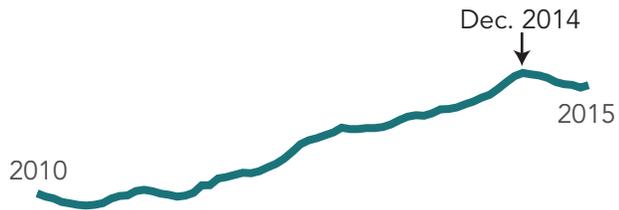
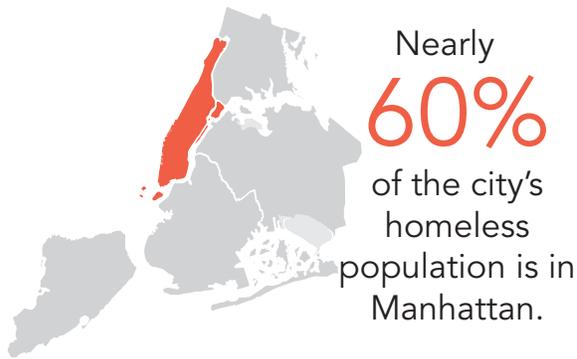
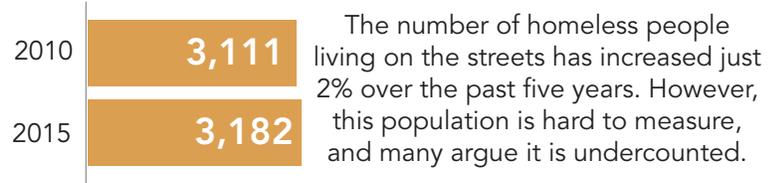
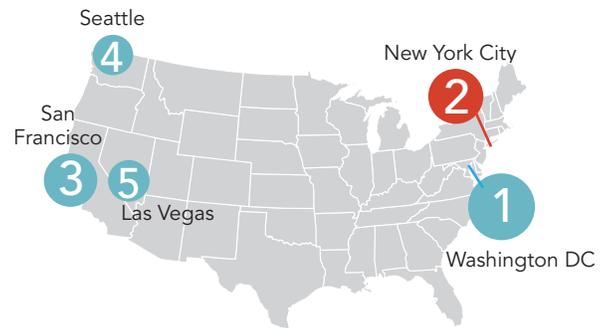


# Homelessness in New York City

New York City has twice as many homeless people as any other city in the U.S. The city accounts for 2.7% of nation's total population, but 12% of its homeless population.



With 800 homeless people per 100,000 residents, New York City has the second most homeless people per capita of any major city, trailing only Washington, DC. Nearly 90% of the city's homeless population is African-American or Latino.



It costs taxpayers \$38,000 a year to house a family in a homeless shelter in NYC. The City's Independent Budget Office projects shelter costs in the city to reach nearly **\$1 billion** in 2015.

# City Hall's Recent Initiatives

May 7, 2015 — Committed \$100 million to FY 2016 NYC budget for homeless prevention and assistance, including rental support and anti-eviction legal services

August 6, 2015 — Announced NYC Safe

- a \$22 million initiative to help New Yorkers with mental illnesses who pose a concern for violent behavior
- Two-pronged approach
  - (1) Increased coordination between criminal justice, health, and homeless services agencies
    - A new hub, to coordinate information sharing between law enforcement, homeless services, and treatment providers
    - A new monitoring team to connect high-risk individuals with treatment and follow up
    - Specially trained NYPD officers and DOHMH clinicians for five new "co-response" teams
    - Increase of DHS peace officers inside highest-need shelters
    - More effective use of Kendra's Law and the Assisted Outpatient Treatment program to require psychiatric treatment for certain New Yorkers with mental illnesses
  - (2) Increased investment in health treatment
    - Four new Forensic Assertive Community Treatment (ACT) Teams to treat people with mental illness where they are
    - Three on-the-ground Intensive Mobile Treatment Teams to care for individuals who struggle to get treatment and also face housing instability
    - Additional clinical staff at NYC's homeless shelters

August 30, 2015 — Authorized emergency measure to provide rental assistance to the homeless

- Gives subsidies to tenants facing eviction, domestic violence survivors timing out of shelters, recovering addicts discharged from treatment and former residents of three-quarter homes
- Allows recipients to rent private apartments long term

September 23, 2015 — Announces partnership with Cardinal Dolan and the Roman Catholic Church to add 150 beds to shelters this winter for homeless living on the street

September 28, 2015 — Announced NYC will deploy more lawyers to help low-income tenants avoid eviction

- City-funded anti-eviction programs will increase to \$46.3 million in FY2016 and \$61.8 million in FY2017. Program funding totaled just \$6 million in FY2013.
- When fully implemented, the programs will serve 32,700 households, and 113,000 individuals, each year.



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