Health is closely tied to our daily environment. Understanding how our neighborhood affects our physical and mental health is the first step toward building a healthier and more equitable New York City.
Who We Are

New York City

Flatbush and Midwood

**Population by Race and Ethnicity**

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*White, Black, Asian and Other exclude Latino ethnicity. Latino is Hispanic or Latino of any race.

*Note: Percentages may not sum to 100% due to rounding.

Note from Oxiris Barbot, Commissioner, 
New York City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene

We are pleased to present the 2018 Community Health Profiles, a look into the health of New York City’s (NYC) 59 diverse community districts.

The health of NYC has never been better. Our city’s life expectancy is 81.2 years, 2.5 years higher than the national average.

However, not all residents have the same opportunities to lead a healthy life. A ZIP code should not determine a person’s health, but that’s the reality in so many cities, including our own.

The Community Health Profiles allow us to see how much health can vary by neighborhood. Policies and practices based on a history of racism and discrimination (often referred to as structural racism) have created neighborhoods with high rates of poverty and limited access to resources that promote health. The practice of removing funding or refusing to provide funding to communities of color has caused poor health outcomes to cluster in these communities.

The Community Health Profiles also show how important community resources, and funding to create and sustain these resources, are to health outcomes. For example, supermarkets provide more access to fresh foods than bodegas. However, in some neighborhoods with obesity rates higher than the citywide average, just 5% of food establishments are supermarkets, making it difficult for residents to make healthy choices.

Addressing these inequities may seem like a daunting task, but by working together, we can dismantle the unjust policies and practices that contribute to poor health in our communities. Through Take Care New York 2020 (TCNY 2020), and other New York City Health Department programs, we work with community partners to give every resident the same opportunity for good health. We are making progress, but there is more work to do.

Reducing health inequities requires policymakers, community groups, health professionals, researchers and residents to work together for change at every level. We look forward to working with you to improve the health of our city.

Sincerely,

Oxiris Barbot, MD

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NAVIGATING THIS DOCUMENT

This profile covers all of Brooklyn’s Community District 14, which includes Ditmas Park, Flatbush, Manhattan Terrace, Midwood, Ocean Parkway and Prospect Park South. This is one of 59 community districts in NYC. The community district with the most favorable outcome in NYC for each measure is presented throughout the report. Sometimes this is the highest rate (e.g., physical activity) and sometimes this is the lowest rate (e.g., infant mortality). Some figures include an arrow to help readers understand the direction of the healthier outcome.

This profile uses the following color coding system:
Understanding Health Inequities in New York City

The ability to live a long and healthy life is not equally available to all New Yorkers. A baby born to a family that lives in the Upper East Side will live 11 years longer than a baby born to a family in Brownsville. This inequity is unacceptable.

Resources and opportunities are at the root of good health. These include secure jobs with benefits, well-maintained and affordable housing, safe neighborhoods with clean parks, accessible transportation, healthy and affordable food, and quality education and health care. In NYC, access to these resources and opportunities are not equitably distributed. Neighborhoods with residents of color often have fewer resources.

Since the 1600s—when NYC was established by colonization—racist policies and practices have shaped where New Yorkers live and go to school, what jobs they have and what their neighborhoods look like. Over time, these policies and practices have built on each other to create deep inequity.

For example, in the 1930s the federal government developed a policy known as redlining. As part of this policy, neighborhoods were rated based on the race, ethnicity and national origin of their residents. Neighborhoods that were home to people of color, like Central Harlem and Brownsville, were outlined in red on a map. They were labeled as “hazardous” and no home loans or other investments were approved there. The wealthiest and Whitest neighborhoods in NYC received, and continue to receive, more investment and opportunities for health.

The denial of resources and opportunities that support good health contributes to the differences in life expectancy we see today. Experiencing racism is also a health burden, creating chronic stress that contributes to major causes of death, like diabetes and heart disease.

To better understand the successes and challenges in each of NYC’s 59 neighborhoods, the Community Health Profiles present data on a range of measures. These data should be interpreted with an understanding that good health is not only determined by personal choices. Many other factors shape differences in health outcomes, including past and current discrimination based on race, ethnicity, national origin, gender, sexual orientation and other identities. We hope the Community Health Profiles support your efforts in making NYC more equitable for all. For more information on the New York City Health Department programs and services that are closing the gap in health outcomes, visit nyc.gov/health.

**Social and Economic Conditions**

**Education**
Higher education levels are associated with better health outcomes. Missing too many days of school can cause students to fall behind and increases their risk of dropping out. **Flatbush and Midwood**’s elementary school absenteeism rate is lower than the rate for NYC overall. Three-quarters of high school students in **Flatbush and Midwood** graduate in four years, similar to the citywide rate.

### **ELEMENTARY SCHOOL ABSENTEEISM**
(percent of public school students in grades K through 5 missing 19 or more school days)

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Source: NYC Department of Education, 2016-2017

### **ON-TIME HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION**
(percent of public school students graduating in four years)

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Note: NYC and borough On-time High School Graduation data may differ from rates presented in other published sources. See technical notes in the public use dataset for more details.
Source: NYC Department of Education, 2017

### **HIGHEST LEVEL OF EDUCATION ACHIEVED**
(percent of adults ages 25 and older)

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Two out of five adults in Flatbush and Midwood have a college degree. Eighteen percent of adults have not completed high school, a rate similar to the citywide rate.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey, 2012-2016
Social and Economic Conditions

Economic stress
Living in high-poverty neighborhoods limits healthy options and makes it difficult to access quality health care and resources that promote health. In Flatbush and Midwood, 22% of residents live in poverty, compared with 20% of NYC residents. Access to affordable housing and employment opportunities with fair wages and benefits are also closely associated with good health. Flatbush and Midwood’s unemployment rate is similar to the citywide average of 9%. Rent burdened households pay more than 30% of their income for housing and may have difficulty affording food, clothing, transportation and health care. Fifty-seven percent of Flatbush and Midwood residents are rent burdened, a higher rate than residents citywide. One way to consider the effect of income on health is by comparing death rates among neighborhoods. “Avertable deaths” are those that could have been avoided if each neighborhood had the same death rate as the five wealthiest neighborhoods. Using this measure, 22% of deaths could have been averted in Flatbush and Midwood.

ECONOMIC STRESS

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<td>Unemployment (percent of people ages 16 and older)</td>
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<td>4% Upper East Side</td>
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<td>Rent Burden (percent of renter-occupied homes)</td>
<td>57%</td>
<td>52%</td>
<td>51%</td>
<td>37% Park Slope and Carroll Gardens</td>
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Note: Unemployment data may differ from rates presented in other published sources. See technical notes in the public use dataset for more details.


Is your neighborhood gentrifying?
Gentrification transforms a low-income area into a high-income area through neighborhood redevelopment. It is often defined as changes in the racial and ethnic makeup, education level and average income of a neighborhood’s residents, as well as changes in housing and commercial businesses. While development may be beneficial, it is often inequitable, and can lead to displacement of long-time residents and businesses.

Gentrification can be measured in many ways. One measure that is used in NYC is to determine if a low-income neighborhood (those with the lowest 40% of average household income in 1990) saw higher than median rent growth over the past 20 years. Based on this definition, of 24 neighborhoods that were considered low-income in 1990, 17 were considered to be gentrifying. Flatbush and Midwood is one of 35 neighborhoods within the highest 60% of average household income in 1990 and was excluded from the measure.

Source: NYU Furman Center, 2015
Social and Economic Conditions

**Violence**

Compared with the citywide rate, **Flatbush and Midwood** has a lower rate of assault-related hospitalizations.

**NON-FATAL ASSAULT HOSPITALIZATIONS** (per 100,000 people)

- **Flatbush and Midwood**: 42
- **Brooklyn**: 59
- **NYC**: 59
- **Lowest: Bayside and Little Neck**: 8

Source: New York State Department of Health, Statewide Planning and Research Cooperative System, 2012-2014

**Incarceration**

Incarceration takes a toll on individuals, families and communities. Black and Latino New Yorkers experience higher policing compared with non-Latino White New Yorkers. This leads to higher rates of detention, which may include long periods of time spent in jail before trial. People who have been incarcerated are more likely to experience mental and physical health problems. They may also have trouble finding employment and housing and accessing healthy food.

**JAIL INCARCERATION** (per 100,000 adults ages 16 and older)

Source: NYC Department of Corrections, 2015-2016

**Helpful neighbors**

Strong social connections can have a positive impact on the health of community members. Feeling that our neighbors are willing to help each other is one aspect of community connection. In **Flatbush and Midwood**, 68% of residents think that their neighbors are willing to help one another. This is similar to the rest of the city.

**ADULTS REPORTING THAT THEIR NEIGHBORS ARE WILLING TO HELP ONE ANOTHER** (percent of adults)

- **Flatbush and Midwood**: 68%
- **Brooklyn**: 73%
- **NYC**: 72%
- **Highest: Tottenville and Great Kills**: 86%

Source: NYC DOHMH, Community Health Survey, 2015-2016
Housing and Neighborhood Conditions

The environment we live in can make it easier or more difficult for New Yorkers to lead healthy lives.

**Air conditioning**
Most heat stroke deaths in NYC occur in homes without air conditioning. Four out of five households in Flatbush and Midwood have working air conditioners.

**Air pollution**
Though air quality is improving in NYC in general, it varies by community district. In Flatbush and Midwood, levels of the most harmful air pollutant, fine particulate matter (PM2.5), are 7.5 micrograms per cubic meter.

**Housing quality**
Every resident has the right to live in housing that is safe and pest-free. Poorly maintained housing is associated with poor health outcomes, including worsened asthma and other respiratory illnesses. In Flatbush and Midwood, only 40% of renter-occupied homes are adequately maintained by landlords – free from heating breakdowns, cracks, holes, peeling paint and other defects. Thirty-nine percent of Flatbush and Midwood households report seeing cockroaches, which is a potential asthma trigger.

**HOMES WITHOUT MAINTENANCE DEFECTS** (percent of renter-occupied homes)

**HOMES REPORTING COCKROACHES** (percent of households)

Note: Maintenance defects include water leaks, cracks and holes, inadequate heating, presence of mice or rats, toilet breakdowns or peeling paint.

Source: NYC Housing and Vacancy Survey, 2014

Source: NYC DOHMH, Community Air Survey, 2016

Source: NYC Housing and Vacancy Survey, 2014
**Housing and Neighborhood Conditions**

**Bicycle network coverage**
Sixteen percent of roads in Flatbush and Midwood have bike lanes, which is higher than NYC overall.

**BICYCLE NETWORK COVERAGE**
(percent of streets with bike lanes)

- **Flatbush and Midwood**: 16%
- **Brooklyn**: 13%
- **NYC**: 10%

**Access to bike lanes can make it easier and safer to ride a bike more often.**

Source: NYC Department of Transportation, 2017

**Pedestrian injury**
Flatbush and Midwood residents have a similar pedestrian injury hospitalization rate compared with NYC overall.

**PEDESTRIAN INJURY HOSPITALIZATIONS**
(per 100,000 people)

- **Flatbush and Midwood**: 26
- **Brooklyn**: 23
- **NYC**: 23
- **Lowest: Greenwich Village and Soho**: 9

**Food environment**
Bodegas are less likely to have healthy food options than supermarkets. The lowest ratio among NYC community districts is one supermarket for every three bodegas (healthier); the highest is one supermarket for every 57 bodegas (less healthy). Flatbush and Midwood is home to two of NYC’s farmers markets, another source of healthy food.

**SUPERMARKET TO BODEGA RATIO**
For every one supermarket in Flatbush and Midwood, there are 21 bodegas.

**It is easier to make healthy choices when healthy, affordable food is readily available.**

Maternal and Child Health

Pregnancy outcomes
In Flatbush and Midwood, the rate of expectant mothers receiving late or no prenatal care is higher than the citywide rate. One in 10 births to Flatbush and Midwood residents is preterm (three or more weeks before the due date), higher than the citywide rate.

**Late or no prenatal care**
(percent of live births)


**Preterm births**
(percent of live births)


Teens pregnancy

Teen pregnancy has declined across NYC; Flatbush and Midwood’s teen birth rate is 17.1 per 1,000 teen girls.

**Teen births**
(per 1,000 females ages 15 to 19)


*Interpret estimate with caution due to small number of events.*
**Maternal and Child Health**

**Childhood obesity**
One out of five Flatbush and Midwood children in grades K through 8 has obesity. This is similar to the citywide rate.

**CHILDHOOD OBESITY**
(percent of public school children in grades K through 8)

- Flatbush and Midwood: 21%
- Brooklyn: 19%
- NYC: 20%
- Lowest: Financial District: 5%

Source: NYC Department of Education, 2016-2017

**Children’s hospitalizations and emergency department visits**
“Avoidable hospitalizations” are those that could be prevented with timely access to quality outpatient care. The rate of avoidable pediatric hospitalizations among children ages 4 and younger in Flatbush and Midwood is lower than the citywide rate.

Many childhood asthma emergency department visits could be prevented by reducing the presence of pests, mold, secondhand smoke and other asthma triggers, and by taking daily medication. The asthma emergency department visit rate among children ages 5 to 17 in Flatbush and Midwood is lower than the citywide rate. The TCNY 2020 goal is to have fewer than 210 asthma emergency department visits per 10,000 children across the entire city.

**AVOIDABLE HOSPITALIZATIONS AMONG CHILDREN**
(per 100,000 children ages 4 and younger)

- Flatbush and Midwood: 447
- Brooklyn: 502
- NYC: 623
- Lowest: Borough Park: 118

**CHILD ASTHMA EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT VISITS**
(per 10,000 children ages 5 to 17)

- Flatbush and Midwood: 113
- Brooklyn: 186
- NYC: 223
- Lowest: Financial District: 28


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Healthy Living

Self-reported health
How residents feel about their own health can be a good measure of overall mental and physical health. Seventy-seven percent of Flatbush and Midwood residents rank their health as “excellent,” “very good” or “good,” similar to the rest of NYC. The TCNY 2020 goal for the city is at least 82%.

Physical activity, diet and smoking
Sixty-nine percent of Flatbush and Midwood adults report getting any physical activity in the past 30 days, similar to New Yorkers overall. The percentage of Flatbush and Midwood adults who report eating at least one serving of fruits or vegetables in the past day is lower than the citywide average of 87%.

Sugary drink consumption can increase the risk of type 2 diabetes, heart disease, cavities, weight gain and obesity. Industry marketing can affect behavior and sugary drinks are heavily marketed to youth and communities of color. While sugary drink consumption has decreased to 23% in NYC, the TCNY 2020 goal is to reduce sugary drink consumption to less than 19% citywide. A quarter of Flatbush and Midwood adults drink at least one sugary drink a day.

The adult smoking rate in Flatbush and Midwood is similar to the rest of the borough and other parts of NYC. The City is committed to reducing the citywide adult smoking rate to 12% by 2020.

Federal guidelines recommend that adults get 150 minutes of moderate exercise each week. People who are physically active are more likely to live longer, healthier lives.

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<td>One or more 12-ounce sugary drinks per day</td>
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Source: NYC DOHMH, Community Health Survey, 2015-2016

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**Health Care**

**Access to health care**

Citywide, the percentage of uninsured New Yorkers decreased in the last five years from 20% to 12%. In **Flatbush and Midwood**, 16% of adults are uninsured and 9% report going without needed medical care in the past 12 months, similar to the rest of NYC. The TCNY 2020 goal is to have less than 9% of New Yorkers going without needed medical care.

**ACCESS TO HEALTH CARE** (percent of adults)

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<td>Adults without needed medical care</td>
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<td>3%* Bayside and Little Neck</td>
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*Interpret estimate with caution due to small sample size.
Source: NYC DOHMH, Community Health Survey, 2015-2016

**Avoidable hospitalizations**

“Avoidable hospitalizations” are those that could be prevented if adults had access to quality primary care. The rate of avoidable hospitalizations among adults in **Flatbush and Midwood** is higher than the citywide rate.

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Source: New York State Department of Health, Statewide Planning and Research Cooperative System, 2014

**Fall-related hospitalizations**

**Flatbush and Midwood**’s rate of fall-related hospitalizations among adults ages 65 and older is higher than the citywide average. The TCNY 2020 goal is fewer than 1,410 hospitalizations per 100,000 older adults citywide.

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<td>Fall-related hospitalizations among older adults (per 100,000 adults ages 65 and older)</td>
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Source: New York State Department of Health, Statewide Planning and Research Cooperative System, 2012-2014

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Influenza (flu) and pneumonia are the third leading causes of death in NYC. Everyone ages 6 months and older should get the flu vaccine every year.

**Vaccinations**

The human papillomavirus (HPV) vaccine protects against cancers caused by HPV. The vaccine is recommended for all children between the ages of 11 and 12. Forty-one percent of teens ages 13 to 17 in Flatbush and Midwood receive all recommended doses of the HPV vaccine. Two out of five Flatbush and Midwood adults report getting a flu vaccine in the past 12 months, similar to the rest of NYC.

**HPV VACCINATION**

(percent of teens ages 13 to 17 who received all recommended doses of the vaccine)

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**FLU VACCINATION**

(percent of adults)

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<th>Location</th>
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<td>Flatbush and Midwood</td>
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Sources: HPV Vaccination: NYC DOHMH, Citywide Immunization Registry, 2017; Flu Vaccination: NYC DOHMH, Community Health Survey, 2015-2016
Health Outcomes

**Obesity, diabetes and hypertension**

Flatbush and Midwood’s adult obesity rate is 28%, which is similar to the rest of NYC. The TCNY 2020 goal is to reduce the obesity rate to less than 23% citywide. More than 700,000 adult New Yorkers have been told they have diabetes. An additional 164,000 are estimated to have diabetes but not be aware. Thirteen percent of Flatbush and Midwood adults have been diagnosed with diabetes and 31% of adults have been told they have hypertension. Rates for both are similar to the rest of NYC.

**OBESITY, DIABETES AND HYPERTENSION** (percent of adults)

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<td>Obesity</td>
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<td>Diabetes</td>
<td>13%</td>
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<td>Hypertension</td>
<td>31%</td>
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Source: NYC DOHMH, Community Health Survey, 2015-2016

**New HIV diagnoses**

Getting an HIV test is the first step to accessing treatment if you are positive or developing an HIV prevention strategy if you are negative.

**NEW HIV DIAGNOSES** (per 100,000 people)


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New hepatitis C reports
Hepatitis C is a virus that damages the liver. New Yorkers born between 1945 and 1965 and people who have ever injected drugs should be tested because hepatitis C can be cured.

**NEW HEPATITIS C REPORTS** (per 100,000 people)

![Graph showing new hepatitis C reports in Flatbush and Midwood compared to NYC.]

Source: NYC DOHMH, Communicable Disease Surveillance Registry, 2016

Binge drinking
Binge drinking is linked to high-risk behaviors and chronic health problems. The binge drinking rate in Flatbush and Midwood is similar to the rest of NYC. The TCNY 2020 goal is to reduce binge drinking to less than 17% citywide.

**BINGE DRINKING** (percent of adults)

![Graph showing binge drinking rates in Flatbush and Midwood compared to Brooklyn and NYC.]

Note: Binge drinking is defined as five or more drinks for men and four or more drinks for women on one occasion during the past 30 days. Source: NYC DOHMH, Community Health Survey, 2015-2016

Psychiatric hospitalizations
The rate of adult psychiatric hospitalization in Flatbush and Midwood is lower than the citywide rate.

**PSYCHIATRIC HOSPITALIZATIONS** (per 100,000 adults)

![Graph showing psychiatric hospitalization rates in Flatbush and Midwood compared to Brooklyn and NYC.]

High psychiatric hospitalization rates likely reflect the challenges residents in underresourced neighborhoods face, including difficulty accessing preventive services and early care, greater exposure to stressors and interruptions in health insurance coverage.

Source: New York State Department of Health, Statewide Planning and Research Cooperative System, 2015

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Infant mortality
NYC’s infant mortality rate has declined in recent years. In Flatbush and Midwood the infant mortality rate is lower than the citywide rate. The TCNY 2020 goal is a citywide rate of less than 4.4 per 1,000 live births.\footnote{Note: NYC rate includes premature deaths among NYC residents only and will differ from other published sources. Source: NYC DOHMH, Bureau of Vital Statistics, 2011-2015}

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\*Interpret estimate with caution due to small number of events.

Premature death
Cancer and heart disease are the leading causes of premature death (death before the age of 65) in Flatbush and Midwood, similar to the rest of NYC. Flatbush and Midwood residents die prematurely at a similar rate to residents citywide. Lung cancer, breast cancer (among women) and colorectal cancer are the three leading causes of cancer-related premature death in Flatbush and Midwood.

NYC’s premature mortality rate (death before age 65) decreased 19% from 2006 to 2015. However, longstanding disparities persist. People living in high-poverty neighborhoods and Black New Yorkers are dying before age 65 at higher rates.

TOP CAUSES OF PREMATURE DEATH
rate of death before age 65 per 100,000 people (number of deaths)

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Neighborhood Definitions
The 59 Community Districts (CDs) were established citywide by local law in 1975. For a complete listing of all CDs and their boundaries, visit communityprofiles.planning.nyc.gov. The CDs correspond to NYC Community Boards, which are local representative bodies. The names of neighborhoods within CDs are not officially designated. The names used in this document are not an exhaustive list of all known neighborhood names within this area.

Analyses
For most data, 95% confidence intervals were calculated for CD, borough and NYC estimates. If the confidence intervals did not overlap, a significant difference was inferred. This is a conservative measure of statistical difference. For most population-level data, if a CD rate was within 5% of the NYC estimate, the CD was considered similar to NYC, otherwise the CD rate was considered higher or lower than the NYC estimate. For Community Health Survey data, a t-test comparing the CD with the rest of NYC and the rest of the borough was conducted where p-values ≤0.05 were considered an indication of statistical significance. Report text highlights significant findings but does not include all significant results. The public use dataset contains additional data.

Most estimates were evaluated for statistical stability. Estimates with a relative standard error (RSE) > 30% or with a small sample size or small numbers of events (≤ 10) are flagged as follows: “Interpret estimate with caution due to small number of events or small sample size.”

Acknowledgements

COMMUNITY HEALTH PROFILES 2018: FLATBUSH AND MIDWOOD
Flatbush and Midwood’s average life expectancy is **1.2 years longer** than NYC overall.


Contact information:
For reports on the other 58 Community Districts, please visit [nyc.gov](http://nyc.gov) and search for Community Health Profiles or email profiles@health.nyc.gov.

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