



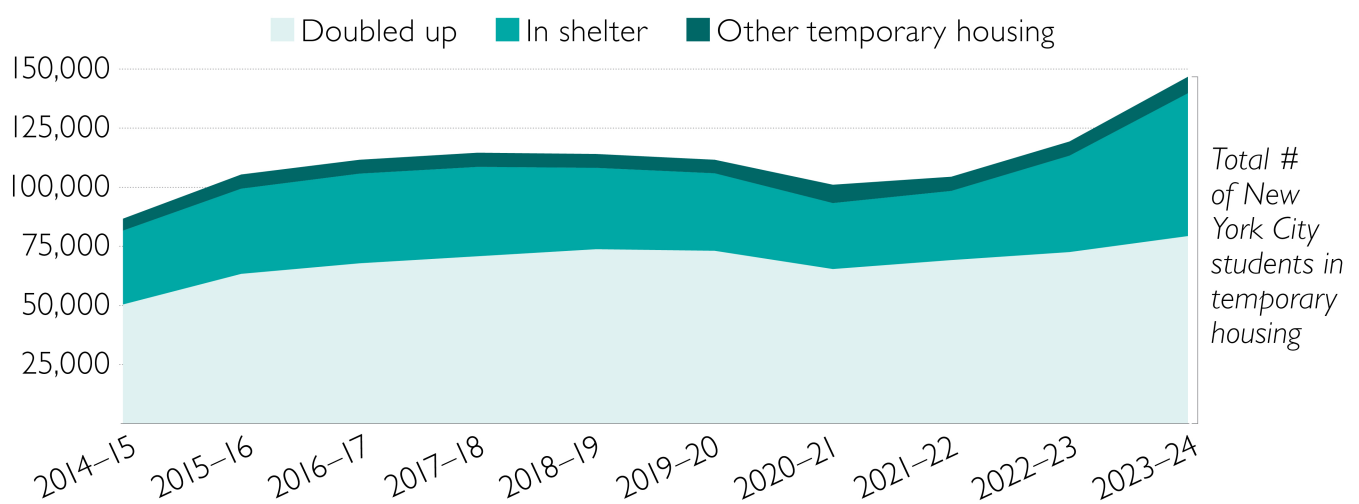
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## STUDENT HOMELESSNESS IN NEW YORK CITY, 2023–24

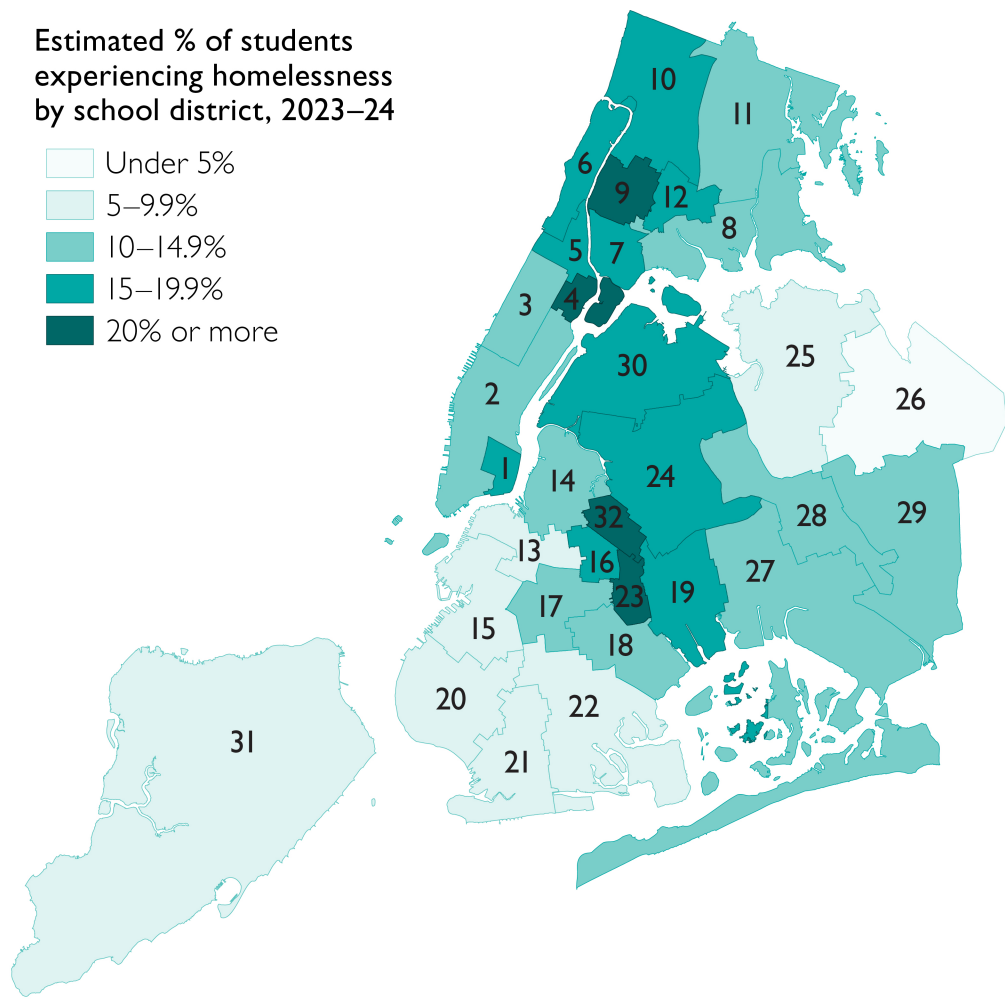
Last year, more than 146,000 New York City students—about one in every eight children enrolled in the public schools—experienced homelessness.\* Of these students, 60,395 (41%) spent time living in City shelters; more than 79,000 (54%) were “doubled up,” or temporarily sharing the housing of others because of a loss of housing or economic hardship; and the remaining 5% (about 6,900 students) were living in hotels or motels, unsheltered, or otherwise lacking a regular and adequate nighttime residence.

The total number of students identified as homeless in 2023–24 was 23% higher than the prior school year, spurred by a significant uptick in the number of students living in shelter as well as a 9% increase in the size of the doubled-up population. While the numbers seen last year represent record highs—driven in part by the increase in the number of immigrant families and asylum-seekers arriving in New York City—student homelessness is a longstanding challenge: **2023–24 was the ninth consecutive year in which more than 100,000 New York City public school students experienced homelessness.** In other words, children who were in kindergarten the first year the city hit the ignominious 100,000 threshold have now started high school; the only school system they have ever known is one in which there are more students without a permanent place to call home than there are seats at Yankee Stadium and Citi Field combined.



\* Data on students in temporary housing obtained from the New York State Education Department (NYSED) by Advocates for Children of New York (AFC); includes both students attending public schools managed by the New York City Department of Education (DOE) as well as students attending charter schools. Rates of student homelessness were estimated using cumulative 2023–24 enrollment data obtained from NYSED by AFC; due to limitations in the available data, students in District 75 (the Citywide special education district) are included in the denominator at the Citywide level but not at the borough or district levels.

The number of students in temporary housing rose last year, relative to 2022–23, in each of the City’s 32 community school districts. **The overall rate of student homelessness continued to be highest in the Bronx, followed by Manhattan;** in both boroughs, nearly one in every six students experienced homelessness in 2023–24, as compared to roughly one in every 19 students attending school on Staten Island. In addition to upper Manhattan and the southwest Bronx, there were notable concentrations of students in temporary housing in Brooklyn districts 23 (Brownsville) and 32 (Bushwick).



**Citywide, approximately 5% of students—about one in every 20—slept in shelter at some point during the 2023–24 school year.** While students in shelter attended school in every district, there were eight districts with particularly large numbers relative to overall enrollment: more than one in 12 students spent time in shelter in each of Manhattan districts 1 (Lower East Side), 3 (Upper West Side), 4 (East Harlem), and 5 (central Harlem); district 9 in the southwest Bronx; districts 16 (Bedford-Stuyvesant) and 23 (Brownsville) in Brooklyn; and district 30 in northwest Queens.