



NYC BOROUGHS HUNGER & POVERTY FAST facts FY2024-Q2

BOROUGH FAST FACTS

INCLUDES MOST RECENT DATA AVAILABLE AS OF DECEMBER 7TH, 2023.

FOOD DISTRIBUTION

Source: Food Bank for New York City, Fiscal Year 2023.

BRONX

- Food Bank For New York City provides nearly **16.2 million free meals** per year to member charities and schools in the Bronx, **24 percent** of Food Bank's citywide total food distribution.

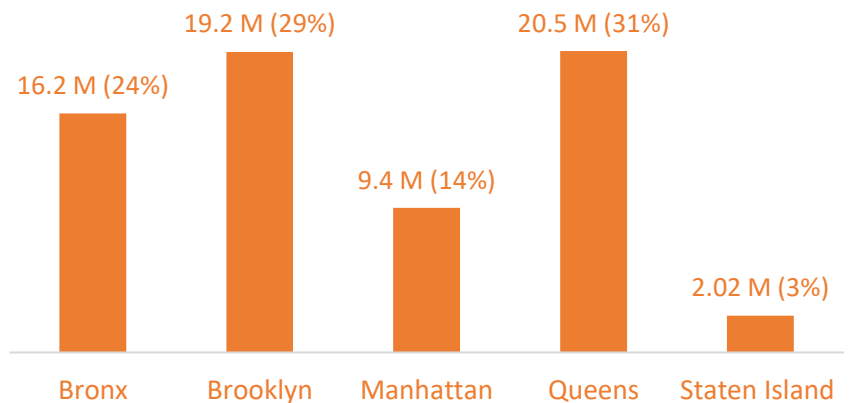
BROOKLYN

- Food Bank For New York City provides nearly **19.2 million free meals** per year to member charities and schools in Brooklyn, **29 percent** of Food Bank's citywide total food distribution.

MANHATTAN

- Food Bank For New York City provides more than **9.4 million free meals** per year to member charities and schools in Manhattan, **14 percent** of Food Bank's citywide total food distribution.

MEALS DISTRIBUTED BY BOROUGH: FISCAL YEAR 2023



QUEENS

- Food Bank For New York City provides more than **20.5 million free meals** per year to member charities and schools in Queens, **31 percent** of Food Bank's citywide total food distribution.

STATEN ISLAND

- Food Bank For New York City provides more than **2 million free meals** per year to member charities and schools in Staten Island, **3 percent** of Food Bank's citywide total food distribution.

TAX ASSISTANCE BRONX

Source: Food Bank for New York City, 2022 Tax Year (Fiscal Year 2023).

- Food Bank For New York City's free tax assistance sites in the Bronx secured over **\$5.3 million (\$5,315,726)** in refunds and credits for low- and moderate-income New Yorkers, last year. This is **25 percent** of the total amount in refunds and credits secured through Food Bank.

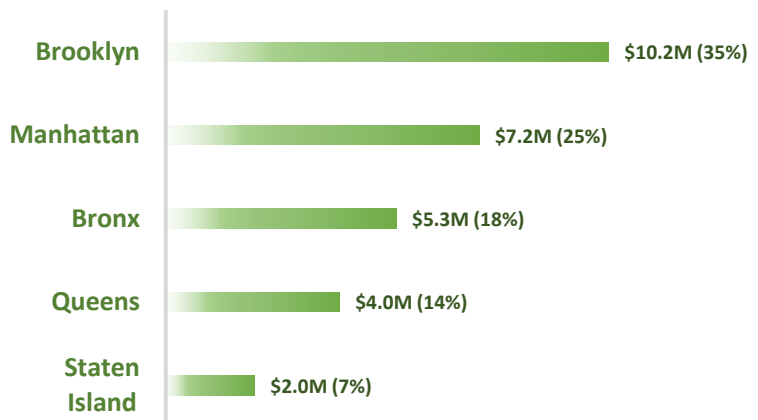
BROOKLYN

- Food Bank For New York City's free tax assistance sites in Brooklyn secured more than **\$10.2 million (\$10,218,106)** in refunds and credits for low- and moderate-income New Yorkers, last year. This is **35 percent** of the total amount in refunds and credits secured through Food Bank.

MANHATTAN

- Food Bank For New York City's free tax assistance sites in Manhattan secured more than **\$7.2 million (\$7,229,757)** in refunds and credits for low- and moderate-income New Yorkers, last year. This is **25 percent** of the total amount in refunds and credits secured through Food Bank.

TOTAL REFUNDS SECURED BY BOROUGH: FY23



QUEENS

- Food Bank For New York City's free tax assistance sites in Queens secured more than **\$4.0 million (\$4,006,361)** in refunds and credits for low- and moderate-income New Yorkers, last year. This is **14 percent** of the total amount in refunds and credits secured through Food Bank.

STATEN ISLAND

- Food Bank For New York City's free tax assistance sites in Staten Island secured more than **\$2.0 million (\$2,045,045)** in refunds and credits for low- and moderate-income New Yorkers, last year. This is **7 percent** of the total amount in refunds and credits secured through Food Bank.

NUTRITION EDUCATION

Source: Food Bank for New York City, Fiscal Year 2023.

BRONX

- Food Bank For New York City's CookShop program empowers **more than 3,400 (3,401) children and their caregivers** living in the Bronx to help sustain a healthy diet on a limited budget. This is **22 percent** of the entire program's participants.

BROOKLYN

- Food Bank For New York City's CookShop program empowers nearly **5,750 (5,735) children and their caregivers** living in Brooklyn to sustain a healthy diet on a limited budget. This is **37 percent** of the entire program's participants.

MANHATTAN

- Food Bank For New York City's CookShop program empowers more than **2,600 (2,650) children and their caregivers** living in Manhattan to sustain a healthy diet on a limited budget. This is **17 percent** of the entire program's participants.

QUEENS

- Food Bank For New York City's CookShop program empowers **more than 3,300 (3,379) children and their caregivers** living in Queens to sustain a healthy diet on a limited budget. This is **22 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 **3 percent** of the entire program's participants.

UNEMPLOYMENT

BRONX

Source: United States Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS). December 2023.

- As of October 2023, the Bronx unemployment rate is **7.3 percent**. This is **1.6 percentage points** higher when compared to the citywide rate of 5.7 percent. The Bronx unemployment rate is more than twice the national unemployment rate (3.6 percent).

BROOKLYN

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

- As of October 2023, Brooklyn unemployment rate is **6.1 percent**. This is an increase of **0.9 percentage points** when compared to the rate of October 2022 (5.2 percent). Brooklyn unemployment rate is **2.5 percentage points** higher than the national rate (3.6%) and higher than the citywide rate (5.7%).

MANHATTAN

- As of October 2023, Manhattan unemployment rate is **5.1 percent**. This is an increase of **1.0 percentage points** when compared to October 2022 rate (4.1 percent). Though Manhattan unemployment rate is lower than New York City's rate of 5.7 %, it is still higher by **1.6 percentage point** than the national rate of 3.6%.

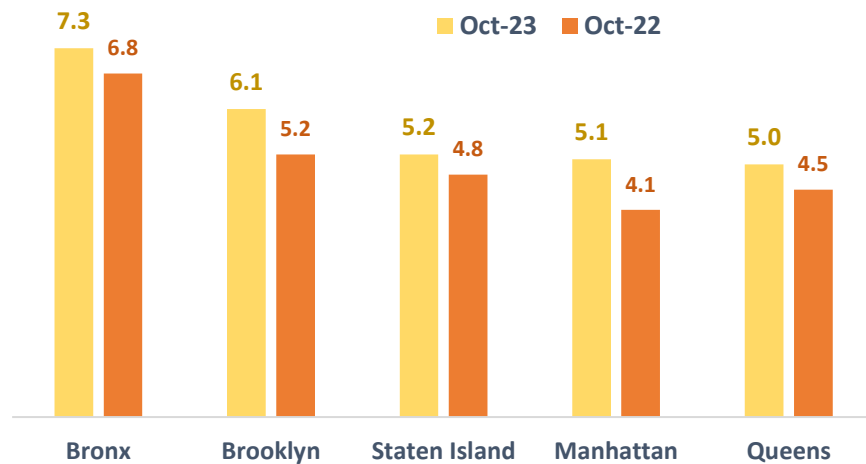
QUEENS

- As of October 2023, Queens unemployment rate is **5.0 percent**. This is lower than the citywide rate (5.7%) but still higher than the national rate (3.6%) by **1.7 percentage points**.

STATEN ISLAND

- As of October 2023, Staten Island unemployment rate is **5.2 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).

Unemployment Rate (%) by Borough



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 (2021).
Feeding America. 2023.

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

BRONX

- **18.5 percent**, or **nearly 272,000 (271,700)** Bronx residents are food insecure.

BROOKLYN

- **13.9 percent**, or **more than 377,000 (377,100)** Brooklyn residents are food insecure.

MANHATTAN

13.2 percent, or **nearly 221,000 (220,500)** Manhattan residents are food insecure.

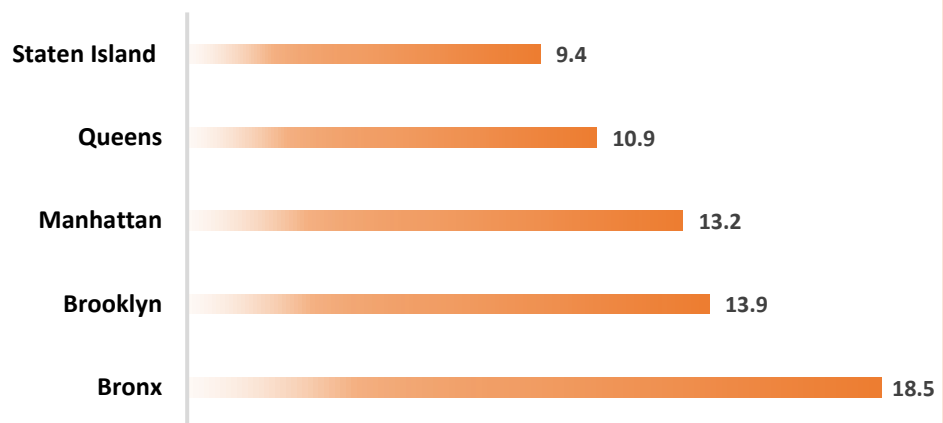
QUEENS

10.9 percent, or **more than 260,030 (260,030)** Queens' residents are food insecure.

STATEN ISLAND

- **9.4 percent**, or **more than 46,000 (46,290)** Staten Island residents are food insecure.

FOOD INSECURITY RATE (%) BY BOUROUGH:



AVERAGE COST PER MEAL

BRONX

- The average cost per meal in the Bronx is **\$4.03**. This is 8 percent lower than New York City's average of \$4.37. The Bronx average cost per meal **increased by nearly 9 percent** in comparison to the previous year (\$3.70).

Source: Map the Meals Gap (2021).
Feeding America. 2023.

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BROOKLYN

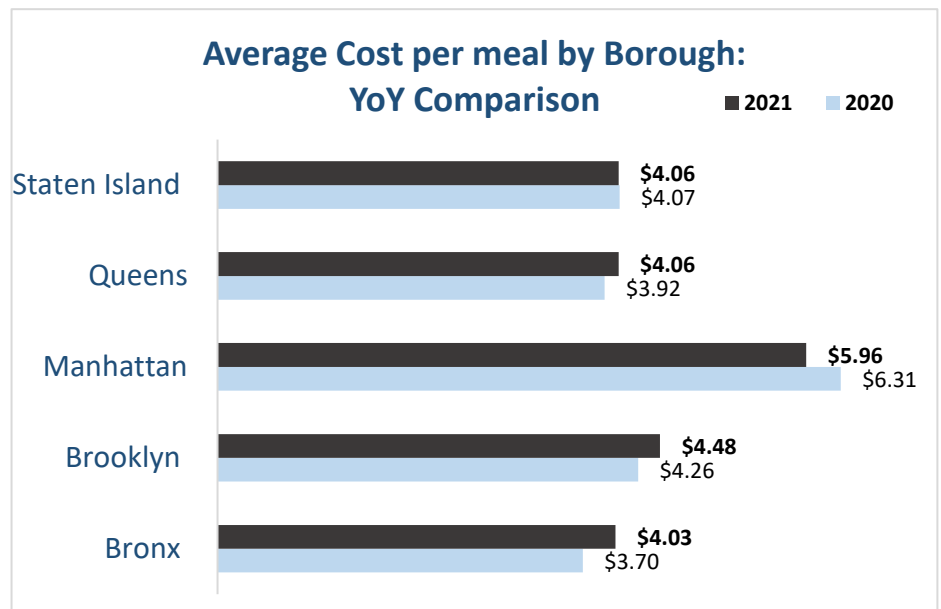
- The average cost per meal in Brooklyn is **\$4.48**. This is 2 percent higher than the New York City's average of \$4.37. Brooklyn's average cost per meal **increased by 5 percent** in comparison to the previous year (\$4.26).

MANHATTAN

- The average cost per meal in Manhattan is **\$5.96**. This is 27 percent higher than New York City's average of \$4.37. Manhattan's average cost per meal **decreased by 6 percent** in comparison to the previous year (\$6.31).

QUEENS

- The average cost per meal in Queens is **\$4.06**. This is 7 percent lower than New York City's



average of \$4.37. Queens' average cost per meal **increased by 4 percent** in comparison to the previous year (\$3.92).

STATEN ISLAND

- The average cost per meal in Staten Island is **\$4.06**. This is 7 percent lower than New York City's average of \$4.37. Staten Island's average cost per meal **remained constant** in comparison to the previous year (\$4.07).

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 considered to be 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 considered to be living below the federal poverty level. Brooklyn's poverty rate is **8 percent above** New York City's poverty rate of 18.3 percent.

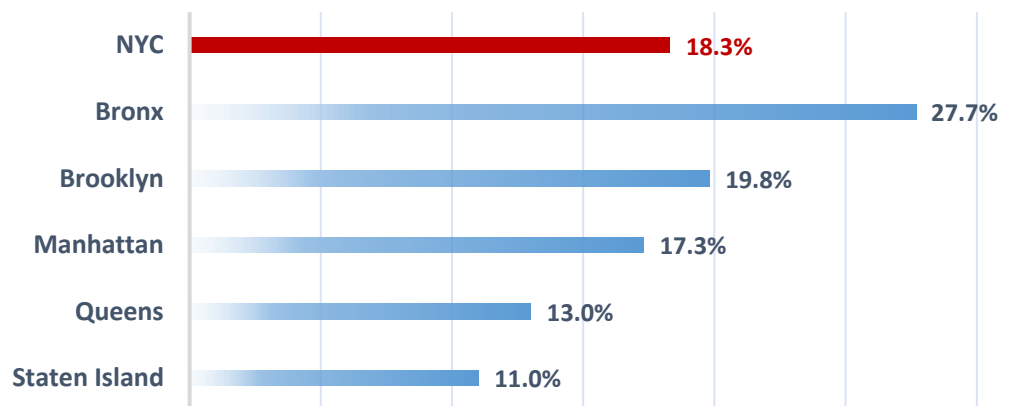
MANHATTAN

- An estimated **17.3 percent**, or nearly **268,000** (267,727) Manhattan residents are considered to be living below the federal poverty level. Manhattan's poverty rate is **5**

**percent
below**

New
York
City's
poverty
rate of
18.3
percent.

POVERTY RATE BY BOROUGH



QUEENS

- An estimated **13.0 percent**, or nearly **294,000** (293,878) Queens' residents are considered to be 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 considered to be 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 2023

BRONX

- **More than 1 in 5 (28 percent)**, or nearly **485 thousand** (485,024) of total NYC SNAP participants live in the Bronx.

BROOKLYN

- **More than 1 in 3 (35 percent)**, or more than half a million (606,896) of total NYC SNAP participants live in Brooklyn.

MANHATTAN

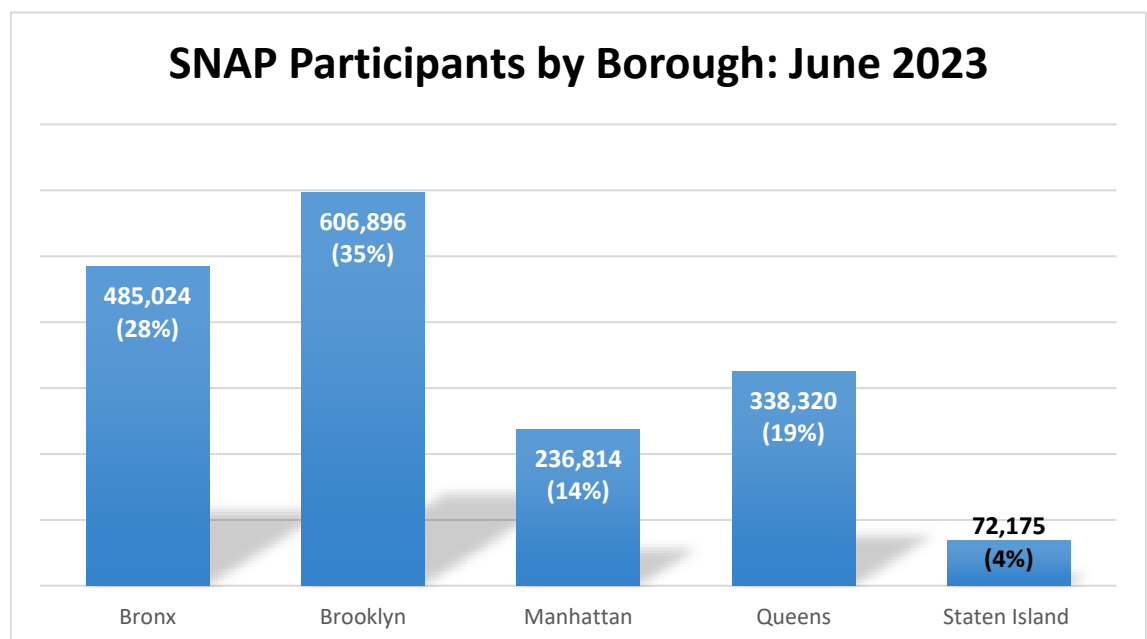
- **Nearly 1 in 7 (14 percent)**, or nearly **237 thousand (236,814)** of total NYC SNAP participants live in Manhattan.

QUEENS

- **Nearly 1 in 5 (19.5 percent)**, or more than **338 thousand (338,320)** of total NYC SNAP participants live in Queens.

STATEN ISLAND

- **4 percent**, or nearly **72 thousand (72,175)** 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 considered to be living with a disability.

BROOKLYN

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

MANHATTAN

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

QUEENS

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

STATEN ISLAND

- **Nearly 1 in 10 Staten Island residents (46,923),** or an estimated **9.9 percent**, are considered to be 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

