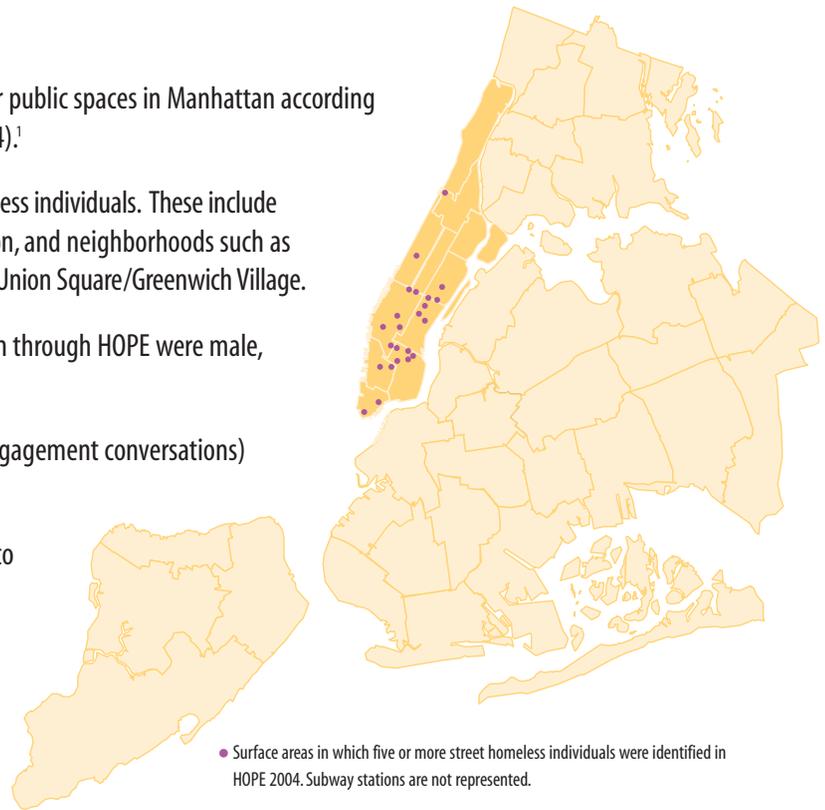
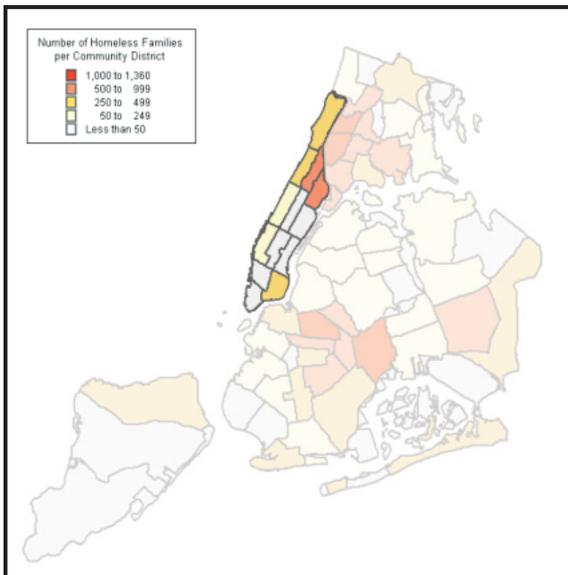


Street Homelessness in Manhattan

- An estimated 1,482 individuals are living on the streets or in other public spaces in Manhattan according to the annual Homeless Outreach Population Estimate (HOPE 2004).¹
- HOPE identified locations with higher concentrations of street homeless individuals. These include transportation hubs such as Penn Station and Grand Central Station, and neighborhoods such as North Riverside Park, Morningside Heights, the Lower East Side, and Union Square/Greenwich Village.
- The majority of street homeless individuals surveyed in Manhattan through HOPE were male, ranging in age from 21 to 55.
- Manhattan outreach teams have an average of 4,388 contacts (engagement conversations) with street homeless people every month.
- These contacts result in an average of 241 monthly placements into shelters or drop-in centers.
- In addition to shelters, Manhattan has six 24-hour drop-in centers and 38 faith-based organizations that provide beds for those on the streets.



Family Homelessness in Manhattan



- Harlem is one of the 10 communities citywide that experience the highest incidences of family homelessness.
- In total, 15% of all families eligible for shelter services come from Manhattan.
- The average size of families entering shelter from Manhattan is 2.96. 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 Manhattan compares to the rest of the city on these factors.

Factor	Manhattan	Citywide	Percent of Citywide
Population ²	1,537,195	8,008,278	19%
Persons Living Below Poverty Level ²	298,231	1,668,938	18%
Persons Living Below 200% of Poverty Level ²	532,938	3,124,894	17%
Persons on Public Assistance ³	71,687	438,062	16%
Female Heads of Household ²	21,663	576,354	4%
Children in Foster Care ⁴	3,645	18,723	19%
No. of Adults with Emotional Distress Consistent with Mental Illness ⁵	60,300	385,300	16%
Prevalence of Alcohol or Drug Abuse ⁶	168,184	746,985	24%
Median Rent ²	\$796	\$705	N/A
Percent of Renter-Households that spend 50% of Household Income on Rent ²	19%	22.31%	N/A
Median Household Income ²	\$47,030	\$38,293	N/A
Unemployment Rates ⁷	8.2%	7.9%	N/A

To get involved in *Uniting for Solutions Beyond Shelter*, visit www.nyc.gov/endinghomelessness.

Sources:

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