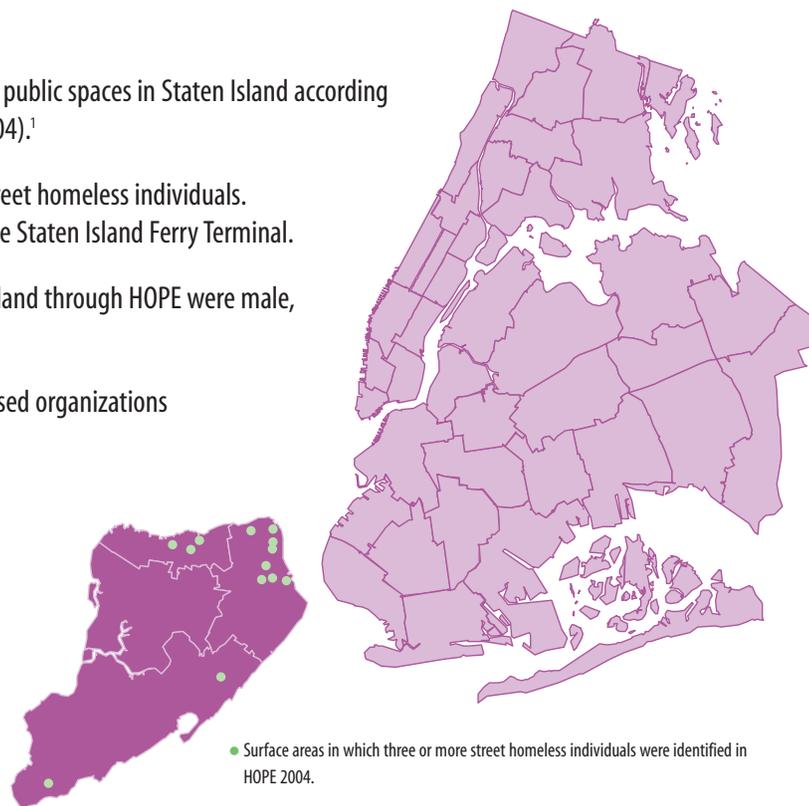
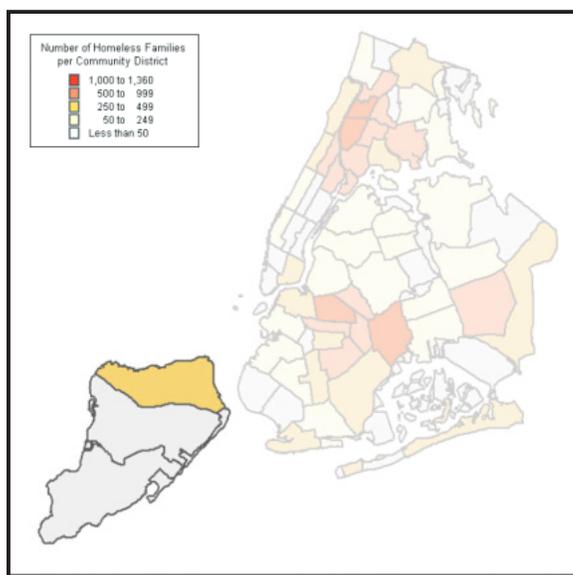


Street Homelessness in Staten Island

- An estimated 216 individuals are living on the streets or in other public spaces in Staten Island according to the annual Homeless Outreach Population Estimate (HOPE 2004).¹
- HOPE identified neighborhoods with higher concentrations of street homeless individuals. These include Richmond Terrace, Stapleton/Tompkinsville, and the Staten Island Ferry Terminal.
- The majority of street homeless individuals surveyed in Staten Island through HOPE were male, ranging in age from 21 to 55.
- Staten Island has one 24-hour drop-in center and seven faith-based organizations that provide beds for those on the streets.



Family Homelessness in Staten Island



- Staten Island contains none of the communities in the city that experience the highest incidence of family homelessness.
- In total, 2% of all families eligible for shelter services come from Staten Island.
- The average size of families entering shelter from Staten Island is 2.57. 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 Staten Island compares to the rest of the city on these factors.

Factor	Staten Island	Citywide	Percent of Citywide
Population ²	443,728	8,008,278	6%
Persons Living Below Poverty Level ²	43,866	1,668,938	3%
Persons Living Below 200% of Poverty Level ²	95,327	3,124,894	3%
Persons on Public Assistance ³	10,958	438,062	3%
Female Heads of Household ²	21,663	576,354	4%
Children in Foster Care ⁴	640	18,723	3%
No. of Adults with Emotional Distress Consistent with Mental Illness ⁵	11,600	385,300	3%
Prevalence of Alcohol or Drug Abuse ⁶	41,313	746,985	5%
Median Rent ²	\$742	\$705	N/A
Percent of Renter-Households that spend 50% of Household Income on Rent ²	19.88%	22.31%	N/A
Median Household Income ²	\$55,039	\$38,293	N/A
Unemployment Rates ⁷	6.5%	7.9%	N/A

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

Sources:

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