



# NYC BOROUGHS HUNGER & POVERTY FAST facts FY2026-Q1

## BOROUGH FAST FACTS

INCLUDES MOST RECENT DATA AVAILABLE AS OF SEPTEMBER 1<sup>ST</sup>, 2025.

### FOOD DISTRIBUTION

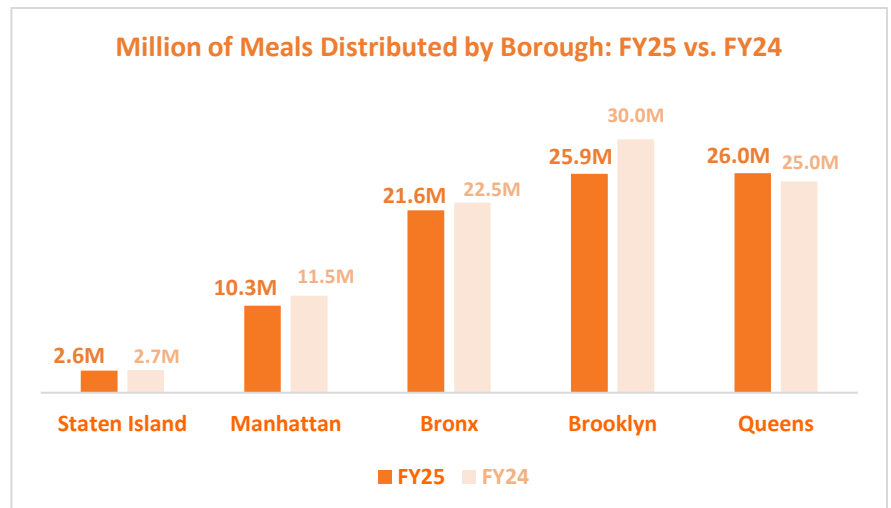
Source: Food Bank for New York City, Fiscal Year 2025.

#### BRONX

- Last year alone, Food Bank For New York City provided nearly **22 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 **26 million free meals** to member charities and schools in Brooklyn, **30 percent** of Food Bank's citywide total food distribution.



#### MANHATTAN

- Food Bank For New York City provided nearly **10.3 million free meals** as per last year to member charities and schools in Manhattan, **12 percent** of Food Bank's citywide total food distribution.

#### QUEENS

- Food Bank For New York City provided nearly **26 million free meals** as per last year to member charities and schools in Queens, **30 percent** of Food Bank's citywide total food distribution.

#### STATEN ISLAND

- Food Bank For New York City provided more than **2.6 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.

UNEMPLOYMENT BRONX

Source: United States Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS). July 2025.

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

- As of July 2025, the Bronx unemployment rate is **7.6 percent**. This is **2.5 percentage points** higher when compared to the citywide rate of 5.1 percent. The Bronx unemployment rate is 1.7 times higher than the national unemployment rate (4.6 percent).

BROOKLYN

- As of July 2025, Brooklyn unemployment rate is **5.8 percent**. Brooklyn unemployment rate is **1.2 percentage points** higher than the national rate (4.6%) and comparable to the citywide rate (5.7%).

MANHATTAN

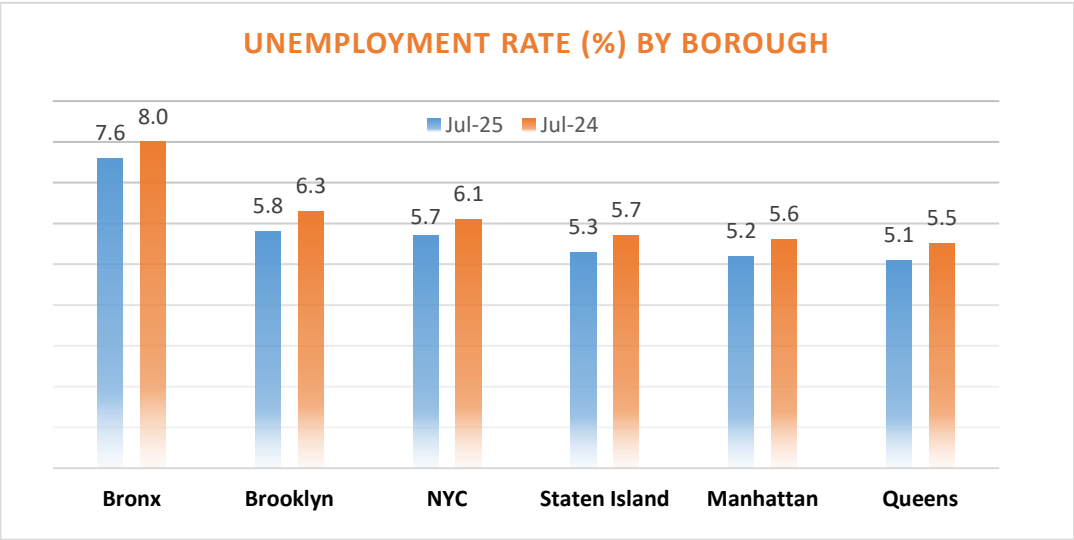
- As of July 2025, Manhattan unemployment rate is **5.2 percent**. Though Manhattan unemployment rate is lower than New York City's rate of 5.7%, it is still higher by **1.1 percentage point** than the national rate of 4.6%.

QUEENS

- As of July 2025, Queens unemployment rate is **5.1 percent**. This is lower than the citywide rate (5.7%) but still higher than the national rate (4.6%) by **0.5 percentage points**.

STATEN ISLAND

- As of July 2025, Staten Island unemployment rate is **5.3 percent**. This is lower than the citywide rate (5.7%), and higher by **0.7 percentage points** when compared to the national rate (4.6 percent).



## FOOD INSECURITY

Source: Map the  
Meals Gap (2023).  
*Feeding America. 2025.*

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

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

### BRONX

- **22.6 percent**, or **more than 320,000 (320,380)** Bronx residents are food insecure.

### BROOKLYN

- **17.1 percent**, or **more than 453,000 (453,290)** Brooklyn residents are food insecure.

### MANHATTAN

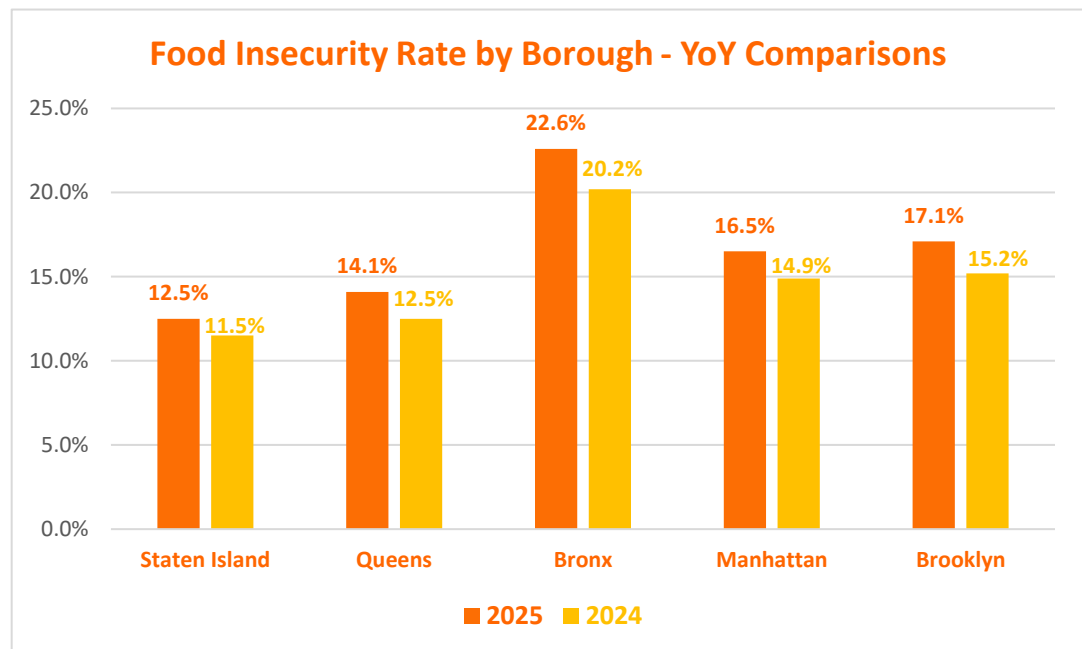
- **16.5 percent**, or **nearly 269,000 (268,570)** Manhattan residents are food insecure.

### QUEENS

- **14.1 percent**, or **more than 329,000 (328,760)** Queens' residents are food insecure.

### STATEN ISLAND

- **12.5 percent**, or **more than 61,000 (61,370)** Staten Island residents are food insecure.



# MEAL GAP

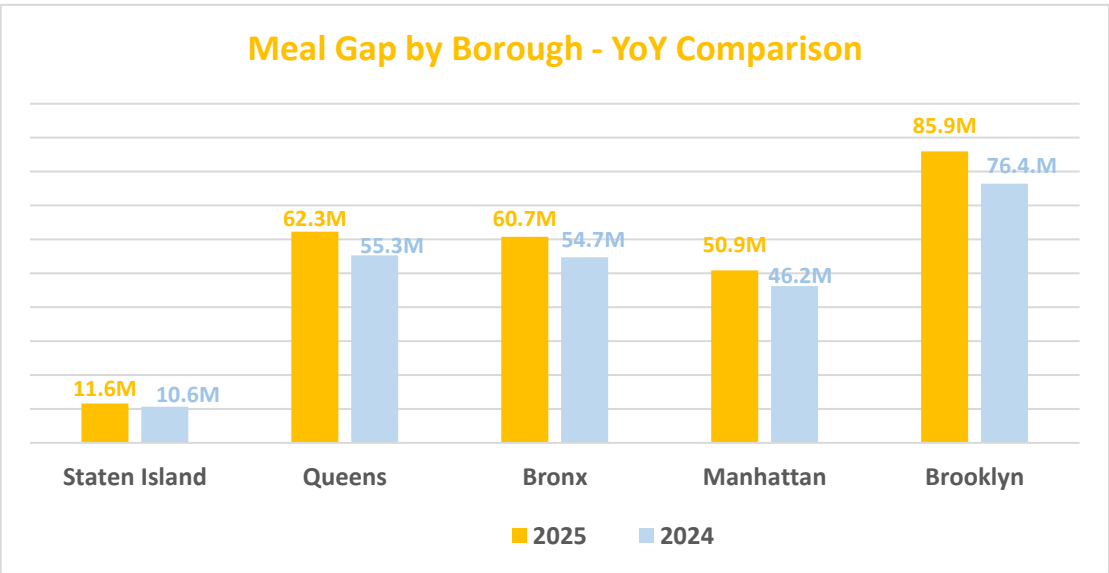
Source: Map the Meals Gap (2023).  
Feeding America. 2025.

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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 nearly **61 million (60,725,100)**; that is, Bronx residents who experience food insecurity fall short of an adequate diet by more than 60 million meals in a single year. Bronx' meal gap is **22 percent** of the total New York City meal gap (271,492,700).



## BROOKLYN

- The meal gap for Brooklyn is nearly **86 million (85,917,000)**; that is, Brooklyn residents who experience food insecurity fall short of an adequate diet by nearly 86 million meals in a single year. Brooklyn's meal gap is **32 percent** of the total New York City meal gap (271,492,700).

## MANHATTAN

- The meal gap for Manhattan is nearly **51 million (50,905,000)**; that is, Manhattan residents who experience food insecurity fall short of an adequate diet by nearly 51 million meals in a single year. Manhattan's meal gap is **19 percent** of the total New York City meal gap (271,492,700).

## QUEENS

- The meal gap for Queens is more than **62.3 million (62,313,500)**; that is, Queens residents who experience food insecurity fall short of an adequate diet by nearly 62 million meals in a single year. Queens' meal gap is **23 percent** of the total New York City meal gap (271,492,700).

## STATEN ISLAND

- The meal gap for Staten Island is more than **11.6 million (11,618,600)**; that is, Staten Island residents who experience food insecurity fall short of an adequate diet by more than 11.6 million meals in a single year. Staten Island's meal gap is approximately **4 percent** of the total New York City meal gap (271,492,700).

## AVERAGE COST PER MEAL

Source: Map the Meals Gap (2023).  
Feeding America. 2025.

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

### BRONX

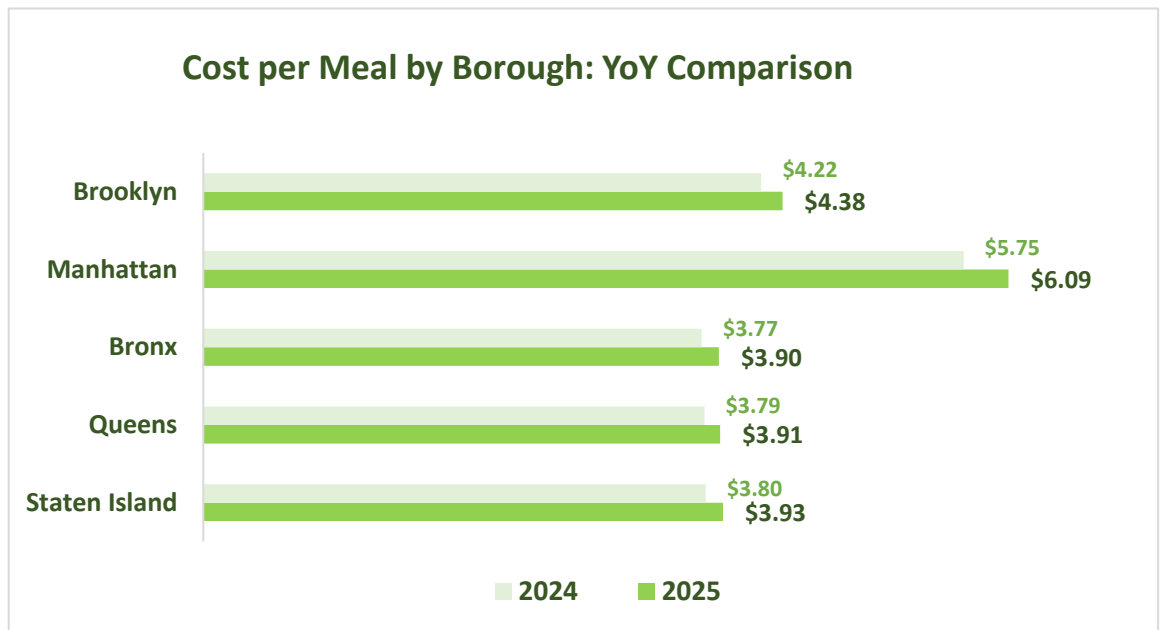
- The average cost per meal in the Bronx is **\$3.90**. This is 11 percent lower than New York City's average of \$4.38. The Bronx average cost per meal **increased by nearly 3 percent** in comparison to the previous year (\$3.77).

### BROOKLYN

- The average cost per meal in Brooklyn is **\$4.38**. This is comparable to New York City's average of \$4.38. Brooklyn's average cost per meal **increased by 4 percent** in comparison to the previous year (\$4.22).

### MANHATTAN

- The average cost per meal in Manhattan is **\$6.09**. This is 39 percent higher than New York City's average of \$4.38. Manhattan's average cost per meal **increased by 6 percent** in comparison to the previous year (\$5.75).



### QUEENS

- The average cost per meal in Queens is **\$3.91**. This is 11 percent lower than New York City's average of \$4.38. Queens' average cost per meal **increased by 3 percent** in comparison to the previous year (\$3.79).

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## STATEN ISLAND

- The average cost per meal in Staten Island is **\$3.93**. This is 10 percent lower than New York City's average of \$4.38. Staten Island's average cost per meal **increased by 3 percent** in comparison to the previous year (\$3.80).

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## POVERTY

**The federal poverty level is \$26,650 annually for a household of three.**

*Source: 2023*

American Community Survey, U.S. Census Bureau, 2024.

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

## BRONX

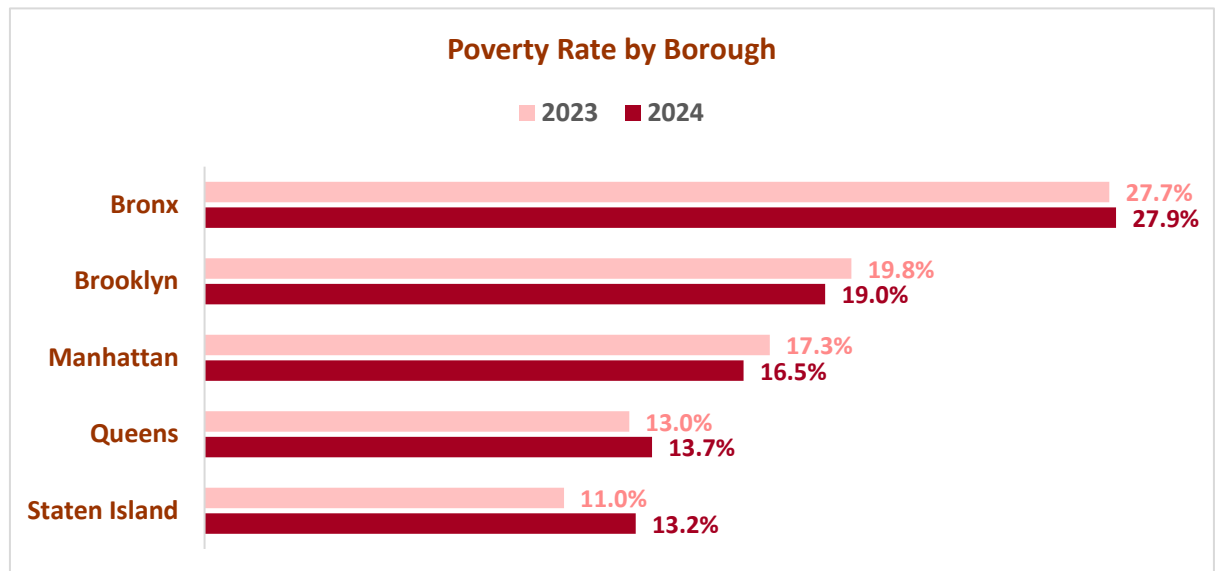
- An estimated **27.9 percent**, or more than **375,000** (375,866) Bronx residents are living below the federal poverty level. Bronx' poverty rate is **51 percent above** New York City's poverty rate of 18.2 percent.

## BROOKLYN

- An estimated **19.0 percent**, or nearly **507,000** (506,949) Brooklyn residents are living below the federal poverty level. Brooklyn's poverty rate is **8 percent above** New York City's poverty rate of 18.2 percent.

## MANHATTAN

- An estimated **16.5 percent**, or nearly **266,000** (265,823) Manhattan residents are living below the federal poverty level. Manhattan's poverty rate is **9 percent below** New York City's poverty rate of 18.2 percent.



## QUEENS

- An estimated **13.7 percent**, or nearly **295,000** (294,724) Queens' residents are living below the federal poverty level. Queens' poverty rate is **25 percent below** New York City's poverty rate of 18.2 percent.

## STATEN ISLAND

- An estimated **13.2 percent**, or nearly **55,000** (54,841) Staten Island residents are living below the federal poverty level. Staten Island's poverty rate is nearly **27 percent below** New York City's poverty rate of 18.2 percent.

## SUPPLEMENTAL NUTRITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (SNAP)

Source:  
Human Resource  
Administration (HRA).  
June 2025

## BRONX

- **More than 1 in 4 (28 percent)**, or nearly **half a million** (494,483) of total NYC SNAP participants live in the Bronx.

## BROOKLYN

- **More than 1 in 3 (35 percent)**, or more than **627 thousand** (627,611) of total NYC SNAP participants live in Brooklyn.

## MANHATTAN

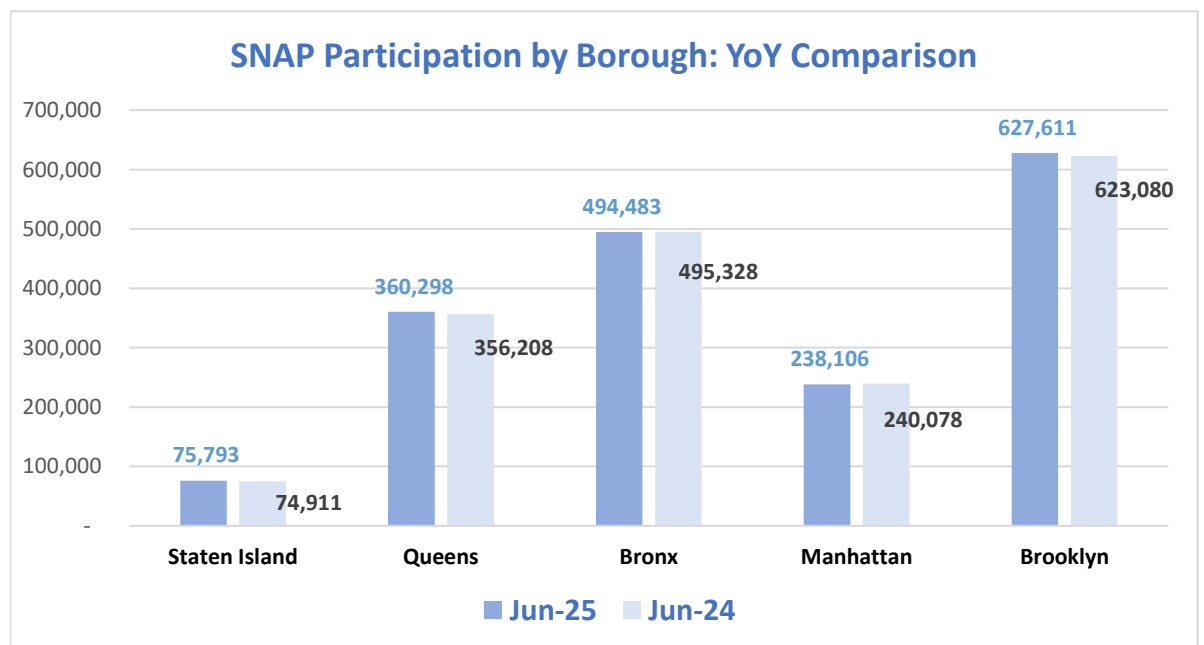
- **Nearly 1 in 7 (13 percent)**, or more than **238 thousand** (238,106) of total NYC SNAP participants live in Manhattan.

## QUEENS

- **1 in 5 (20 percent)**, or more than **360 thousand** (360,298) of total NYC SNAP participants live in Queens.

## STATEN ISLAND

- **4 percent**, or more than **75 thousand** (75,793) of total NYC SNAP participants live in Staten Island.



## MEDIAN INCOME BRONX

*Source:* 2023  
American Community  
Survey. U.S. Census  
Bureau. 2024.

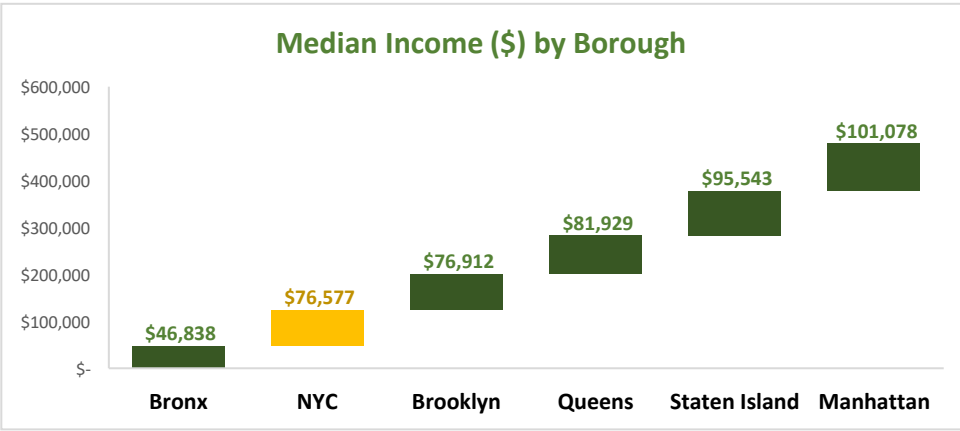
- The Bronx’ median household income is **\$46,838**, which is nearly 39 percent below New York City’s median household income of \$76,577. This means that half of Bronx households are living with an income below \$46,838.

## BROOKLYN

- Brooklyn’s median household income is **\$76,912**, which is comparable to New York City’s median household income of \$76,577. This means that half of Brooklyn households are living with an income below \$76,912.

## MANHATTAN

- Manhattan’s median household income is **\$101,078**, which is 32 percent above New York City’s median household income of \$76,577. This means that half of Manhattan households are living with an income below \$101,078.



## QUEENS

- Queens’ median household income is **\$81,929**, which is 7 percent above New York City’s median household income of \$76,755. This means that half of Queens’ households are living with an income below \$81,929.

## STATEN ISLAND

- Staten Island’s median household income is **\$95,543**, which is 25 percent above the New York City median household income of \$76,577. This means that half of Staten Island households are living with an income below \$95,543.



POPULATION

Source: 2023 American Community Survey, U.S. Census Bureau. 2024.

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.

