephone Number:**

<b>Patrol Borough:</b>	Queens North
<b>Confines:</b>	104 Precinct
<b>Building Type:</b>	Two Story Brick Commercial
<b>Sect:</b>	Sunni
<b>Ethnic Composition:</b>	Albanian
<b>Capacity:</b>	Approx. 500
<b>Level of Rhetoric:</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>School/Level:</b>	Islamic Teachings
<b>Note(s):</b>	Old Address P.O. Box 4102 Ridgewood.
<b>I.S. Number:</b>	

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***Islamic Unity & Culture Center of Plav-Gusinje***



**31-33 12<sup>th</sup> Street  
Astoria, NY 11106  
Telephone Number:**

<b>Patrol Borough:</b>	Queens North
<b>Confines:</b>	114 Precinct
<b>Building Type:</b>	Three Story Residential
<b>Sect:</b>	Sunni
<b>Ethnic Composition:</b>	Albanian
<b>Capacity:</b>	
<b>Level of Rhetoric:</b>	
<b>School/Level:</b>	
<b>Note(s):</b>	
<b>I.S. Number:</b>	

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***Albanian Islamic Cultural Center***



**307 Victory Blvd.  
Staten Island, NY 10801  
Telephone Number:**

<b>Patrol Borough:</b>	Staten Island
<b>Confines:</b>	120 Precinct
<b>Building Type:</b>	Two Story Brick
<b>Sect:</b>	Sunni
<b>Ethnic Composition:</b>	Albanian
<b>Capacity:</b>	Approx. 500
<b>Level of Rhetoric:</b>	2
<b>School/Level:</b>	Grade School- Miraj Islamic School
<b>Note(s):</b>	Imam may have possible connections with Al-Farooq in Brooklyn. The Albanian community claims to have raised \$5 million to build the Mosque in 1990.
<b>I.S. Number:</b>	26/03 PI (SSU)

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## The Bronx

### Area of description

#### Belmont, Bronx (048 Precinct)

The Belmont area is more commonly referred to as "Arthur Avenue", which is the main commercial street of the neighborhood. Belmont has the highest number of Albanian commercial establishment concentrated primarily along Arthur Avenue, 187 Street, and the surrounding streets and avenues. Albanians residing in this neighborhood come mostly from North and Central Albania and few from Kosovo and Montenegro. Albanian residents of this area and surrounding neighborhoods in the Bronx are known to worship at **Musa Mosque** located at 633 East 189 Street and the adjacent **Islamic Center** located at 2481 Belmont Avenue (African Muslims and Yemeni are known to worship there too). The stores, restaurants, and social clubs in the vicinity are common gathering spots.

#### Transit Facilities and Bus Routes

Belmont is bounded by Fordham Road on the north, the Bronx Zoo on the east, 183<sup>rd</sup> Street on the south, and Third Avenue on the west. MTA bus line BX12 and BX22 service the area. The nearest train (D,B) station is located in Fordham Road and Grand Concourse in the Fordham area where one can transfer to the above MTA buses.

#### Pelham Parkway, Bronx (049 Precinct)

The Pelham Parkway area has a large number of Albanian residents and commercial establishments concentrated primarily along Lydig Avenue, Astor Avenue, and White Plains Road. The Albanian population concentrated in this area come mostly from North Albania, Kosovo, Montenegro, and a small percentage from South and Central Albania. This Albanian community is known to worship at **Musa Mosque** located at 633 East 189 Street and the adjacent **Islamic Center** located at 2481 Belmont Avenue. Both these mosques are located in the neighborhood of Belmont, Bronx (048 Precinct).

#### Transit Facilities and Bus Routes

The area is served by MTA bus lines BX12, BX22 and in addition by IRT 2 train running along White Plains Road with Pelham Parkway and Allerton Avenue stations.

#### Norwood, Bronx (052 Precinct)



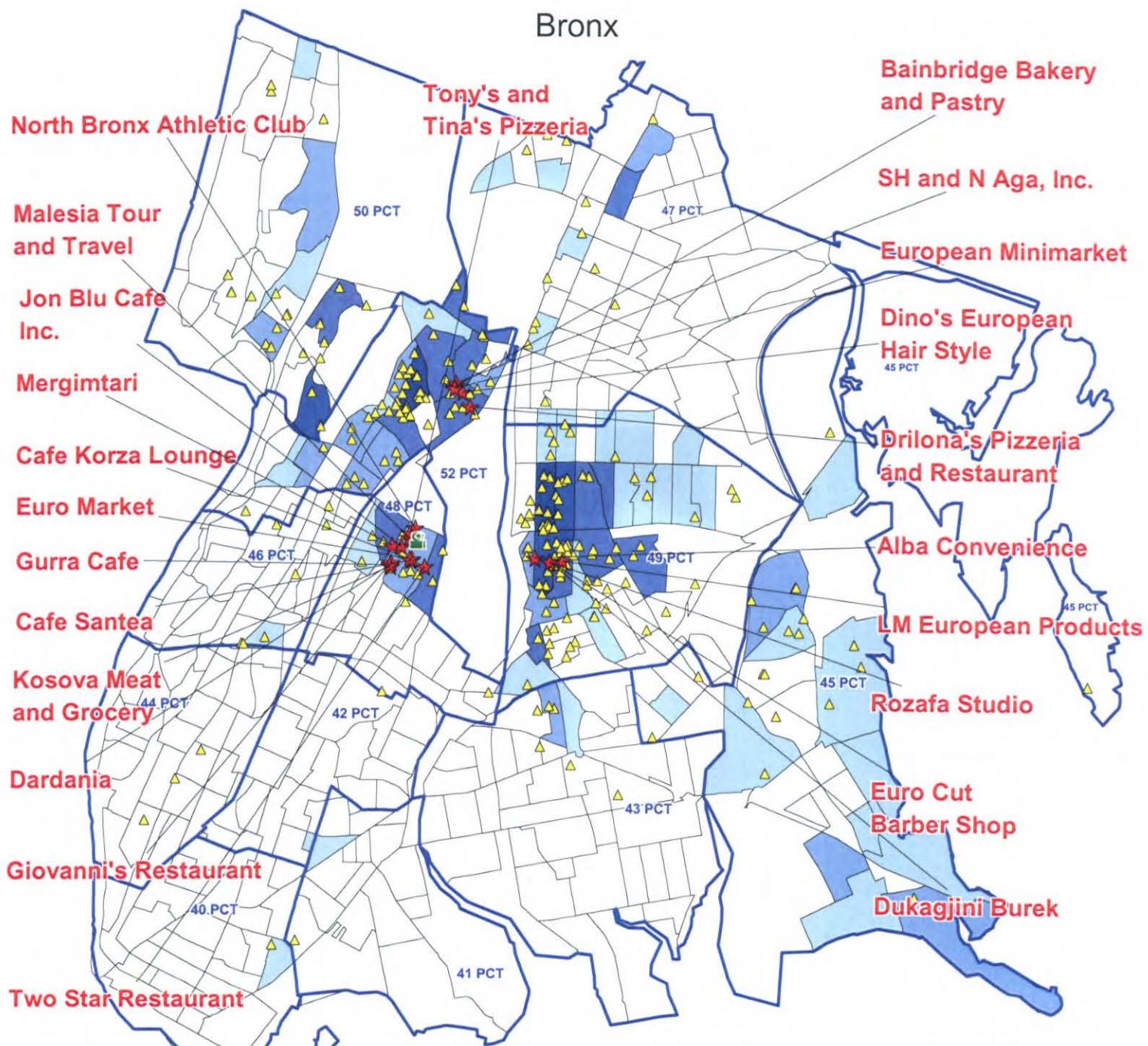
Norwood is bounded by Van Cortlandt Park, Woodlawn Cemetery, Bronx Park, and by Mosholu Parkway. This area has a significant Albanian residential and commercial concentration along East 204 Street. This Albanian community comes mostly from North and Central Albania, and Kosovo. The Albanian muslim worship establishment is missing in this neighborhood. However the Albanians are known to worship the Albanian mosques in the Belmont section of the Bronx.

#### Transit Facilities and Bus Routes

Norwood is served by the 205th Street subway station on the D (IND Concourse Line), the Mosholu Parkway and Woodlawn stations on the 4 elevated (IRT Woodlawn/Jerome Line), and the Williams Bridge station of the Metro North Railroad.



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**Location Name:** Gurra Cafe  
**Location Type:** Bar/Restaurant  
**Ethnicity:** Albanian  
**Address:** 2325 Arthur Avenue  
**City:** BRONX  
**State:** New York  
**Telephone:** 718-220-4254  
**Zip code:** 10458  
**Precinct** 048



**Information of Note:**

Small sized location owned by persons of Albanian descent.  
 Location has seating area for approximately 15 to 20 customers.  
 Location serves Albanian food and is frequented by Albanian males.

**Location Name:** North Bronx Athletic Club  
**Location Type:** Social Club  
**Ethnicity:** Albanian  
**Address:** 2500 Arthur Avenue  
**City:** BRONX  
**State:** New York  
**Telephone:**  
**Zip code:** 10458  
**Precinct** 048



**Information of Note:**

Owned by a person of Albanian descent.  
 Small sized social club with seating for approximately 10 to 12 people  
 Location is in close proximity to the NYC Transit Bus number BX 12.  
 Location is also in close proximity to Musa Mosque located at 633 East 189 Street.

**Location Name:** Jon Blu Cafe Inc.  
**Location Type:** Bar/Restaurant  
**Ethnicity:** Albanian  
**Address:** 2423 Arthur Avenue  
**City:** BRONX  
**State:** New York  
**Telephone:** 718-365-6216  
**Zip code:** 10458  
**Precinct** 048



**Information of Note:**

Owned by a person of Albanian descent.  
 Small bar and restaurant with seating for approximately 10 to 15 customers.  
 Location serves mostly Albanian food and Mediterranean cuisine.  
 Location is also used as a hang out place for Albanian male clientele.  
 Location is in close proximity to Musa Mosque at 633 East 189 Street.

**Location Name:** Mergimtari  
**Location Type:** Grocery store  
**Ethnicity:** Albanian  
**Address:** 565 East 187 Street  
**City:** BRONX  
**State:** New York  
**Telephone:** 718-562-4234  
**Zip code:** 10458  
**Precinct** 048



**Information of Note:**

Owned by a male of Albanian descent possibly from Montenegro.  
 Medium sized grocery store that caters to customers of the Albanian community.  
 Location offers imported products and meat products (non Halal) from Montenegro, Kosovo, and Albania.

**Location Name:** Malesia Tour And Travel  
**Location Type:** Travel Agency  
**Ethnicity:** Albanian  
**Address:** 2472 Arthur Avenue  
**City:** BRONX  
**State:** New York  
**Telephone:** 718-220-5000  
**Zip code:** 10458  
**Precinct** 048



**Information of Note:**

Location is owned by a person of Albanian descent.  
 Medium sized location serving the Albanian community.  
 Location offers flights to Europe with connections to Albania through Kosovo, Macedonia and other European countries.  
 The agency has a connection with Albakos Import/Export, which is an Albanian company for the transportation of merchandise from and to Albania.

**Location Name:** Tony's and Tina's Pizzeria  
**Location Type:** Pizzeria  
**Ethnicity:** Albanian  
**Address:** 2483 Arthur Avenue  
**City:** BRONX  
**State:** New York  
**Telephone:** 718-733-8094  
**Zip code:** 10458  
**Precinct** 048



**Information of Note:**

Medium sized pizzeria owned by a person of Albanian descent.  
 Location has seating area for approximately eight to ten people.  
 Location serves pizza and Albanian traditional pies.  
 Location caters to Albanian and American customers.

**Location Name:** Giovanni's Restaurant  
**Location Type:** Restaurant  
**Ethnicity:** Albanian  
**Address:** 2343 Arthur Avenue  
**City:** BRONX  
**State:** New York  
**Telephone:** 718-933-4141  
**Zip code:** 10458  
**Precinct** 048



**Information of Note:**

Large sized restaurant owned by a person of Albanian descent.  
 Location caters to Albanian and American clientele.  
 Above location has seating area for approximately 50 to 70 people.  
 Location serves Mediterranean cuisine (specializing in Italian cuisine).  
 Tel: 718-933-4466  
 Fax: 718-933-2522

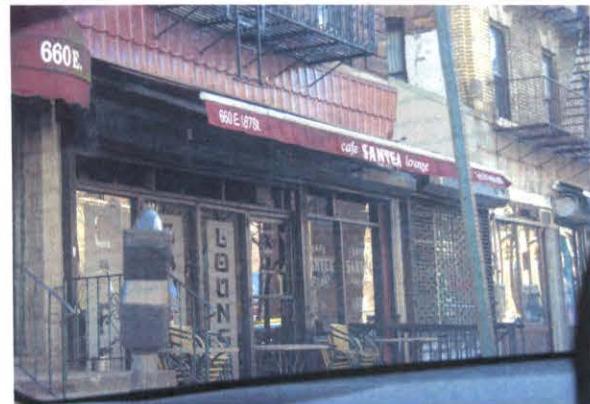
**Location Name:** Dardania  
**Location Type:** Video Store  
**Ethnicity:** Albanian  
**Address:** 2325 Arthur Avenue  
**City:** BRONX  
**State:** New York  
**Telephone:** 646-271-4275  
**Zip code:** 10458  
**Precinct** 048



**Information of Note:**

Small sized video store owned and operated by a male of Albanian descent from Kosovo.  
 Location caters to Albanian clientele only.  
 The store carries Albanian DVDs, CDs, and books, Albanian local newspapers and Albanian collections.  
 The NYC Transit Bus lines BX 12 and BX 22 service the area of the location.  
 Location is in close proximity to Musa Mosque at 633 East 189 Street.

**Location Name:** Cafe Santea  
**Location Type:** Cafe  
**Ethnicity:** Albanian  
**Address:** 660 East 187 Street  
**City:** BRONX  
**State:** New York  
**Telephone:** 718-561-0440  
**Zip code:** 10458  
**Precinct** 048



**Information of Note:**

Medium size bar/café that serves alcohol and coffee to Albanian customers.  
 The above location is owned and operated by a person of Albanian origin.  
 Location has seating area for approximately 20 to 35 people  
 This café is opened 7 days a week from 8am to 1am.  
 Location is in close proximity to Musa Mosque at 633 East 189 Street.

**Location Name:** Two Star Restaurant  
**Location Type:** Bar/Restaurant  
**Ethnicity:** Albanian  
**Address:** 718 East 187 Street  
**City:** BRONX  
**State:** New York  
**Telephone:** 718-220-8780  
**Zip code:** 10458  
**Precinct** 048



**Information of Note:**

Large size bar/restaurant that serves alcohol and Mediterranean cuisine (especially Albanian) to Albanian and American customers.  
 Location is owned and operated by a person of Albanian descent named Izet (Danny) Kolenovic.  
 Location has an inside and outside seating area for approximately 40 to 60 people.  
 The restaurant is open seven days a week.  
 Location is in close proximity to Musa Mosque at 633 East 189 Street.  
 Fax: 718-220-0209

**Location Name:** Euro Market  
**Location Type:** Deli/Grocery  
**Ethnicity:** Albanian  
**Address:** 667 East 187 Street  
**City:** BRONX  
**State:** New York  
**Telephone:**  
**Zip code:** 10458  
**Precinct** 048



**Information of Note:**

Small deli/mini market that offers European and Mediterranean products and meat to Albanian and American customers. Location is owned and operated by persons of Albanian descent. Location is in close proximity to Musa Mosque located at 633 East 189 Street.

**Location Name:** Cafe Korza Lounge  
**Location Type:** Cafe  
**Ethnicity:** Albanian  
**Address:** 652 East 187 Street  
**City:** BRONX  
**State:** New York  
**Telephone:**  
**Zip code:** 10458  
**Precinct** 048



**Information of Note:**

Medium sized cafe and lounge that caters to Albanian customers. Location serves alcohol and coffee drinks. Owned and operated by person of Albanian descent. Location has seating area for approximately 20 to 30 people. Above location is also used by Albanian customers as a sport bar during soccer season. Location is in close proximity to Musa Mosque at 633 East 189 Street.

**Location Name:** Kosova Meat and Grocery  
**Location Type:** Meat Market  
**Ethnicity:** Albanian  
**Address:** 2326 Arthur Avenue  
**City:** BRONX  
**State:** New York  
**Telephone:** 718-563-0832  
**Zip code:** 10458  
**Precinct** 048



**Information of Note:**

Small sized deli and grocery store owned and operated by person of Albanian descent.

Location offers Mediterranean and European products.

Location caters to only Albanian clientele.

The NYC Transit Bus line numbers BX 12 and BX 22 service the area.

Location is in close proximity to Musa Mosque at 633 East 189 Street.

Location offers local Albanian newspapers, books in Albanian and Albanian DVDs and CDs which are located behind the counter.

Observed a security monitor on top of the counter close to the door.

Location has a meat (non Halal) counter at the end of the store and there is an exit door behind the meat counter.

**Location Name:** LM European Products  
**Location Type:** Grocery store  
**Ethnicity:** Albanian  
**Address:** 809 Lydig Avenue  
**City:** BRONX  
**State:** New York  
**Telephone:**  
**Zip code:** 10462  
**Precinct** 049



**Information of Note:**

Owned by a male of Albanian descent from Montenegro.

Medium sized grocery store that serves Albanians customers.

The location offers imported groceries from Montenegro, Albania and Kosovo, DVDs and music CDs.

Location is in close proximity to the Kalmar Madina Masjid located at 2162 Muliner Avenue.

Location is also in close proximity to the Pelham Parkway NYC Subway Station for the number 2 line.

**Location Name:** Dukagjini Burek  
**Location Type:** Pastry  
**Ethnicity:** Albanian  
**Address:** 758 Lydig Avenue  
**City:** BRONX  
**State:** New York  
**Telephone:** 718-822-8955  
**Zip code:** 10462  
**Precinct** 049



**Information of Note:**

Small sized restaurant that serves different types of pies, an Albanian specialty.  
 Owned and operated by a person of Albanian descent.  
 Location caters to Albanian customers.  
 Above location has four tables and seating for eight to ten customers.  
 The store is open seven days a week.

**Location Name:** Alba Convenience  
**Location Type:** Deli/Grocery  
**Ethnicity:** Albanian  
**Address:** 2140 White Plains Road  
**City:** BRONX  
**State:** New York  
**Telephone:** 718-518-1135  
**Zip code:** 10462  
**Precinct** 049



**Information of Note:**

Small sized deli and grocery owned by person of Albanian descent.  
 Location offers deli products, candy, cigarettes, alcohol and prepaid phone cards.  
 An ATM was observed inside the location.

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**Location Name:** Rozafa Studio  
**Location Type:** Photo Store  
**Ethnicity:** Albanian  
**Address:** 758 A Lydig Avenue  
**City:** BRONX  
**State:** New York  
**Telephone:** 718-863-8796  
**Zip code:** 10462  
**Precinct** 049



**Information of Note:**

Small sized photo store owned by a couple of Albanian descent from North Albania. Location is frequented mostly by Albanian customers for passport photos, scan, print, faxing, and coping services. Location also has Albanian collections for sale including DVDs and CDs of Albanian music and movies.

**Location Name:** Euro Cut Barber Shop  
**Location Type:** Barber  
**Ethnicity:** Albanian  
**Address:** 762 Lydig Avenue  
**City:** BRONX  
**State:** New York  
**Telephone:** 718-904-0480  
**Zip code:** 10462  
**Precinct** 049



**Information of Note:**

Owned by a male of Albanian descent. Small barber shop that serves mostly Albanian customers. Location is in close proximity to the Kalmar Madina Masjid and the NYC Pelham Parkway Subway Station for the number 2 line.

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**Location Name:** SH and N Aga, Inc.  
**Location Type:** Candy/Grocery  
**Ethnicity:** Albanian  
**Address:** 3120 Bainbridge Avenue  
**City:** BRONX  
**State:** New York  
**Telephone:** 718-881-1742  
**Zip code:** 10467  
**Precinct** 052



**Information of Note:**

Own and operated by a person of Albanian descent.  
 Small grocery store which caters to Albanian and American customers.  
 Location carries products from Europe and prepaid phone cards.  
 Location in proximity to the North Bronx Muslim Center, Inc. and the NYC Woodlawn Subway Station for the number 4 line.

**Location Name:** Bainbridge Bakery and Pastry  
**Location Type:** Bakery  
**Ethnicity:** Albanian  
**Address:** 3101 Bainbridge Avenue  
**City:** BRONX  
**State:** New York  
**Telephone:** 718-882-4409  
**Zip code:** 10467  
**Precinct** 052



**Information of Note:**

Medium sized pastry shop owned and operated by persons of Albanian descent.  
 Location caters to Albanian and American customers.  
 Location in proximity to the North Bronx Muslim Center, Inc.  
 Location is also in close proximity to the NYC Woodlawn Subway Station for the number 4 line.

**Location Name:** European Minimarket  
**Location Type:** Minimarket  
**Ethnicity:** Albanian  
**Address:** 3099 Bainbridge Road  
**City:** BRONX  
**State:** New York  
**Telephone:**  
**Zip code:** 10467  
**Precinct** 052



**Information of Note:**

New location.  
 Small size grocery store owned by an Albanian male from North Albania.  
 Location carries European and Mediterranean products.  
 Also location carries prepaid phone cards and Albanian daily newspapers.  
 Location is frequented mostly by Albanian customers.

**Location Name:** Dino's European Hair Style  
**Location Type:** Barber  
**Ethnicity:** Albanian  
**Address:** 3122 Perry Avenue  
**City:** BRONX  
**State:** New York  
**Telephone:** 718-515-9009  
**Zip code:** 10467  
**Precinct** 052



**Information of Note:**

Location is owned and operated by person of Albanian descent.  
 Small sized barber shop.  
 Location caters to Albanian and American customers.  
 Location is in proximity to the North Bronx Muslim Center, Inc.

**Location Name:** Drilona's Pizzeria and Restaurant  
**Location Type:** Pizzeria  
**Ethnicity:** Albanian  
**Address:** 373 East 204 Street  
**City:** BRONX  
**State:** New York  
**Telephone:** 718-655-6600  
**Zip code:** 10467  
**Precinct** 052

**Information of Note:**

Small size pizzeria owned and operated by an Albanian male from North Albania.  
Pizzeria is located on the ground floor of a residential building.  
Location caters to the Albanian and American customers.  
Location has few chairs inside and serves more as a take out place.





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## **Brooklyn**

### **Area of description**

#### **Bensonhurst, Brooklyn ( 062 Precinct)**

This neighborhood is located in south-central part of Brooklyn. It has a large old Italian population and also a concentration of Albanians arriving mostly from South and Central Albania, and few from Kosovo, and Montenegro. The Albanian residents are mostly concentrated along 18<sup>th</sup> Avenue, 19<sup>th</sup> Avenues and between 84<sup>th</sup> Street and 75<sup>th</sup> Street.

#### **Transit Facilities and Bus Routes**

This area is served by the D and M subway lines with stop at 86<sup>th</sup> Street and 18<sup>th</sup> Avenue and by the MTA bus lines B1 and B8 making local stops along 18<sup>th</sup> Avenue.



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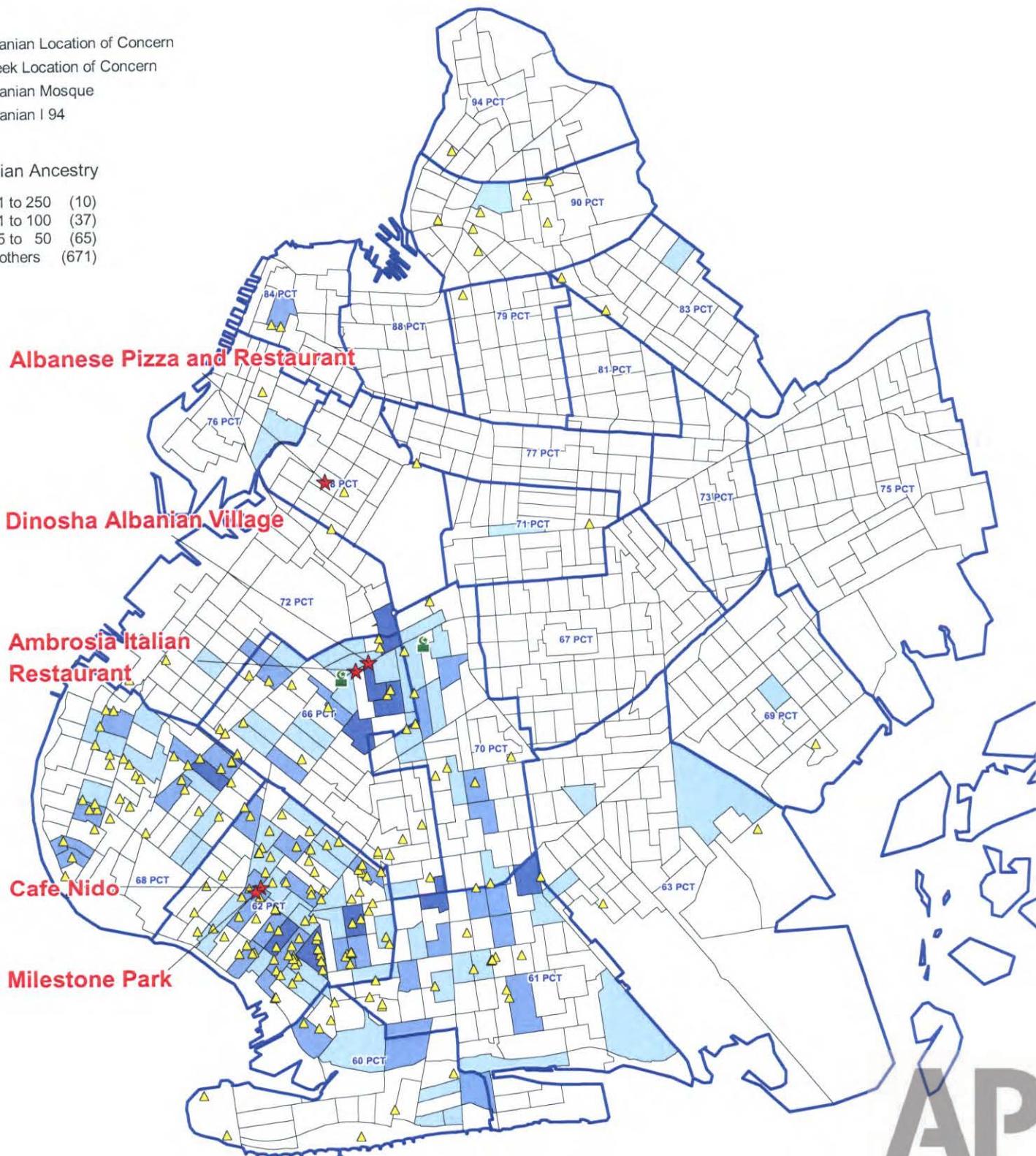
## Albanian Locations of Concern

### Brooklyn

- ★ Albanian Location of Concern
- ☆ Greek Location of Concern
- Albanian Mosque
- ▲ Albanian I 94

#### Albanian Ancestry

■ 101 to 250	(10)
■ 51 to 100	(37)
■ 15 to 50	(65)
■ all others	(671)



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**Location Name:** Milestone Park  
**Location Type:** Park  
**Ethnicity:** Albanian  
**Address:** 81-82 Street 18 Avenue  
**City:** BROOKLYN  
**State:** New York  
**Telephone:**  
**Zip code:** 11214  
**Precinct** 062



**Information of Note:**

Property ID # B063.

Above location is a small park located near a busy commercial area on 18 Avenue.

Location is frequented mostly by middle aged Abanians.

It is a well known hang out spot for South Albanians that live close by in Bensonhurst neighborhood.

This location is mostly frequented during the early afternoon hours when Albanians get together for a game of chess, backgammon, or just to have a conversation.

**Location Name:** Cafe Nido  
**Location Type:** Cafe  
**Ethnicity:** Albanian  
**Address:** 7909 18 Avenue  
**City:** BROOKLYN  
**State:** New York  
**Telephone:**  
**Zip code:** 11214  
**Precinct** 062



**Information of Note:**

Small sized cafe that caters to Italian and Albanian customers

Location serves alcohol and coffee drinks.

Location has a seating area for approximately 10 to 15 people.

It is a common gathering spot for an afternoon game or coffee.

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**Location Name:** Ambrosia Italian Restaurant  
**Location Type:** Bar/Restaurant  
**Ethnicity:** Albanian  
**Address:** 90 Church Avenue  
**City:** BROOKLYN  
**State:** New York  
**Telephone:** 718-686-6517  
**Zip code:** 11218  
**Precinct** 066



**Information of Note:**

Medium sized restaurant and bar that caters to Albanian and American customers. This restaurant offers Mediterranean cuisine specializing in Italian food. Location is owned and operated by person of Albanian origin. Location has approximately 10 to 14 tables and booths with seating for 20 to 36 people. Fax #: 718-871-3732.

**Location Name:** Dinosha Albanian Village  
**Location Type:** Halal Shop  
**Ethnicity:** Albanian  
**Address:** 319 Church Avenue  
**City:** BROOKLYN  
**State:** New York  
**Telephone:** 718-851-9773  
**Zip code:** 11218  
**Precinct** 066



**Information of Note:**

Owned by a male of Albanian descent named Omer Hakramaj. Medium sized grocery and Halal meat store. Location carries American and European products, Albanian DVDs, Albanian music CDs, and free copies of the Albanian yellow pages. Location also carries local Albanian newspapers. Location serves Albanian and American customers. Location is in close proximity to the Masjid Nur Al- Islam Inc; Bangladesh Muslim Center and Islamic School; Masjid and Islamic Center; and Baitul Jannah Jame Masjid.

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**Location Name:** Albanese Pizza and Restaurant  
**Location Type:** Pizzeria  
**Ethnicity:** Albanian  
**Address:** 412 5 Avenue  
**City:** BROOKLYN  
**State:** New York  
**Telephone:** 718-369-2767  
**Zip code:** 11215  
**Precinct** 078



**Information of Note:**

New location.

Location is a medium size pizzeria that caters mostly to American customers.

It is owned and operated by a middle age Albanian male by name Robert.

The owner is from North Albania.

Location is fairly new, opened a year ago.

Observed an ATM machine on the right hand side of the entrance.

Location is opened 7 days of the week and accepts all major credit cards and cash payment.



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# Queens

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## Queens

### Area of description

#### Ridgewood, Queens (104 Precinct)

This area has the highest Albanian residential concentration in the city. The Albanian community that resides in this neighborhood come primarily from South and Central Albania and a small percentage from Montenegro and Kosovo. The Albanian businesses are concentrated primarily along Myrtle Avenue, Fresh Pond Road, and Forest Avenue. Residents in this area are known to worship at the **Albanian American Muslim Center** located at 72-24 Myrtle Avenue. The restaurants and stores in close proximity are common gathering spots.

#### Transit Facilities and Bus Routes

The M train runs through the heart of Ridgewood, and its connection to the L at Myrtle-Wyckoff Avenues at the very southern end of Ridgewood is a transportation hub. The Ridgewood Terminal at that station serves the B13, B26, B52, B54, Q55, and Q58 bus lines. The B20, B38, Q39 and Q54 bus lines also serve Ridgewood.

#### Astoria, Queens (114 Precinct)

This area has a high Albanian concentration, mostly residential that have immigrated from South and Central Albania. However there is a lack of Albanian commercial establishments in this neighborhood which is compensated by numerous Greek restaurants, bakeries, taverns and cafes which are very popular among young Albanians. Astoria has also several prominent Orthodox Churches which are frequented by the Albanian Orthodox community. Also a small Albanian muslim community (from Kosovo, Montenegro, and North Albania) is known to worship at **Islamic Unity and Cultural Center of Plave-Gusie** located at 31-33 12 Street.

#### Transit Facilities and Bus Routes

Astoria is served by the elevated N and W subway lines with stops in Broadway and 31<sup>st</sup> Street and numerous bus lines.



## Albanian Locations of Concern

### Queens

Liridona

Zodiac

Plaza Lounge

Grand Cafe

Flo

Athens Cafe

Aroma Del Cafe

Rozafa Minimarket

Tirana Cafe

Caffe Ulqin

Burek's Pizza

Adriatic Travel  
and Tours

Benny's Pizza

★ Albanian Location of Concern

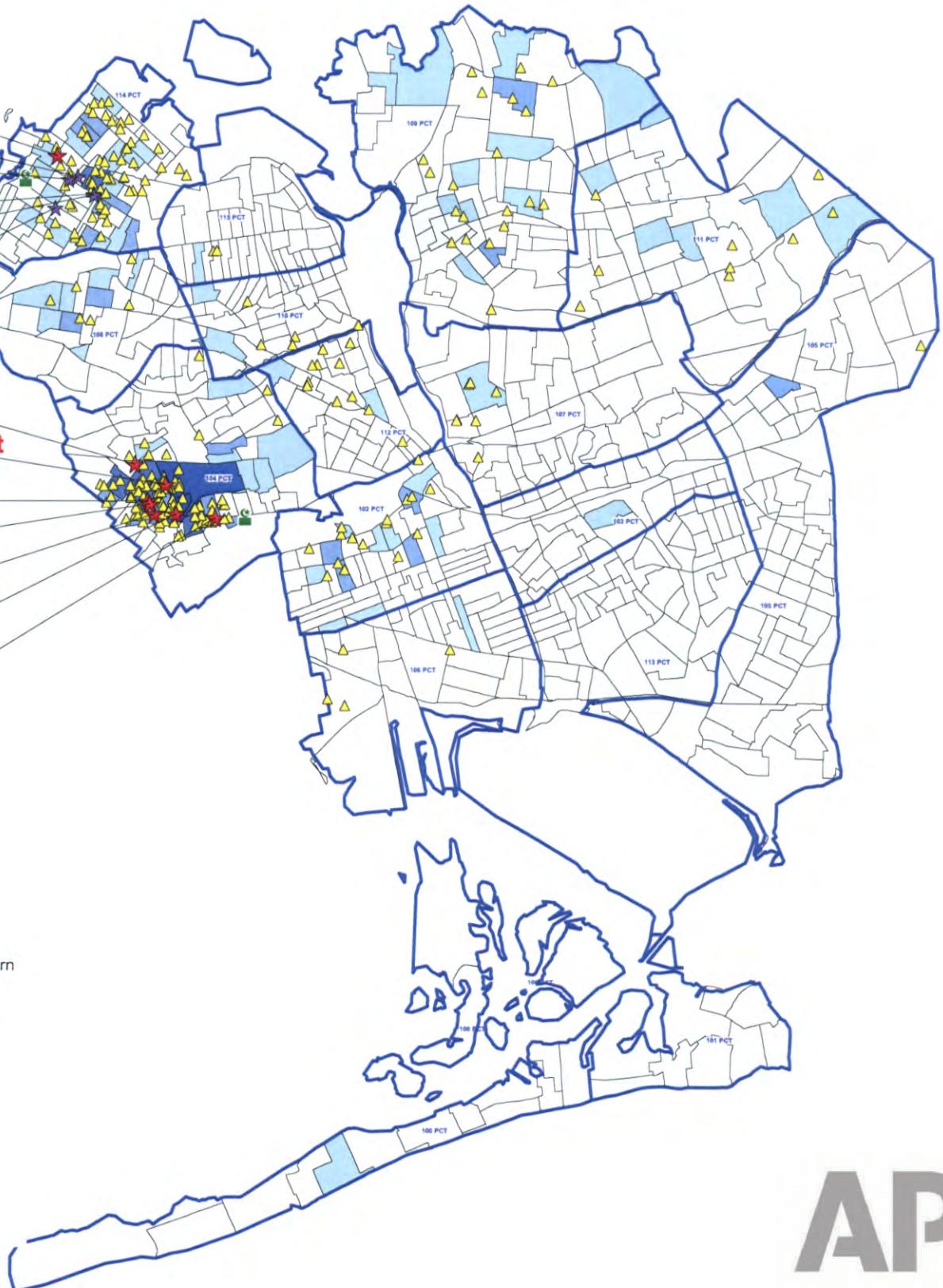
★ Greek Location of Concern

■ Albanian Mosque

▲ Albanian I 94

Albanian Ancestry

■	251 to 500	(2)
■	101 to 250	(8)
■	51 to 100	(21)
■	15 to 50	(57)
■	all others	(586)



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**Location Name:** Burek's Pizza  
**Location Type:** Pizzeria  
**Ethnicity:** Albanian  
**Address:** 68-55 Forest Avenue  
**City:** QUEENS  
**State:** New York  
**Telephone:** 718-821-0034  
**Zip code:** 11385  
**Precinct** 104



**Information of Note:**

Small sized pizzeria.  
 Owned and operated by a person of Albanian origin.  
 Location specializes in Albanian traditional pies and caters to Albanian and other European customers.  
 Location has seating area for approximately four to eight people.

**Location Name:** Caffe Ulqin  
**Location Type:** Cafe  
**Ethnicity:** Albanian  
**Address:** 310 Fairview Avenue  
**City:** QUEENS  
**State:** New York  
**Telephone:**  
**Zip code:** 11385  
**Precinct** 104



**Information of Note:**

Small sized cafe.  
 Owned and operated by a person of Albanian descent from Montenegro.  
 Location has seating area for approximately 10 to 15 people.  
 Location is popular among Albanians from Montenegro and Kosovo.

**Location Name:** Tirana Cafe  
**Location Type:** Cafe  
**Ethnicity:** Albanian  
**Address:** 785 Fairview Avenue  
**City:** QUEENS  
**State:** New York  
**Telephone:** 347-881-9019  
**Zip code:** 11385  
**Precinct** 104



**Information of Note:**

Medium sized cafe.  
 Location is owned and operated by an Albanian couple from Central Albania  
 Location has inside and outside seating area for approximately 30 to 50 people.  
 The cafe is popular among young and middle aged Albanian people.

**Location Name:** Adriatic Travel and Tours  
**Location Type:** Travel Agency  
**Ethnicity:** Albanian  
**Address:** 70-20 Fresh Pond Road  
**City:** QUEENS  
**State:** New York  
**Telephone:** 718-456-2250  
**Zip code:** 11385  
**Precinct** 104



**Information of Note:**

Small sized travel agency located on the first floor of a two story commercial building.  
 Location is own and operated by persons of Albanian descent.  
 Above location caters to Albanian and other European customers.  
 The agency offers services by Al-Italia, Lot-Polish, Austrian, Lufthansa, Swissair, and Tarom airlines.  
 Location offers translation services in Albanian and English, immigration and tax services.  
 Location is in close proximity to the Albanian American Muslim Center.  
 Location is also next to the NYC Transit Bus number Q 58.

**Location Name:** Rozafa Minimarket  
**Location Type:** Deli/Grocery  
**Ethnicity:** Albanian  
**Address:** 66-28 Fresh Pond Road  
**City:** QUEENS  
**State:** New York  
**Telephone:** 718-386-2860  
**Zip code:** 11385  
**Precinct** 104



**Information of Note:**

Small deli and mini market which offers European and Mediterranean products and meat (non Halal). Owned and operated by a person of Albanian descent named Luan Behri. Location caters to Albanian and American customers. Location started to carry CDs in Albanian language and prepaid phone cards. Location is next to the NYC Transit Bus number Q58.

**Location Name:** Benny's Pizza  
**Location Type:** Pizzeria  
**Ethnicity:** Albanian  
**Address:** 6739 Myrtle Avenue  
**City:** QUEENS  
**State:** New York  
**Telephone:** 718-821-1428  
**Zip code:** 11385  
**Precinct** 104



**Information of Note:**

Owned and operated by a male of Albanian descent named Elvis Karaj. Medium sized pizzeria with 11 tables and seating for approximately 30 to 40 people. Location is in close proximity to the Albanian American Muslim Center located at 72-24 Myrtle Avenue.

**Location Name:** Aroma Del Cafe  
**Location Type:** Cafe  
**Ethnicity:** Italian  
**Address:** 62-54 Forest Avenue  
**City:** QUEENS  
**State:** New York  
**Telephone:** 718-456-9788  
**Zip code:** 11385  
**Precinct** 104



**Information of Note:**

Medium sized cafe and pastry shop owned by a person of Italian descent.  
 The cafe is popular among younger Albanians.  
 Location has outside and inside seating area for approximately 30 to 40 people.

**Location Name:** Liridona  
**Location Type:** Bar/Restaurant  
**Ethnicity:** Albanian  
**Address:** 27-01 21 Street  
**City:** QUEENS  
**State:** New York  
**Telephone:** 718-726-7286  
**Zip code:** 11103  
**Precinct** 114



**Information of Note:**

Large sized restaurant/lounge that offers Albanian food.  
 Location caters to Albanian clientele only.  
 Location is a family oriented restaurant also frequented by younger Albanians.  
 Location has live music on the weekends and closes in the early hours of the morning.  
 For reservations: 718-864-3364.

**Location Name:** Plaza Lounge  
**Location Type:** Cafe  
**Ethnicity:** Greek  
**Address:** 29-20 30th Avenue  
**City:** QUEENS  
**State:** New York  
**Telephone:** 718-726-2447  
**Zip code:** 11103  
**Precinct** 114



**Information of Note:**

Small sized cafe and lounge located on the first floor of a two story residential building.  
 Location is frequented mostly by Greek and Albanian customers.  
 Locations offers Greek cuisine and specialty drinks.  
 Locations is open seven days a week until early hours of the morning.  
 Albanian customers usually frequent the location during the late hours of the evening.

**Location Name:** Flo  
**Location Type:** Cafe  
**Ethnicity:** Greek  
**Address:** 37-20 30 Avenue  
**City:** QUEENS  
**State:** New York  
**Telephone:** 718-204-6096  
**Zip code:** 11103  
**Precinct** 114



**Information of Note:**

Medium sized cafe/bar owned by a male of Greek descent named Andre.  
 The cafe is located on the ground floor of a residential building.  
 Location has seating for approximately 60 to 80 people.  
 Location offers Greek specialty drinks and food.  
 Location is a late night hang out spot for younger Albanians.  
 Location is opened seven days a week usually until 3 am.

**Location Name:** Grand Cafe  
**Location Type:** Cafe  
**Ethnicity:** Greek  
**Address:** 3701 30 Avenue  
**City:** QUEENS  
**State:** New York  
**Telephone:** 718-777-7321  
**Zip code:** 11101  
**Precinct** 114

**Information of Note:**

Large sized cafe/ bar/ restaurant located on ground floor of a residential building.  
 The cafe is located on a busy commercial strip.  
 Location has seating area for approximately 80 to 100 people.  
 Location also has outside seating arrear.  
 The cafe is frequented by younger patrons from Albania, Kosovo, Greek and American customers.  
 The Albanian crowd usually gathers at this location during late evening hours.  
 Location serves mostly Greek cuisine and specialty coffee drinks.



**Location Name:** Athens' Cafe  
**Location Type:** Bar/Restaurant  
**Ethnicity:** Greek  
**Address:** 32-07 30th Street  
**City:** QUEENS  
**State:** New York  
**Telephone:** 718-626-22164  
**Zip code:** 11103  
**Precinct** 114

**Information of Note:**

Large size bar/restaurant located on the first floor of a two story building.  
 Location is open seven days a week until late at night and has inside and outside seating area for approximately 80 to 90 patrons.  
 Location serves Greek and other mediterranean drinks (alcohol) and food.  
 Location is frequented mostly by Greek and Albanian customers.  
 Location is a very popular spot for young Albanians especially late afternoon.



**Location Name:** Zodiac  
**Location Type:** Bar/Restaurant  
**Ethnicity:** Greek  
**Address:** 28-18 31 Street  
**City:** QUEENS  
**State:** New York  
**Telephone:** 718-267-0300  
**Zip code:** 11103  
**Precinct** 114

**Information of Note:**

Large size bar/restaurant located on two floors of a commercial building.  
Location has live music during the weekend (Greek music).  
Location is frequented by Greek and Albanian customers.  
It is a very popular hang out spot for young Albanians. Location is a family oriented location.  
Location serves Greek and authentic Mediterranean cuisine and drinks.





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# **Manhattan**

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## Albanian Locations of Concern

Manhattan

- ★ Albanian Location of Concern
- ★ Greek Location of Concern
- ☪ Albanian Mosque
- ▲ Albanian I 94

### Albanian Ancestry

101 to 250	(1)
51 to 100	(8)
15 to 50	(29)
all others	(256)

Zana Cafe



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**Location Name:** Zana Cafe  
**Location Type:** Bar/Restaurant  
**Ethnicity:** Albanian  
**Address:** 30 East 30 Street  
**City:** MANHATTAN  
**State:** New York  
**Telephone:** 212-481-3767  
**Zip code:** 10016  
**Precinct** 014

**Information of Note:**

Medium sized cafe/ lounge/restaurant that offers Mediterranean cuisine to Albanian and American customers.

Owned and operated by a person of Albanian descent named Sheqir Gasha.

Above location has inside and outside seating area for approximately 60 to 80 people.

Phone 212-481-3717

Fax 212-481-3767

This location is in close proximity to the Masjid Ar- Rahman located at 15 West 29 Street.





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# Staten Island

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## **Staten Island**

### **Area of description**

#### **Tompkinsville, Staten Island (120 Precinct)**

This area has seen a high influx of Albanian immigrants arriving from Montenegro ( city of Ulqin), Kosovo, and small percentage of Albanians from Albania. The Albanian businesses are primarily concentrated along Victory Boulevard with several hang out spots, social clubs and halal shops where male Albanians prefer to gather after the prayer. This community is known to worship at the **Albanian American Islamic Center** located at 307 Victory Boulevard.

#### **Transit Facilities and Bus Routes**

The area is close to the Staten Island Railway one stop south to the terminal at St. George. The NYC Transit buses number S61, S91, S62, S92 and S66 service the area.



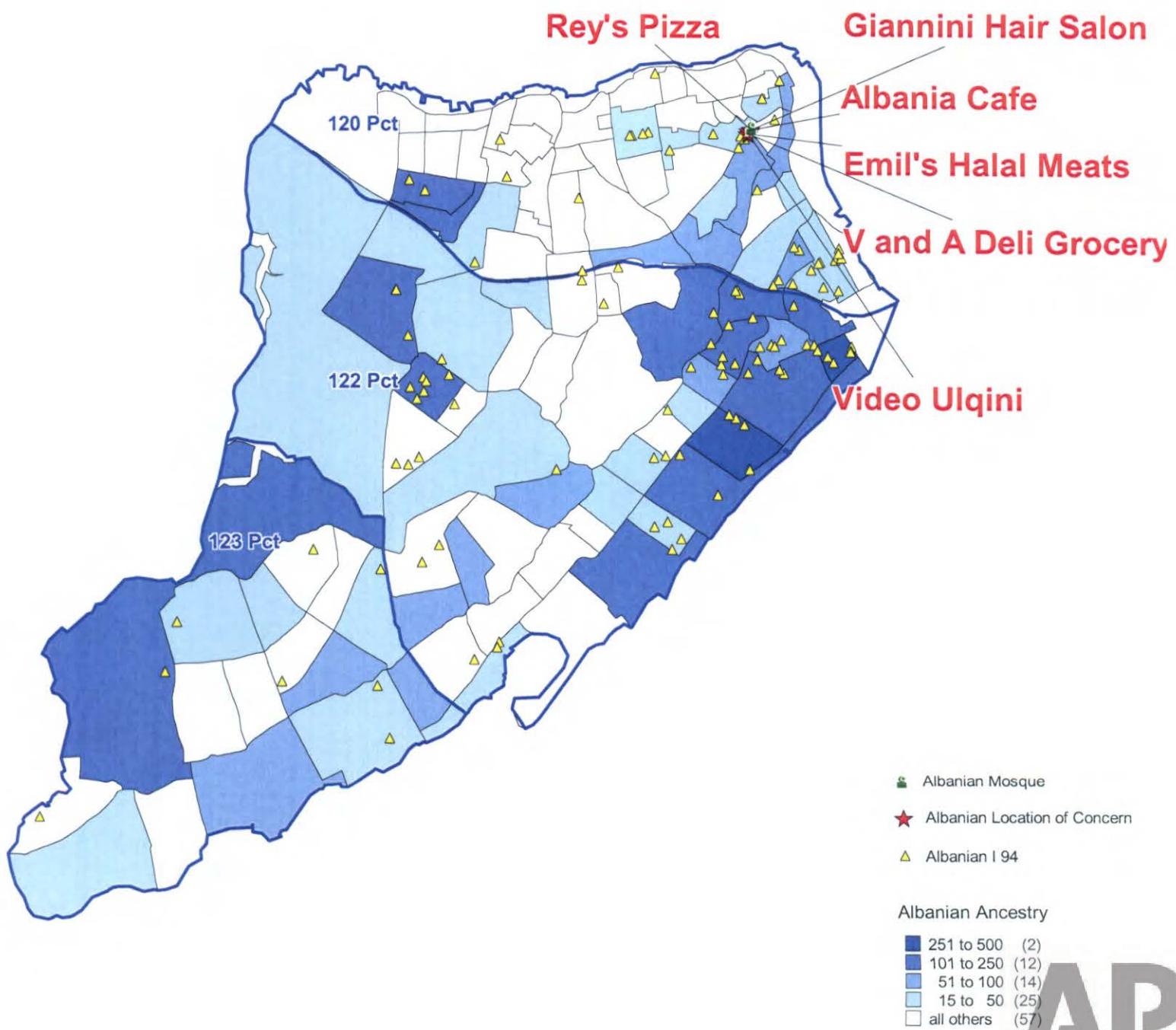
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## Albanian Locations of Concern

### Staten Island



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<b>Location Name:</b>	Giannini Hair Salon
<b>Location Type:</b>	Hair Salon
<b>Ethnicity:</b>	Albanian
<b>Address:</b>	326 Victory Boulevard
<b>City:</b>	STATEN ISLAND
<b>State:</b>	New York
<b>Telephone:</b>	718-818-8080
<b>Zip Code:</b>	10301
<b>Precinct</b>	120



**Information of Note:**

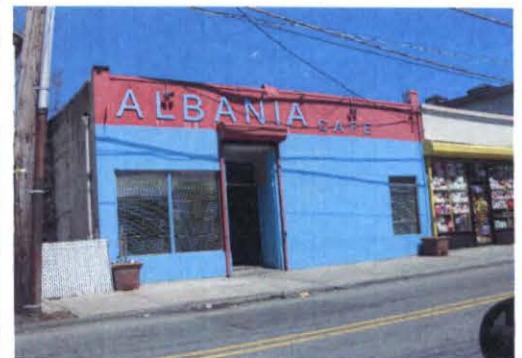
Small sized hair salon and barber shop that has mostly an Albanian clientele.

Location has four chairs.

This location is frequented mostly by Albanian males from the Albanian Islamic Cultural Center nearby at 307 Victory Boulevard.

The NYC Transit bus numbers S61, S91, S62, S92 and S66 service the area.

<b>Location Name:</b>	Albania Cafe
<b>Location Type:</b>	Cafe
<b>Ethnicity:</b>	Albanian
<b>Address:</b>	11 Cebra Avenue
<b>City:</b>	STATEN ISLAND
<b>State:</b>	New York
<b>Telephone:</b>	
<b>Zip Code:</b>	10301
<b>Precinct</b>	120



**Information of Note:**

Small sized cafe that caters to Albanian customers mostly from Montenegro.

Location has a seating area for approximately 15 to 20 customers.

This location is known as a place where Albanian Muslims get together after the prayer at the Albanian Islamic Cultural Center located at 307 Victory Boulevard.

The NYC Transit bus numbers S61, S91, S62, S92 and S66 service the area.

<b>Location Name:</b>	Rey's Pizza
<b>Location Type:</b>	Pizzeria
<b>Ethnicity:</b>	Albanian
<b>Address:</b>	325 Victory Boulevard
<b>City:</b>	STATEN ISLAND
<b>State:</b>	New York
<b>Telephone:</b>	718-273-5555
<b>Zip Code:</b>	10301
<b>Precinct</b>	120



**Information of Note:**

Medium sized pizzeria with seating area for approximately 20 people.

Location caters mostly to a Albanian clientele.

The above location also serves ethnic Albanian specialties.

This location is frequented mostly by Albanian people that visit the Albanian Islamic Cultural Center located at 307 Victory Boulevard.

The NYC Transit bus numbers S61, S91, S62, S92 and S66 service the area.

<b>Location Name:</b>	V and A Deli Grocery
<b>Location Type:</b>	Deli/Grocery
<b>Ethnicity:</b>	Albanian
<b>Address:</b>	345 Victory Boulevard
<b>City:</b>	STATEN ISLAND
<b>State:</b>	New York
<b>Telephone:</b>	718-447-3355
<b>Zip Code:</b>	10301
<b>Precinct</b>	120



**Information of Note:**

Small deli/grocery store owned and operated by persons of Albanian descent.

Location caters to Albanian and American customers.

Observed an ATM inside the location.

Above location is in proximity to the Albanian Islamic Cultural Center located at 307 Victory Boulevard.

<b>Location Name:</b>	Video Ulqini
<b>Location Type:</b>	Video Store
<b>Ethnicity:</b>	Albanian
<b>Address:</b>	344 Victory Boulevard
<b>City:</b>	STATEN ISLAND
<b>State:</b>	New York
<b>Telephone:</b>	718-448-3871
<b>Zip Code:</b>	10301
<b>Precinct</b>	120



**Information of Note:**

Owned by a male of Albanian descent by the name of Remzi Murati from the city of Ulqin, Montenegro.

Medium sized video store that offers Albanian DVDs, CDs.

Location also offers Albanian souvenirs and local Albanian newspapers.

Above location also serves as a travel agency, Aferdita Travel, with the same contact information.

<b>Location Name:</b>	Emil's Halal Meats
<b>Location Type:</b>	Halal Shop
<b>Ethnicity:</b>	Albanian
<b>Address:</b>	344 Victory Boulevard
<b>City:</b>	STATEN ISLAND
<b>State:</b>	New York
<b>Telephone:</b>	718-273-7001
<b>Zip Code:</b>	10301
<b>Precinct</b>	120



**Information of Note:**

Owned by a male of Albanian descent from the city of Ulqin, Montenegro.

Medium sized grocery and Halal meat store that also offers European products.

Location is in close proximity to the Albanian Islamic Cultural Center located at 307 Victory Boulevard.