



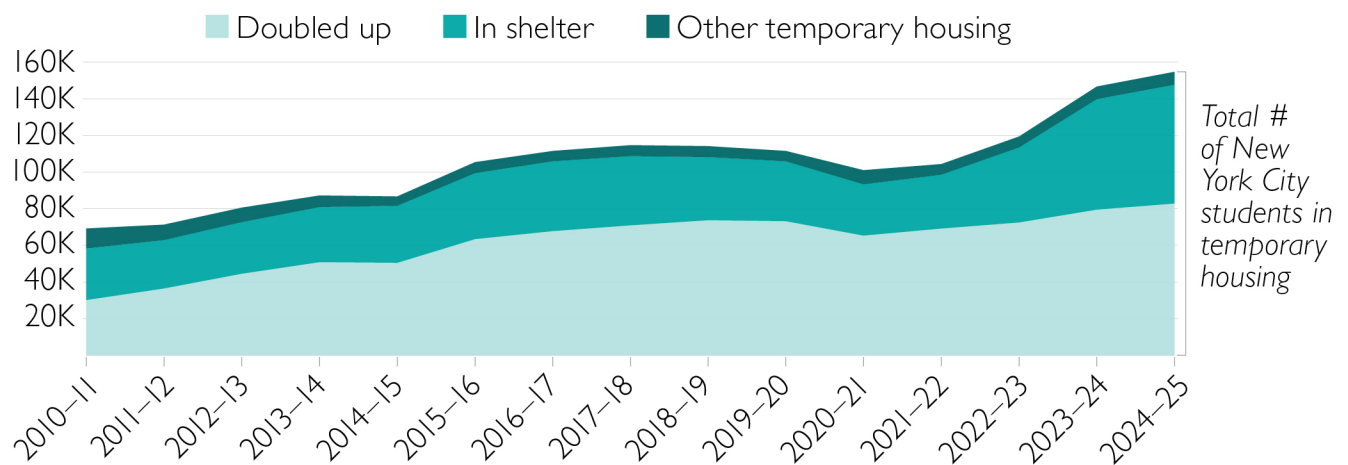
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STUDENT HOMELESSNESS IN NEW YORK CITY, 2024–25

More than 154,000 New York City students experienced homelessness during the 2024–25 school year, making it the tenth consecutive year in which more than 100,000 students did not have a permanent place to call home.* While overall enrollment in the public schools declined, last year marked the first time since Advocates for Children began tracking such data that the total number of students in temporary housing exceeded 150,000. If these students comprised their own school district, it would be one of the 20 largest districts in the country.

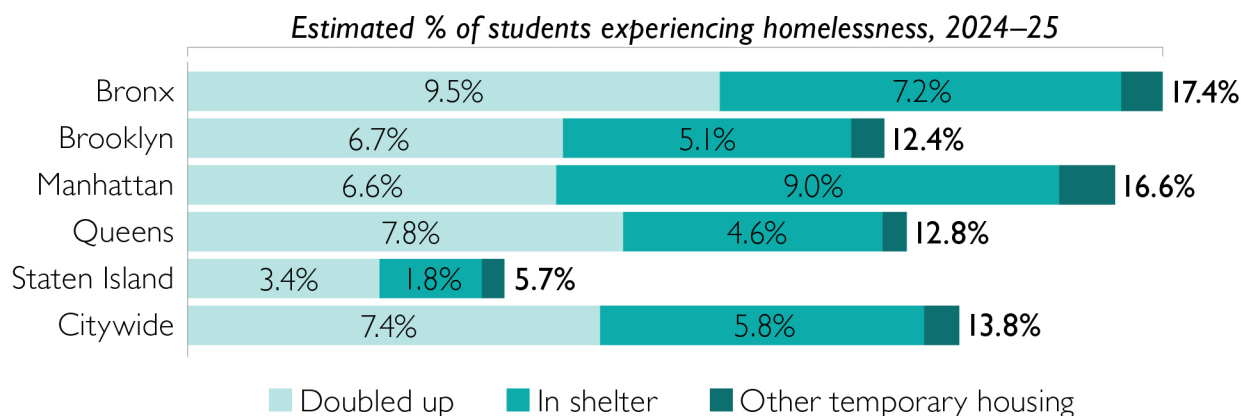
Of the students identified as homeless in 2024–25, nearly 65,000 (42%) spent time living in City shelters; more than 82,000 (53%) were “doubled up,” or temporarily sharing the housing of others because of a loss of housing or economic hardship; and the remaining 5% (about 7,000 students) were living in hotels or motels, unsheltered, or otherwise lacking a regular and adequate nighttime residence.



The overall rate of student homelessness rose in every borough, relative to 2023–24, and was once again the highest in the Bronx, followed by Manhattan. In both boroughs, about one in every six students was homeless last year. Manhattan schools had the highest proportion of students living in shelter—almost one in every eleven students who attended school in Manhattan spent time in the shelter system—while the Bronx had the largest percentage of students doubled

* 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 2024–25 enrollment data obtained from NYSED by AFC.

up with family or friends. In both Brooklyn and Queens, roughly one in every eight students experienced homelessness in 2024–25. Staten Island continued to have the lowest rate of student homelessness of any of the five boroughs; about one in 18 students attending school on Staten Island lacked permanent housing and one in 55 students was in shelter.



At the community school district level, students in temporary housing were especially concentrated in upper Manhattan, the southwest Bronx, northern and central Brooklyn, and southwest Queens, again mirroring the pattern seen in prior school years. In East Harlem (district 4), Highbridge and Grand Concourse (district 9), Brownsville (district 23), and Bushwick (district 32), more than one in five students experienced homelessness during the 2024–25 school year. More than one in six students was homeless in each of districts 1 (the East Village and Lower East Side), 5 (central Harlem), 6 (Inwood and Washington Heights), 7 (Mott Haven), 10 (Fordham, Kingsbridge, and Bedford Park), 12 (East Tremont and Crotona Park), 16 (Bedford-Stuyvesant), 17 (Crown Heights and Prospect Lefferts Gardens), 19 (East New York), and 24 (Ridgewood, Elmhurst, and Corona). Only two of the City’s 32 community school districts—district 26 in northeast Queens and district 31, Staten Island—had an overall rate of student homelessness below 7%.

