

Community Assessment of East New York Brooklyn

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(1) Community Development/Services**a. Schools**

1. Elementary School - public

- PS 158 Warwick School, 400 Ashford Street Brooklyn New York
- PS 7 Abraham Lincoln School, 858 Jamaica Avenue Brooklyn New York
- Plus 22 other

2. Middle School – public

- IS 364 Gateway, 1426 Freeport Loop Brooklyn New York
- JHS 292 Margaret S. Douglas, 300 Wynona street Brooklyn New York
- Plus 5 other middle schools

3. K-12 School and Junior/Senior High School – public

- East New York Family Academy, 2057 Linden Blvd, Brooklyn New York
- FDA VIII School, 1400 Pennsylvania Ave., Brooklyn New York

4. High Schools – public

- East New York Transit Technical High School, wells street, Brooklyn New York
- Franklin K. Lane High School, 999 Jamaica Ave., Brooklyn New York
- Plus 6 other high schools

5. Elementary School – Private

- Saint Rita School, 260 Shepherd Avenue, Brooklyn New York
- Blessed Sacrament School, 187 Euclid Avenue, Brooklyn New York
- Plus 11 other elementary private schools

6. K-12 School and Junior/Senior High Schools – private

- Beer Hagolah Institute, 671 Louisiana avenue, Brooklyn New York
- Followers of Jesus School 3065 Atlantic Avenue, Brooklyn New York
- Plus 9 other private schools

b. Types of Schools

- 31 public schools
- 23 private schools

c. Types of community groups and places to meet

- Senior centers
- Libraries (1)
 - Spring Creek Branch Library, 12143 flatlands Avenue

- Cultural institutions
 - Christian cultural center
- Parks
 - Highland Park, Brooklyn New York
 - Linden Park, Brooklyn New York
 - Gateway national Recreation Park, Brooklyn New York
 - All public parks close at 8pm
- Churches
 - Christian Cultural Center, Flatlands Avenue, Brooklyn New York
 - Plus many other Spanish and Baptist churches

d. Sense of Community

- Family Community Garden, Cleveland Street , Brooklyn New York
- Community Group of, 349 Elton Street, Brooklyn New York
- Elton Street Block Association, 585-435 Cleveland Street, Brooklyn New York

e. Community Events

- annual stop the violence march
- police/community town hall meeting
- annual youth recognition Banquet
- workshop on violence prevention
- neighborhood patrol
- annual concerts

f. Political Offices

- community board 5, chair: Nathan Bradley, 127 Pennsylvania avenue, Brooklyn New York

(2) Environment

a. parks

- 86.1% of the population has access to parks
- 134 requests for new trees

b. geographies

- Built on hills and flatlands

c. boundaries

- 3,586 acres and 5.6 square miles
- Borders: Louisiana avenue, Stanley avenue, Van Sideren avenue, Brooklyn queens borough line and belt/shore parkway

d. environmental complaints

- Air complaints 5.3%
- Noise complaints 7.5%
- Fumes from water treatment plant

(3) Health**a. Nursing homes and hospice**

- Brooklyn United Methodist Church Home, 1485 Dumont Avenue, Brooklyn New York (accessible by train, bus, car)
- Brooklyn-Queens Nursing home, 2749 Linden Blvd., Brooklyn New York (accessible by train, bus, car)
- Plus 3 other nursing homes and hospices (accessible by train, bus, car)

b. Ambulatory Facilities, and Programs

- Brookdale Family Care Center, 2554 Linden blVd, Brooklyn New York
- East New York Diagnostic and Treatment Center, 2094 Pitkin Avenue, Brooklyn New York
- Plus 19 other ambulatory Facilities

c. Hospitals

- none

(4) Health disparities**a. regular doctor or other health care provider**

- 31% of residents don't have a regular doctor
- 14% are more likely to go to emergency department when they are sick
- 1 in 3 adults is uninsured or went without health insurance during the last year
- Smoking
 - 21% smoke
 - 62% tried to stop
- Heart disease
 - Increased 55%
 - 25,000 hospitalizations
 - 300 deaths
- Obesity
 - 30% obese
 - 20.1% has diabetes
 - Residents are twice as likely to have diabetes
- HIV
 - HIV is twice both the Brooklyn and NYC overall rate
 - 4 out of 10 adults with multiple sex partners used condoms

- Alcohol
 - More than 1 in 10 adults binge drink in the past year
 - 380 alcohol related hospitalization
- Psychological distress
 - 1 in 14 adults suffer from distress
- Cancer
 - Male
 - Lung, trachea, bronchus 54%
 - Prostate 37%
 - Colorectal 31%
 - Blood related 15%
 - Stomach 11%
 - Female
 - Lung, trachea, bronchus 19%
 - Breast 30%
 - Colorectal 15%
 - Uterus 10%
 - Ovary 10%

(5) Housing

- number of households 49.835
- owners 24.6%
- renters 75.4%
- median gross rent \$966
- Affordable and regulated rental housing
 - Public and subsidized rental units 66.4%
 - Rent regulated units 20.4%
- 48 community gardens
- Some building and houses are very old
- Houses and buildings are in very good condition

(6) People

a. age

- 0-17 yrs 34%
- 18-24 yrs 11%
- 25-44 yrs 30%
- 45-64 yrs 18%
- 65 + yrs 7%

b. dress

- A lot of the teenagers are wearing urban wear
- Pants below the buttock is a common trend

- No difference in apparel by blacks and spanish

c. socioeconomic status

- cash assistance 16,190
- supplemental security income 14,153
- Medicaid only 57,126
- Total persons assisted 87,470
- Percent of population 50.5%
- Education
 - 17% up to 8th grade education
 - 26% some high school, no diploma
 - 29% high school diploma
 - 20% some college, no degree
 - 08% college graduate
- Occupation
 - Management, professional, and related occupation 20.1%
 - Service occupation 32.6%
 - Sales and office occupations 25.6%
 - Farming, fishing, and forestry occupation 0.0%
 - Construction, extraction, maintenance, and repair occupation 9.2%
 - Production, transportation, and material moving occupation 12.5%
- Total household income
 - Less than \$10,000 18.5%
 - \$10,000 - \$14,999 8.3%
 - \$15,000 - \$24,999 13.7%
 - \$25,000 - \$34,999 11.2%
 - \$35,000 - \$49,999 15.1%
 - \$50,000 - \$74,999 17.4%
 - \$75,000 - \$99,999 7.2%
 - \$100,000 - \$149,999 5.5%
 - \$150,000 - \$199,999 2.0%
 - \$200,00 or more 1.0%

d. gender

- Male 45.7%
- Female 54.3%

e. language

- Proficient in English 79.6%
- Not proficient in English 20.4%
- Languages
 - Spanish or Spanish creole
 - Russian
 - Chinese

French
 African
 Polish
 Italian
 Arabic
 Korean
 All others

f. population density race/ethnicity

- Population 173,198 people
- White non-Hispanic 5.1%
- Black non-Hispanic 49%
- Asian and pacific
Islander non-Hispanic 3.5%
- Other non-Hispanic 1.7%
- Two or more races non-
Hispanic 3.0%
- Hispanic origin 37.7%

g. religion

- Catholic
- Baptist
- Pentecostal
- Non-denominational

h. socioeconomics

- 17% up to 8th grade education
- 26% some high school, no diploma
- 29% high school diploma
- 20% some college, no degree
- 08% college graduate

i. speech

- **Slang/proper english**
- **Slang/proper spanish**

(7) Safety Services

a. EMS

- EMS station 39, 265 Pennsylvania avenue, Brooklyn New York

b. Fire departments

- ENG 332, LAD 175, 165 Bradford Street, Brooklyn New York
- ENG 290, LAD 175, 480 Sheffield Avenue, Brooklyn New York
- ENG 236, LAD 236, 998 Liberty Avenue, Brooklyn New York
- ENG 225, LAD 107, BN 35, 799 Lincoln Avenue

C. Police departments

- 75th Precinct, 1000 Sutter Avenue, Brooklyn New York
- Brooklyn North Narcotics, 245 Glenmore Avenue, Brooklyn New York
- Housing PSA, 560 Sutter Avenue, Brooklyn New York

d. Shelters

- Forbell Shelter, 338 Forbell Street, Brooklyn New York
- Help Woman's Center, 116 Williams Avenue, Brooklyn New York
- Van Siclen, 645 Van Siclen Avenue, Brooklyn New York
- Linden Ave Shelter, 501 New Lots Avenue, Brooklyn New York
- Dumont Fam Resid, 882-900 Dumont Avenue, Brooklyn New York
- HELP1, 515 Blake avenue, Brooklyn New York
- Van Siclen Fam Res, 246 Jamaica Avenue, Brooklyn New York

(8) Shopping/common areas

a. types of eateries/restaurants

- Spanish - price range \$5 - \$25, assessable by train or bus
- Caribbean – price range from \$5 - \$18, assessable by train or bus
- Southern – price range from \$8 - \$20, assessable by train or bus
- Fast Foods, assessable by train or bus (except where indicated)
 - Domino's pizza
 - Wendy's
 - White castle
 - Multiple chinese restaurants
 - Multiple fried chicken restaurants
 - Ihop
 - Pope's
 - Olive Garden (*assessable by car/bus only*)
 - Red Lobster (*assessable by car/bus only*)
 - Boulder Creek Steak House (*assessable by car/bus only*)

b. stores

- Gateway Mall, 501 Gateway Drive, Brooklyn New York, (*assessable by car/bus only*)
- Rands Mall, 348 Eldert Ln, Brooklyn, New York, (*assessable by car/bus/train*)
- Pennsylvania Plaza, Pennsylvania ave., Brooklyn New York, (*assessable by car/bus only*)

- And many other small corner boutiques/ clothing stores throughout the neighborhood. These clothes are usually expensive.

c. theatres (1)

- Linden boulevard Multiplex Cinemas, Linden Blvd, Brooklyn New York, (*assessable by car/bus only*) prices for movie \$12 to \$18.50

(9) Transportation

- 2.1 miles of bike lanes compared to 155.1 miles of street
- Transportation to work
 - Walks or rides the bike 6.6%
 - Takes the public transportation 62.8%
 - Drives 28.7%

(10) Overall status of the community

Having lived in East New York all my life during this assessment there were things that I was not aware of in my community. East New York (ENY) has 4 fire stations and 3 police stations which makes the neighborhood seem a safe place to be; however, the fact that there is a specific narcotics division tells me there is drug activity most likely from the young people who makes up most of the population. With so many young people the community is fearful of theft which can be proven by the multiple bars on windows and doors of many private houses and apartments. There are no air monitoring stations which can contribute to the reason why lung, trachea, bronchus cancers are high for both men and women. The alarming finding for me was that this neighborhood had no hospitals; there were many clinics however, the closest hospital would be Brookdale Medical Center which is assessable by bus, train, or even walking. The second alarming information was that heart disease and diabetes is very heavy in this area; I believe that all the fast food restaurants in the area are a factor in this alarming increase. This community's HIV rate is in staggering high proportions to both all of Brooklyn and NYC. People with multiple sex partners are not using condoms thus spreading hiv at alarming rates. This community is full of parks and is often seen full and festive during the summer hours. There seem to be more and more bike lanes added to address the need for exercise in this community. There is a new mall that opened and it promoted lots of job opportunities for people without jobs.

(11) Areas of strength and weakness

Some of the strengths of this community are that it is very compliant with getting HIV testing, there are many public and private schools in the area, and it has a tight knit community with lots of events. The weaknesses of the community are that there are a lot of people who are not educated and will not be able to be eligible for jobs in the future. Another area of weakness is that there are no immediate hospitals which can cause loss of life secondary to long trips to nearest hospital.

(12)how the community nurse can help

Much teaching is needed about HIV transmission and safe sex practices secondary to a staggering high HIV rate in this community. My belief is that most young people are spreading hiv and need to get educated on the subject. We have to target area of interest to teenagers such as malls, parks, schools, and some of the community events and set up booths to educate them about safe sex practices and hiv transmission. We have to come up with a pretest and posttest to evaluate if they are actually learning and retaining what was taught to them; this can be done by use of questionnaire by paper or by phone. Once the education is provided the learner can call the questionnaire line and complete a survey or do a paper questionnaire.

ENY has an increased risk of heart disease, obesity, and diabetes. Heart disease hospitalizations are well above the citywide average. Nearly 1 in 3 adults is obese and 16% have diabetes. One way to maximize the health of the community is to set up free gyms in the community and offer educational pamphlets on the importance of healthy diets. These gyms would be free and would offer two pathways to choose from; the first pathway is the cardio pathway focusing on exercising the heart and heart disease prevention and the other pathway is the diabetes pathway focusing on healthy food choices and exercise. Results can be measured by weight loss and a monthly evaluation tool given by the trainers during the pathway.

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