



# HOPE

THE NYC STREET SURVEY

2017 Results

# NYC Homeless Outreach Population Estimate (HOPE)

- Estimate of the number of homeless people sleeping in public places such as streets, parks, and subways on a single winter night.
- Conducted annually since 2005; >2,000 volunteers deployed to:
  - All areas of the city where homeless individuals are known to stay (i.e., “high density” areas) based on past counts and outreach worker observations—all homeless individuals in these areas are counted, *and*
  - A random sample of all other areas, termed “low density”—results from these areas used to estimate the number of homeless individuals in areas not surveyed.
- Fulfills federal Department of Housing and Urban Development requirement for a January\* “point-in-time” count of unsheltered individuals.

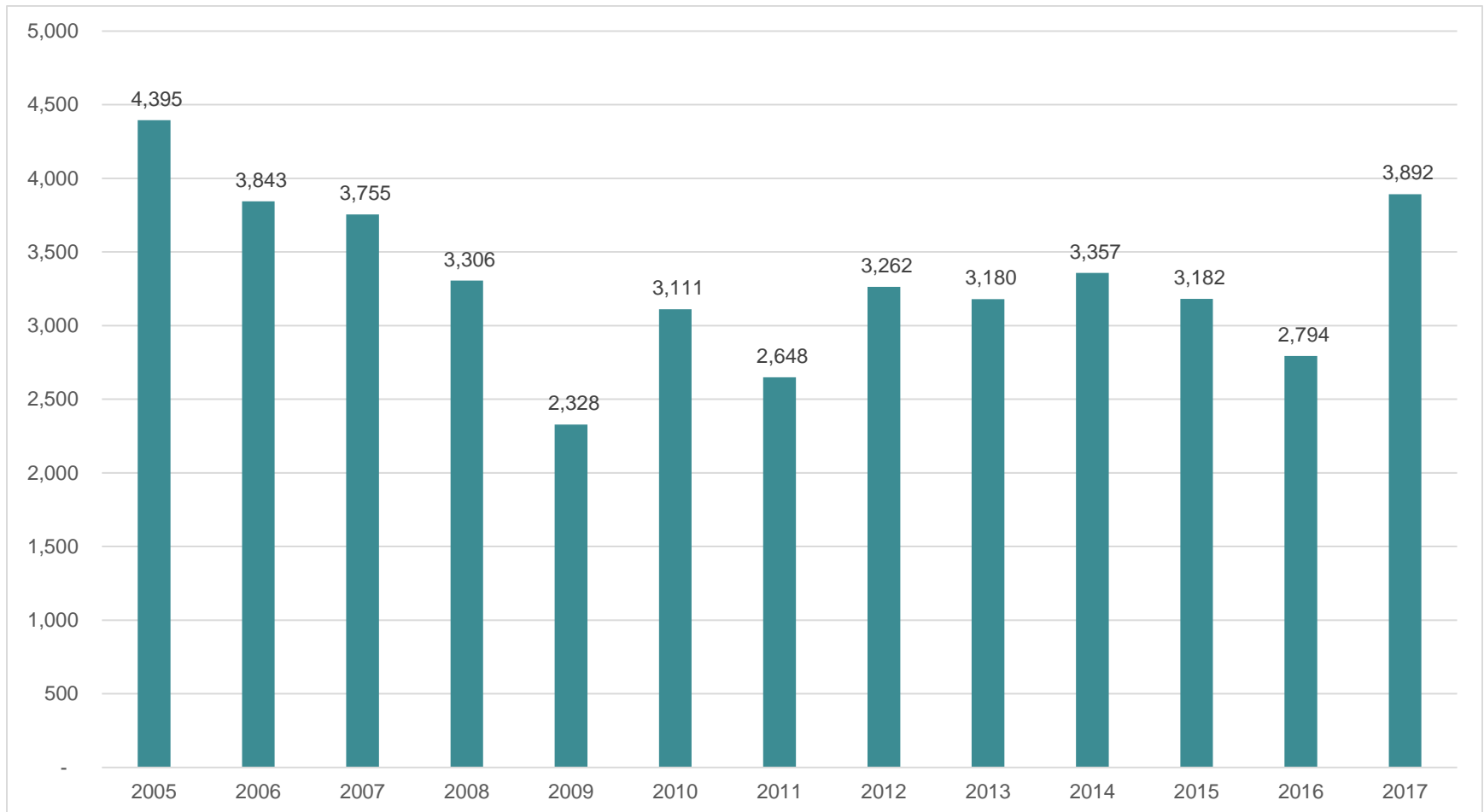
\* The 2017 HOPE count was delayed to February due to bad weather.

# HOPE 2017: Key Findings

- Total estimate of 3,892 unsheltered individuals on February 6<sup>th</sup>, 2017—a notable increase from 2016, likely due in part to far milder weather.
- Estimate is similar to the number of individuals seen by the City's HOME-STAT outreach teams (as of February 2017), including their engaged caseload as well as the prospective clients with whom they're working to connect.
- HOPE results indicate that most unsheltered individuals are in the subway system and borough of Manhattan:
  - Nearly 50% of unsheltered individuals were located in the subway system.
  - An additional ~30% were in Manhattan.



# HOPE Estimates, 2005 – 2017





## Comparisons of HOPE Estimates Over Time, by Location

	Estimate			% Change	
	<u>2005</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2005-2017</u>	<u>2016-2017</u>
<b>Surface Areas (all boroughs)</b>	<b>3,550</b>	<b>1,221</b>	<b>2,080</b>	<b>-41%</b>	<b>70%</b>
Manhattan	1,805	813	1,220	-32%	50%
Bronx	587	43	255	-57%	493%
Brooklyn	592	210	363	-39%	73%
Queens	335	110	199	-41%	81%
Staten Island	231	45	43	-81%	-4%
<b>Subways</b>	<b>845</b>	<b>1,573</b>	<b>1,812</b>	<b>114%</b>	<b>15%</b>
<b>Total Unsheltered Individuals</b>	<b>4,395</b>	<b>2,794</b>	<b>3,892</b>	<b>-11%</b>	<b>39%</b>



## Weather, 2005 – 2017

<b>Date of HOPE Count</b>	<b>Temperature During HOPE</b>	<b>Snowfall During Preceding Month</b>
February 6, 2017	40°	1"
February 8, 2016	28°	29.8"
February 9, 2015	25°	15.3"
January 27, 2014	18°	19.7"
January 28, 2013	36.5°	1.5"
January 30, 2012	38°	3"
January 31, 2011	27°	33"
January 25, 2010	45°	2"
January 26, 2009	27°	10"
January 28, 2008	32°	0"
January 29, 2007	23°	2"
February 27, 2006	26°	25"
March 7, 2005	53°	15"