



# NYC BOROUGHS HUNGER & POVERTY FAST facts FY2025-Q1

## BOROUGH FAST FACTS

INCLUDES MOST RECENT DATA AVAILABLE AS OF SEPTEMBER 1<sup>ST</sup>, 2024.

### FOOD DISTRIBUTION

Source: Food Bank for New York City, Fiscal Year 2024.

#### BRONX

- Last year alone, Food Bank For New York City provided nearly **22.5 million free meals** to member charities and schools in the Bronx, **25 percent** of Food Bank's citywide total food distribution.

#### BROOKLYN

- last year, Food Bank For New York City provided nearly **30 million free meals** to member charities and schools in Brooklyn, **33 percent** of Food Bank's citywide total food distribution.

#### MANHATTAN

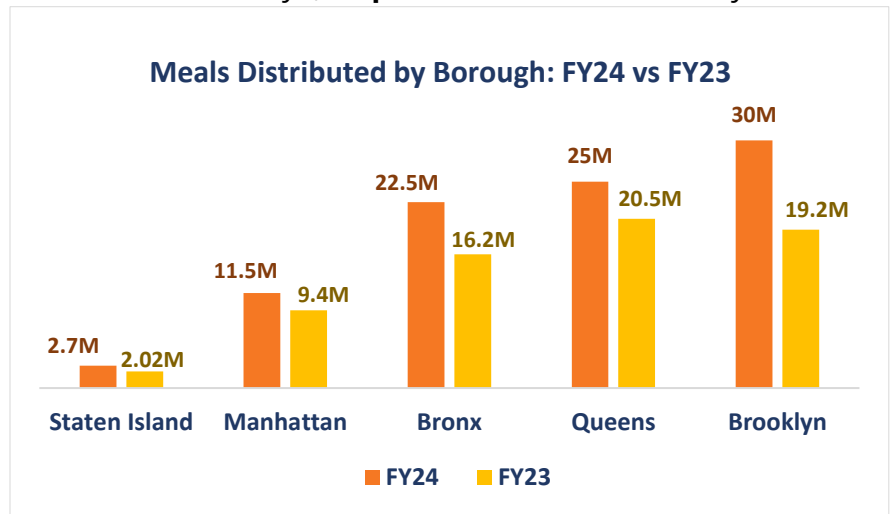
- Food Bank For New York City provided nearly **11.5 million free meals** as per last year to member charities and schools in Manhattan, **13 percent** of Food Bank's citywide total food distribution.

#### QUEENS

- Food Bank For New York City provided nearly **25 million free meals** as per last year to member charities and schools in Queens, **27 percent** of Food Bank's citywide total food distribution.

#### STATEN ISLAND

- Food Bank For New York City provided more than **2.7 million free meals** as per last year to member charities and schools in Staten Island, **3 percent** of Food Bank's citywide total food distribution.



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## NUTRITION EDUCATION

Source: Food Bank for New York City, Fiscal Year 2024.

### BRONX

- Food Bank For New York City's CookShop program empowers **more than 3,600 (3,639) children and their caregivers** living in the Bronx to help sustain a healthy diet on a limited budget. This is **24 percent** of the entire program's participants.

### BROOKLYN

- Food Bank For New York City's CookShop program empowers nearly **4,600 (4,640) children and their caregivers** living in Brooklyn to sustain a healthy diet on a limited budget. This is **31 percent** of the entire program's participants.

### MANHATTAN

- Food Bank For New York City's CookShop program empowers more than **2,150 (2,161) children and their caregivers** living in Manhattan to sustain a healthy diet on a limited budget. This is **14 percent** of the entire program's participants.

### QUEENS

- Food Bank For New York City's CookShop program empowers **more than 4,100 (4,129) children and their caregivers** living in Queens to sustain a healthy diet on a limited budget. This is **27 percent** of the entire program's participants.

### STATEN ISLAND

- Food Bank For New York City's CookShop program empowers **more than 500 (535) children and their caregivers** living in Staten Island to sustain a healthy diet on a limited budget. This is **4 percent** of the entire program's participants.

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## UNEMPLOYMENT

Source: United States Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS). July 2024.

*(Note that this data is released one or two months after it is collected.)*

### BRONX

- As of July 2024, the Bronx unemployment rate is **7.8 percent**. This is **1.7 percentage points** higher when compared to the citywide rate of 6.1 percent. The Bronx unemployment rate is nearly twice the national unemployment rate (4.3 percent).

### BROOKLYN

- As of July 2024, Brooklyn unemployment rate is **6.5 percent**. This is an increase of **0.8 percentage points** when compared to the rate of July 2023 (5.7 percent). Brooklyn unemployment rate is **2.2 percentage points** higher than the national rate (4.3%) and 0.4 percentage point higher than the citywide rate (6.1%).

## MANHATTAN

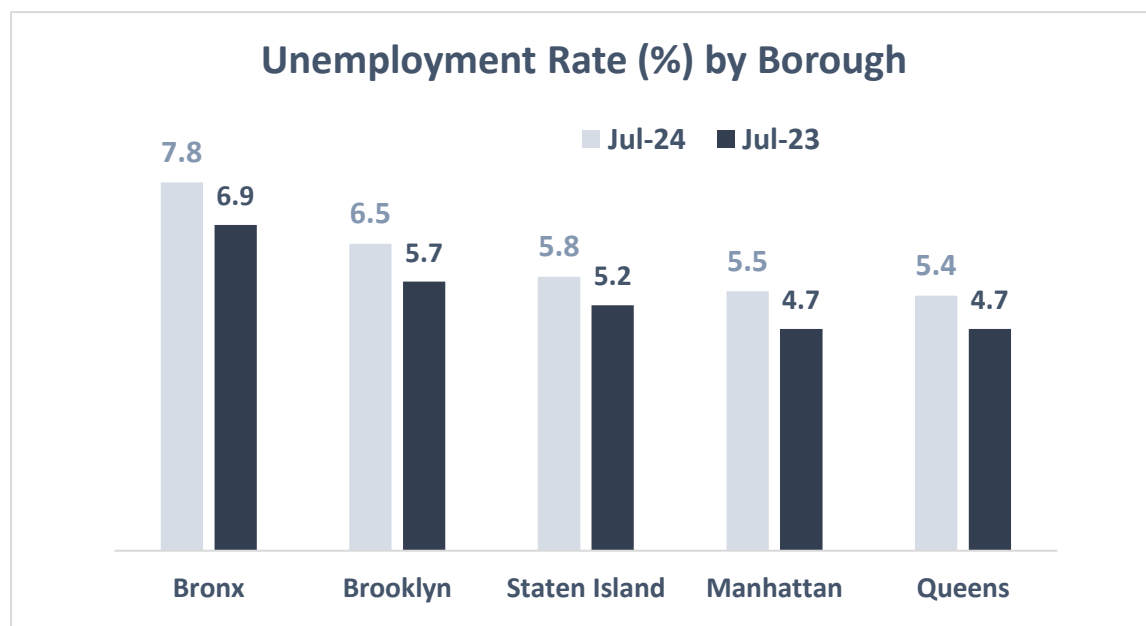
- As of July 2024, Manhattan unemployment rate is **5.5 percent**. This is an increase of **0.8 percentage points** when compared to July 2023 rate (4.7 percent). Though Manhattan unemployment rate is lower than New York City's rate of 6.1%, it is still higher by **1.2 percentage point** than the national rate of 4.3%.

## QUEENS

- As of July 2024, Queens unemployment rate is **5.4 percent**. This is lower than the citywide rate (6.1%) but still higher than the national rate (4.3%) by **1.1 percentage points**.

## STATEN ISLAND

- As of July 2024, Staten Island unemployment rate is **5.8 percent**. This is lower than the citywide rate (5.7%), and higher by almost **2 percentage points** when compared to the national rate. (3.6 percent).



**FOOD INSECURITY** Food security means access by all people at all times to enough food for an active, healthy life.

Source: Map the Meals Gap (2022). *Feeding America*. 2024.

(Note that this data is released two years after it is collected.)

**BRONX**

- **20.2 percent**, or **nearly 291,000 (290,990)** Bronx residents are food insecure.

**BROOKLYN**

- **15.2 percent**, or **more than 406,000 (406,560)** Brooklyn residents are food insecure.

**MANHATTAN**

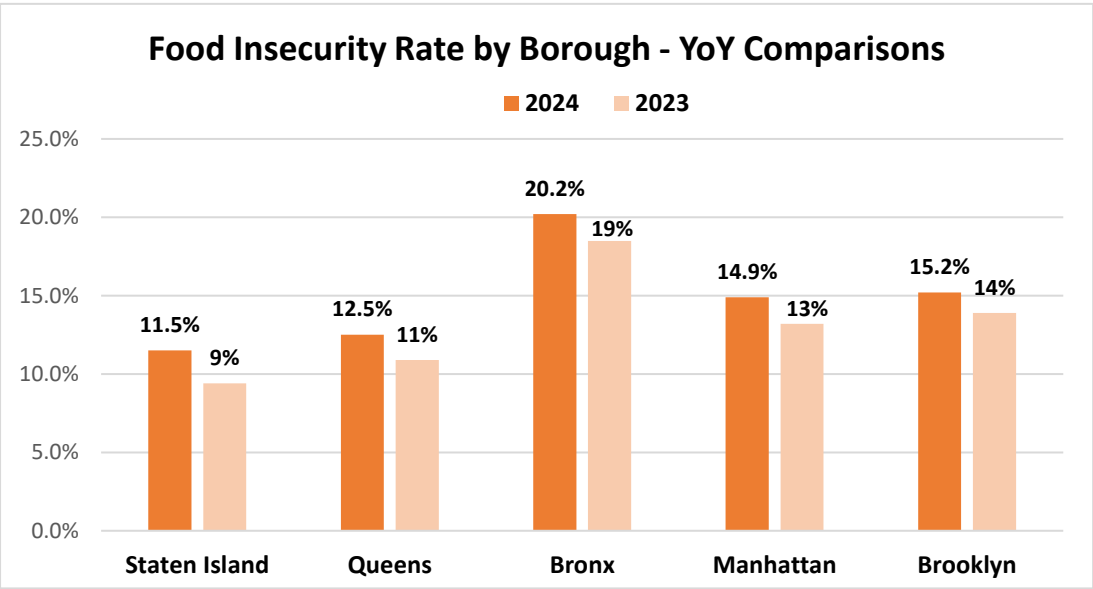
- **14.9 percent**, or **nearly 246,000 (245,880)** Manhattan residents are food insecure.

**QUEENS**

- **12.5 percent**, or **more than 294,000 (294,240)** Queens’ residents are food insecure.

**STATEN ISLAND**

- **11.5 percent**, or **more than 56,000 (56,480)** Staten Island residents are food insecure.



## MEAL GAP

Source: Map the Meals Gap (2022). Feeding America. 2024.

(Note that this data is released two years after it is collected.)

The Meal Gap represents the meals missing from the homes of those struggling to put food on the table.

### BRONX

- The meal gap for the Bronx is more than **46 million (46,226,900)**; that is, Bronx residents who experience food insecurity fall short of an adequate diet by more than 46 million meals in a single year. Bronx' meal gap is **23 percent** of the total New York City meal gap (243,307,800).

### BROOKLYN

- The meal gap for Brooklyn is more than **76.4 million (76,435,700)**; that is, Brooklyn residents who experience food insecurity fall short of an adequate diet by nearly 76 million meals in a single year. Brooklyn's meal gap is **31 percent** of the total New York City meal gap (243,307,800).

### MANHATTAN

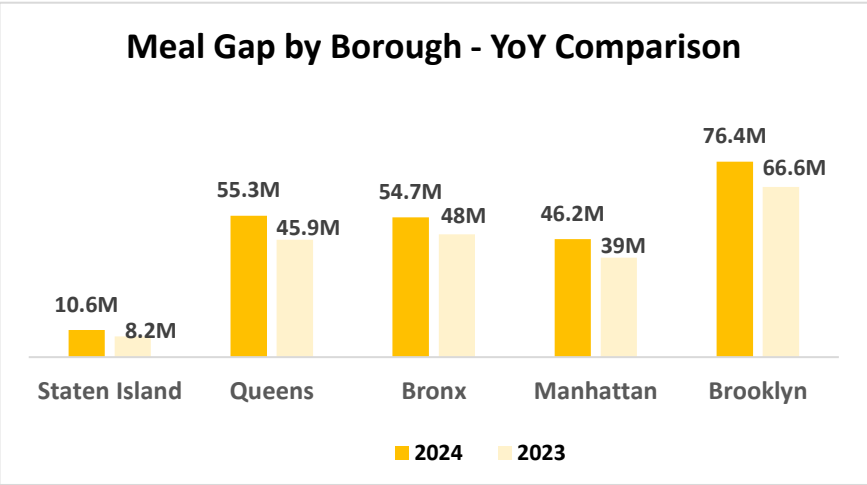
- The meal gap for Manhattan is more than **46.2 million (46,226,900)**; that is, Manhattan residents who experience food insecurity fall short of an adequate diet by nearly 46 million meals in a single year. Manhattan's meal gap is **19 percent** of the total New York City meal gap (243,307,800).

### QUEENS

- The meal gap for Queens is more than **55.3 million (55,318,800)**; that is, Queens residents who experience food insecurity fall short of an adequate diet by nearly 55 million meals in a single year. Queens' meal gap is **23 percent** of the total New York City meal gap (243,307,800).

### STATEN ISLAND

- The meal gap for Staten Island is more than **10.6 million (10,618,600)**; that is, Staten Island residents who experience food insecurity fall short of an adequate diet by more than 10.6 million meals in a single year. Staten Island's meal gap is approximately **4 percent** of the total New York City meal gap (243,307,800).



## AVERAGE COST PER MEAL

Source: Map the Meals Gap (2022). *Feeding America*. 2024.

(Note that this data is released two years after it is collected.)

### BRONX

- The average cost per meal in the Bronx is **\$4.40**. This is 9 percent lower than New York City's average of \$4.86. The Bronx average cost per meal **increased by nearly 9 percent** in comparison to the previous year (\$4.06).

### BROOKLYN

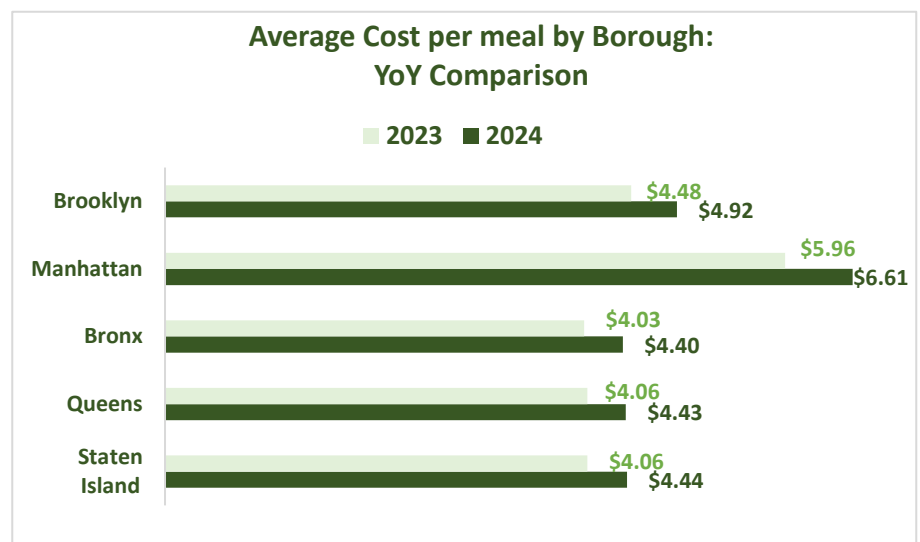
- The average cost per meal in Brooklyn is **\$4.92**. This is 1 percent higher than the New York City's average of \$4.86. Brooklyn's average cost per meal **increased by 10 percent** in comparison to the previous year (\$4.48).

### MANHATTAN

- The average cost per meal in Manhattan is **\$6.61**. This is 36 percent higher than New York City's average of \$4.86. Manhattan's average cost per meal **decreased by 11 percent** in comparison to the previous year (\$5.96).

### QUEENS

- The average cost per meal in Queens is **\$4.43**. This is 9 percent lower than New York City's average of \$4.86. Queens' average cost per meal **increased by 9 percent** in comparison to the previous year (\$4.06).



### STATEN ISLAND

- The average cost per meal in Staten Island is **\$4.44**. This is 9 percent lower than New York City's average of \$4.86. Staten Island's average cost per meal **increased by 9 percent** in comparison to the previous year (\$4.06).

## POVERTY

The federal poverty level is \$21,960 annually for a household of three.

Source: 2022 American Community Survey. U.S. Census Bureau. 2023.

(Note that this data is released one year after it is collected.)

### BRONX

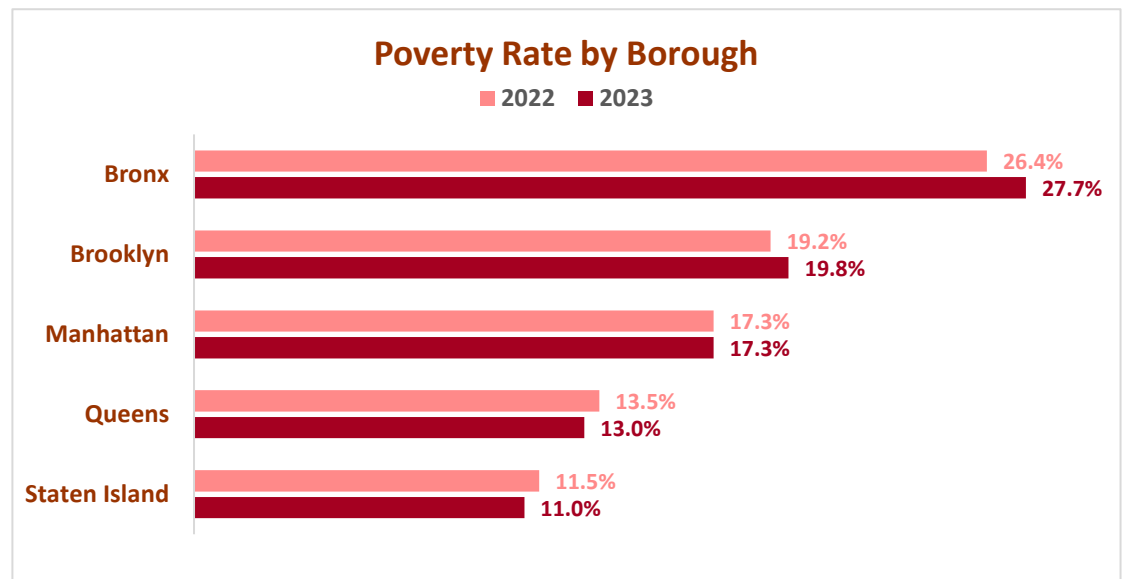
- An estimated **27.7 percent**, or more than **375,000** (374,766) Bronx residents are living below the federal poverty level. Bronx' poverty rate is **51 percent above** New York City's poverty rate of 18.3 percent.

### BROOKLYN

- An estimated **19.8 percent**, or nearly **507,500** (507,449) Brooklyn residents are living below the federal poverty level. Brooklyn's poverty rate is **8 percent above** New York City's poverty rate of 18.3 percent.

### MANHATTAN

- An estimated **17.3 percent**, or nearly **268,000** (267,727) Manhattan residents are living below the federal poverty level. Manhattan's poverty rate is **5 percent below** New York City's poverty rate of 18.3 percent.



### QUEENS

- An estimated **13.0 percent**, or nearly **294,000** (293,878) Queens' residents are living below the federal poverty level. Queens' poverty rate is **29 percent below** New York City's poverty rate of 18.3 percent.

### STATEN ISLAND

- An estimated **11.0 percent**, or nearly **54,000** (53,562) Staten Island residents are living below the federal poverty level. Staten Island's poverty rate is nearly **40 percent below** New York City's poverty rate of 18.3 percent.

## SUPPLEMENTAL NUTRITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (SNAP)

### Source:

Human Resource  
Administration (HRA).  
June 2024

### BRONX

- **More than 1 in 4 (28 percent)**, or nearly **half a million** (495,328) of total NYC SNAP participants live in the Bronx.

### BROOKLYN

- **More than 1 in 3 (35 percent)**, or more **than 600 thousand** (623,080) of total NYC SNAP participants live in Brooklyn.

### MANHATTAN

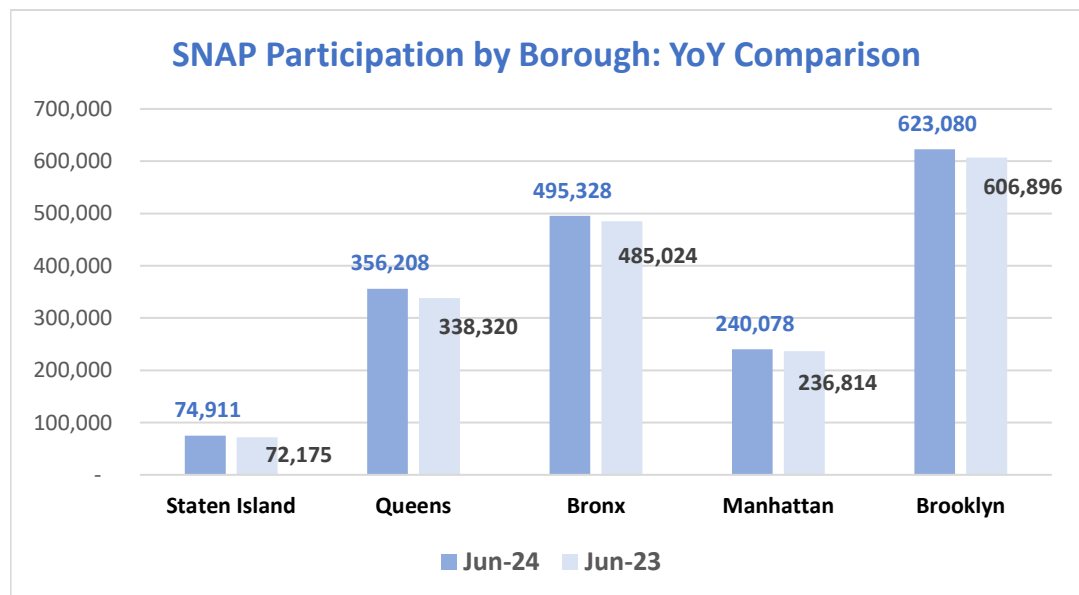
- **Nearly 1 in 7 (13 percent)**, or nearly **241 thousand** (240,078) of total NYC SNAP participants live in Manhattan.

### QUEENS

- **1 in 5 (20 percent)**, or more than **356 thousand** (356,208) of total NYC SNAP participants live in Queens.

### STATEN ISLAND

- **4 percent**, or nearly **75 thousand** (74,911) of total NYC SNAP participants live in Staten Island.





MEDIAN INCOME

Source: 2022 American Community Survey. U.S. Census Bureau. 2023.

BRONX

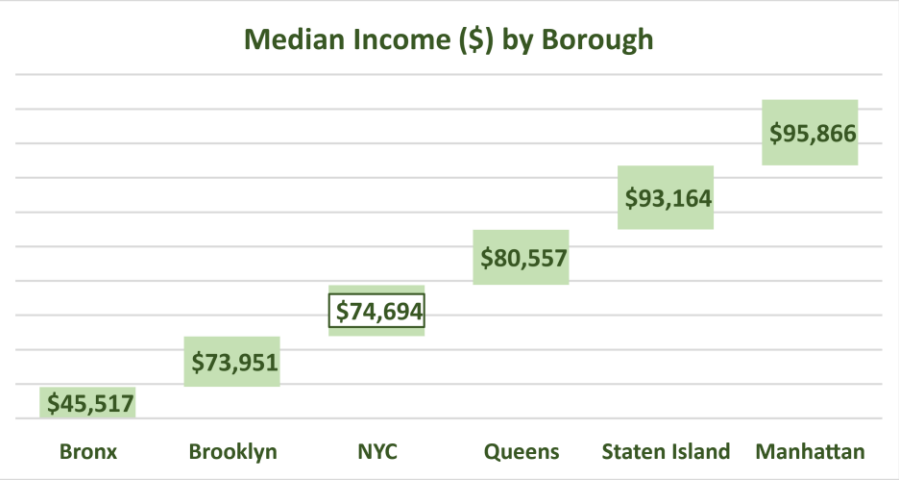
- The Bronx’ median household income is **\$45,517**, which is nearly 39 percent below New York City’s median household income of \$74,694. This means that half of Bronx households are living with an income below \$45,517.

BROOKLYN

- Brooklyn’s median household income is **\$73,951**, which is nearly 1 percent below New York City’s median household income of \$74,694. This means that half of Brooklyn households are living with an income below \$73,951.

MANHATTAN

- Manhattan’s median household income is **\$95,866**, which is 28 percent above New York City’s median household income of \$74,694. This means that half of Manhattan households are living with an income below \$95,866.



QUEENS

- Queens’ median household income is **\$80,557**, which is 8 percent above New York City’s median household income of \$74,694. This means that half of Queens’ households are living with an income below \$80,557.

STATEN ISLAND

- Staten Island’s median household income is **\$93,164**, which is 25 percent above the New York City median household income of \$74,694. This means that half of Staten Island households are living with an income below \$93,164.

## DISABILITY

*Source:* 2022 American Community Survey. U.S. Census Bureau. 2023.

### BRONX

- **More than 1 in 6 Bronx residents (235,678),** or an estimated **17.3 percent**, are living with a disability.

### BROOKLYN

- **More than 1 in 10 Brooklyn residents (315,124),** or an estimated **12.2 percent**, are living with a disability.

### MANHATTAN

- **More than 1 in 10 Manhattan residents (200,208),** or an estimated **12.6 percent**, are living with a disability.

### QUEENS

- **More than 1 in 10 Queens residents (242,212),** or an estimated **10.7 percent**, are living with a disability.

### STATEN ISLAND

- **Nearly 1 in 10 Staten Island residents (46,923),** or an estimated **9.9 percent**, are living with a disability.

## POPULATION

*Source:* 2022 American Community Survey. U.S. Census Bureau. 2023.

### BRONX

- More than **1.4 million (1,472,654)** people are living in the Bronx.

### BROOKLYN

- More than **2.7 million (2,736,074)** people are living in Brooklyn.

### MANHATTAN

- Nearly **1.7 million (1,694,251)** people are living in Manhattan.

### QUEENS

- More than **2.4 million (2,405,464)** people are living in Queens.

### STATEN ISLAND

- Nearly **496 thousand (495,747)** people are living in Staten Island.

**Total Population by Borough**

