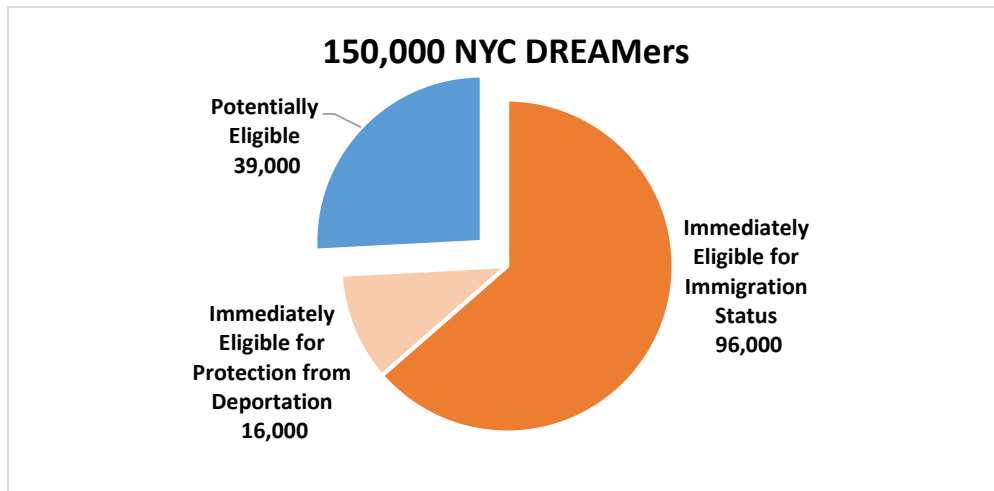


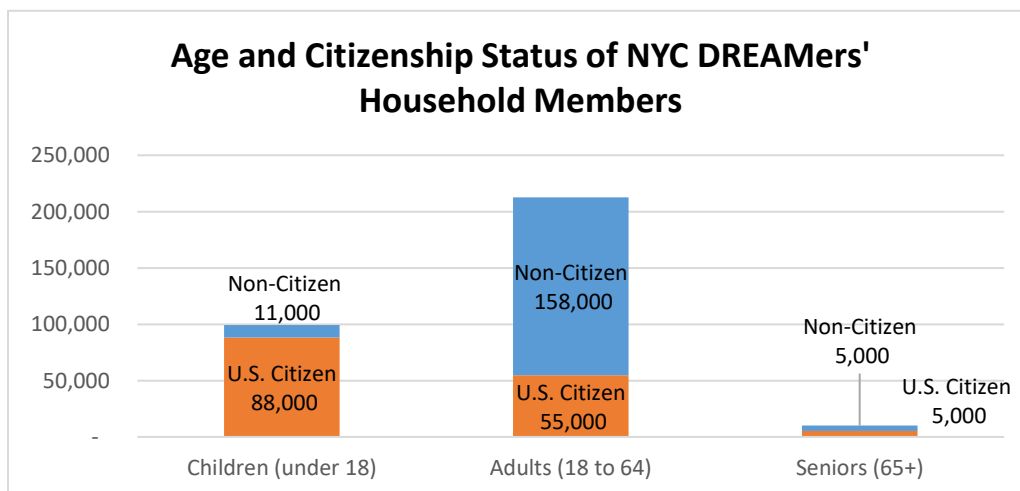
Fact Sheet: DREAMers in New York City January 2018

The 2017 DREAM Act¹ would benefit hundreds of thousands of New Yorkers

- Over 150,000² New York City residents stand to benefit from the proposed DREAM Act, which would grant lawful status to immigrants who arrived in the U.S. as children more than four years ago and are either currently enrolled in school or have a high school diploma or equivalent.^{3,4}
- This 150,000 includes 110,000 who would be immediately eligible for status under the Act, and 39,000 who would be eligible upon meeting the legislation's education requirement.
- The immediately eligible population includes over 16,000 young children in elementary and middle school who would not be old enough to apply for immigration status under the Act right away, but would be automatically entitled to protection from deportation.⁵



- Overall, passage of the DREAM Act would help nearly half a million New Yorkers when you also consider the additional 320,000 New Yorkers who live in households with DREAMers, including children, parents, siblings, and other family members and non-family household members.
 - This 320,000 number represents 1 out of every 18 people who live in NYC with a DREAMer in their household.
 - This number includes 148,000 U.S. citizens and nearly 100,000 children, over 88,000 of whom are U.S. citizen children.



¹ S. 1615, 115th Cong. (2017)

² Due to rounding, numbers presented throughout may not add up precisely.

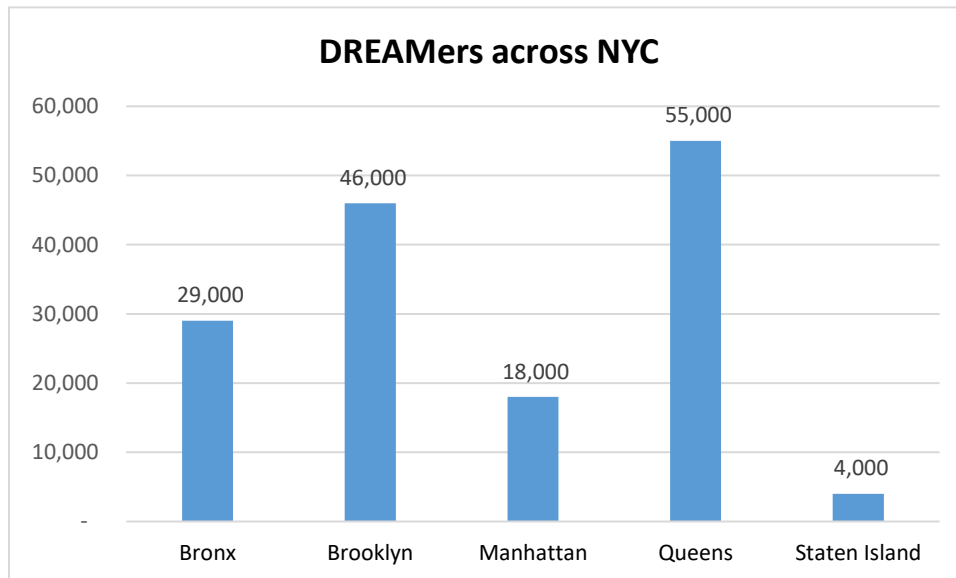
³ All data are estimates from New York City-analyzed 2014 5-year U.S. Census data, unless otherwise noted.

⁴ This fact sheet updates earlier estimates that the Mayor's Office of Immigrant Affairs published in December 2017 (*Fact Sheet: DACA and DREAM Act in New York City*). The updated estimates presented here reflect a revised method of modeling the DREAM Act-eligible population.

⁵ Defined as those who are currently eligible, are 5 years and older, and are currently attending grades up to 9th grade.

NYC DREAMers Profile

- **Age at entry.** DREAMers arrived in the U.S. when they were just 11 years old, on average.
- **Age and average years in the U.S.** These New Yorkers have lived in the U.S. for an average of 13 years and have an average age of 23.
 - **In particular, the potentially eligible population has lived in U.S. for a very long time:** 27% of the potentially eligible have lived in the U.S. for 20 years or more. Additionally, the potentially eligible population skews on the older side with nearly 20% of the population age 35 and older.
- **Borough of residence:**



- **Homeowners.** Over 20,000 are either homeowners or contribute to mortgages in NYC.
- **Education.** Nearly one-third⁶ of DREAMers have either graduated, are attending, or have attended some college.

DREAMers contribute billions to our City's economy

- In 2017, DREAMers contributed \$4.7 billion in City Gross Domestic Product (GDP) for New York City.⁷
- Every year, DREAMers account for over \$2 billion in total earnings.
- DREAMers in New York City have a higher labor force participation rate⁸ at 69%, compared with 65% for the general population. This rate is even higher for the potentially eligible population at nearly 80%.
- **Occupations:** DREAMers work in a range of occupations, ranging from managers and professionals (15%) to service workers (33%).
- **Industries.** DREAMers are deeply integrated in New York City's economy and are employed in a wide range of industries:
 - 10% work in educational and health services industries
 - 20% work in construction, manufacturing, and wholesale trade
 - 24% work in hotel and food services
 - DREAMers are particularly vital to the construction and hotel/food services industries where they account for nearly 5% of the workforce of these industries in New York City.

⁶ Of those 25 years and older.

⁷ NYC OMB estimate based on New York City budget April 2017 Executive Forecast. City GDP is a measure of the value of the goods and services produced by the New York City economy in a given time period.

⁸ For those 16 years of age or over.