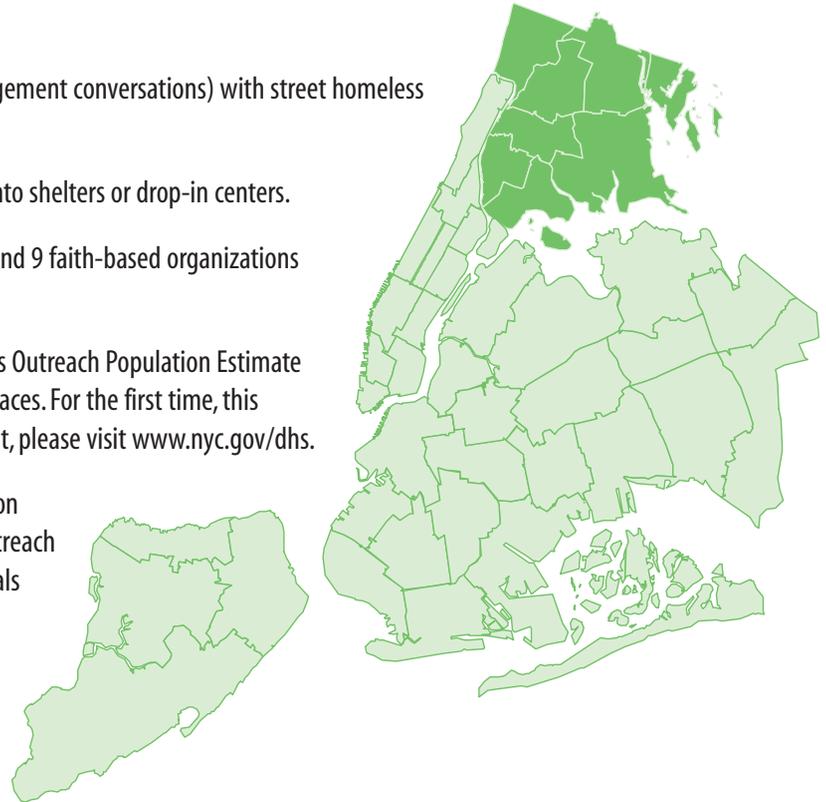
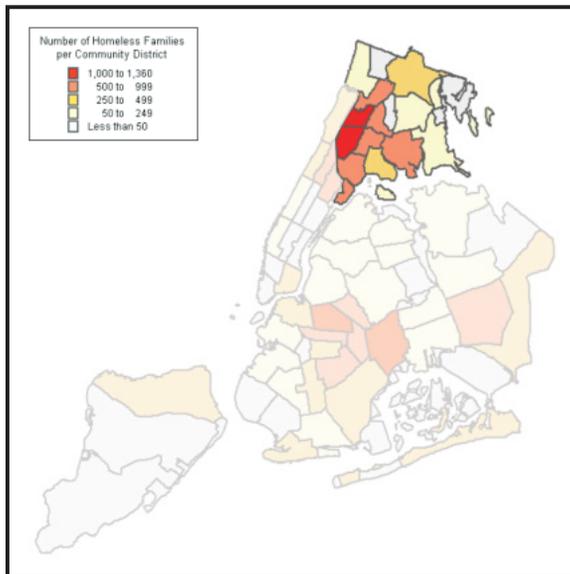


## Street Homelessness in the Bronx

- Bronx outreach teams have an average of 1,458 contacts (engagement conversations) with street homeless people every month.
- These contacts result in an average of 81 monthly placements into shelters or drop-in centers.
- In addition to shelters, the Bronx has a 24-hour drop-in center and 9 faith-based organizations that provide beds for those on the streets.
- In February 2005, the city will conduct its third annual Homeless Outreach Population Estimate (HOPE) to estimate the number of individuals living in public spaces. For the first time, this survey will be conducted in the Bronx. To volunteer for this event, please visit [www.nyc.gov/dhs](http://www.nyc.gov/dhs).
- There is no official estimate of the number of individuals living on the streets and in other public spaces in the Bronx. However, outreach teams report higher concentrations of street homeless individuals in Mott Haven, Hunts Point, Tremont, and Baychester.



## Family Homelessness in the Bronx



- The Bronx contains five of the 10 communities citywide that experience the highest incidences of family homelessness. These communities are University Heights, Morris Heights, Sound View, South Bronx, and Tremont.
- In total, 35% of all families eligible for shelter services come from the Bronx.
- The average size of families entering shelter from the Bronx is 2.88. The citywide average is 2.90.

**If you see someone in need on the street, dial 311 and a mobile outreach response team will be dispatched to visit the person and assist them into shelter.**

The Department of Homeless Services worked with the Vera Institute of Justice to understand where homeless families are coming from.

## Contributing Factors

Studies have shown that factors such as poverty, unemployment rates, and mental illness, among others, affect rates of homelessness. Here's a snapshot of how the Bronx compares to the rest of the city on these factors.

Factor	The Bronx	Citywide	Percent of Citywide
Population <sup>2</sup>	1,332,650	8,008,278	17%
Persons Living Below Poverty Level <sup>2</sup>	395,263	1,668,938	24%
Persons Living Below 200% of Poverty Level <sup>2</sup>	665,924	3,124,894	21%
Persons on Public Assistance <sup>3</sup>	153,610	438,062	35%
Female Heads of Household <sup>2</sup>	140,620	576,354	24%
Children in Foster Care <sup>4</sup>	6,327	18,723	34%
No. of Adults with Emotional Distress Consistent with Mental Illness <sup>5</sup>	80,500	385,300	21%
Prevalence of Alcohol or Drug Abuse <sup>6</sup>	135,742	746,985	18%
Median Rent <sup>2</sup>	\$620	\$705	N/A
Percent of Renter-Households that spend 50% of Household Income on Rent <sup>2</sup>	25.5%	22.31%	N/A
Median Household Income <sup>2</sup>	\$27,611	\$38,293	N/A
Unemployment Rates <sup>7</sup>	9.3%	7.9%	N/A

To get involved in *Uniting for Solutions Beyond Shelter*, visit [www.nyc.gov/endinghomelessness](http://www.nyc.gov/endinghomelessness).

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