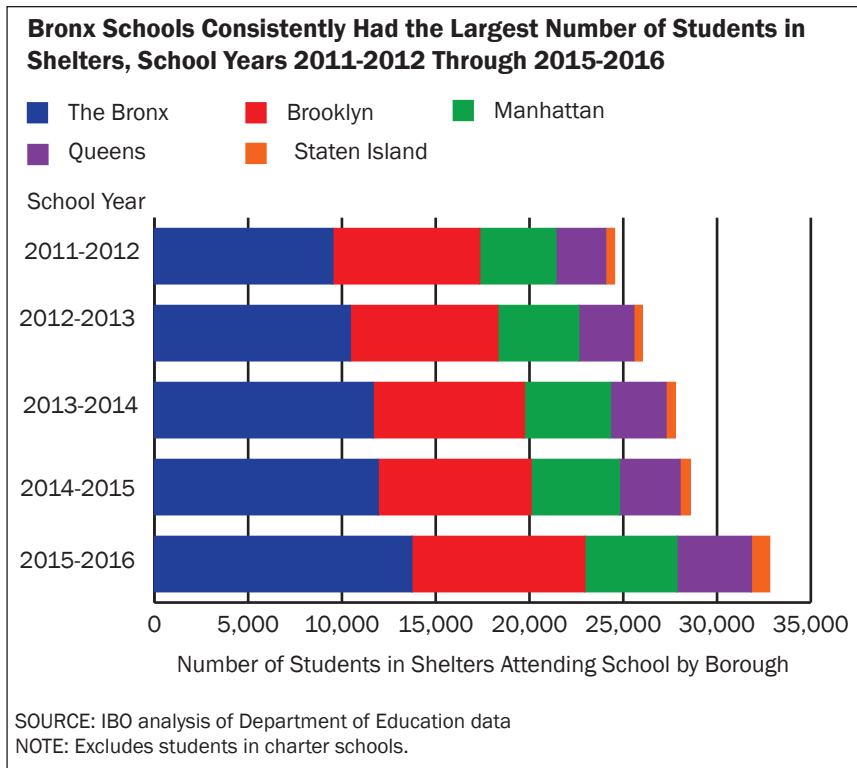


# As the Number of Students Living in Shelters Has Grown, Has The Increase Been Uniform Among Schools Across the City?

The number of students in the city's public schools who lived for some part of the school year in New York's homeless shelters during school year 2015-2016 rose by more than 4,000, or 15 percent, over the preceding year to nearly 33,000. IBO recently explored the multilayered impediments to classroom success faced by students living in the city's shelter system, as well as the substantial challenges faced by schools serving large populations of shelter residents.

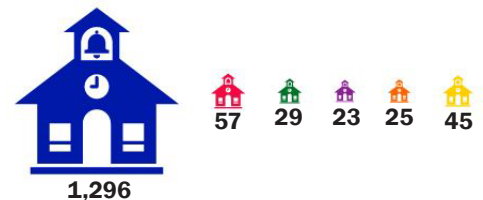
Many students living in shelters are concentrated in a relatively small number of the city's schools. Until last year's addition of \$10.3 million schools did not receive additional funding to aid their homeless students. The Mayor's recent initiative to move families out of hotels and cluster sites and into newly created shelters close to their prior communities may add to the concentration in some schools and reduce it at others.



- In 2015-2016, over 40 percent (13,729) of students in the shelter system attended school in the Bronx. This represents a 44 percent increase in shelter residents attending schools in the Bronx since 2011-2012.
- The number of homeless students attending schools rose 18 percent in Brooklyn, 21 percent in Manhattan, and 50 percent in Queens over the same five-year period. Staten Island, the borough with the fewest students living in shelters, saw their numbers double, an increase of 105 percent.

## Schools That Served 10 Percent or More of Homeless Students in Each of the Five School Years

- Number of Schools That Served Less Than 10 Percent of Students in Shelters All Five Years
- Served 10 Percent or More One Year
- Served 10 Percent or More Two Years
- Served 10 Percent or More Three Years
- Served 10 Percent or More Four Years
- Served 10 Percent or More All Five Years



SOURCE: IBO analysis of Department of Education data, NOTES: Excludes students in charter schools as well as students in District 75 special education and District 79 alternative high school programs. Also excludes students being home schooled and in pre-k programs run by community organizations.

- A relatively small number of schools across the city serve a large share of students in shelters. Of the 1,475 public schools, excluding charters, open each of the five school years, the number of schools with 10 percent or more of their enrollment living in shelters (more than three times the citywide average of 3 percent) has increased each year, rising from 61 schools (4.1 percent of all public schools) in 2011-2012 to 155 schools (10.5 percent) in 2015-2016.
- A total of 179 schools (12.1 percent) served a population with 10 percent or more of their students living in shelters in at least one of the years from 2011-2012 through 2015-2016. Forty-five schools served a population with 10 percent or more living in shelters in each of the five years. During the same period, 48 additional schools exceeded 10 percent of enrolled students living in shelters in three or more of the five years.