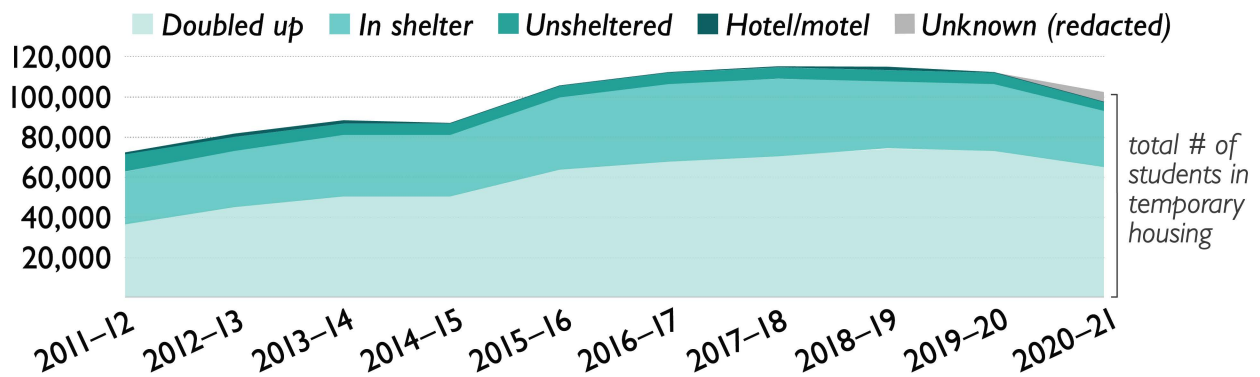




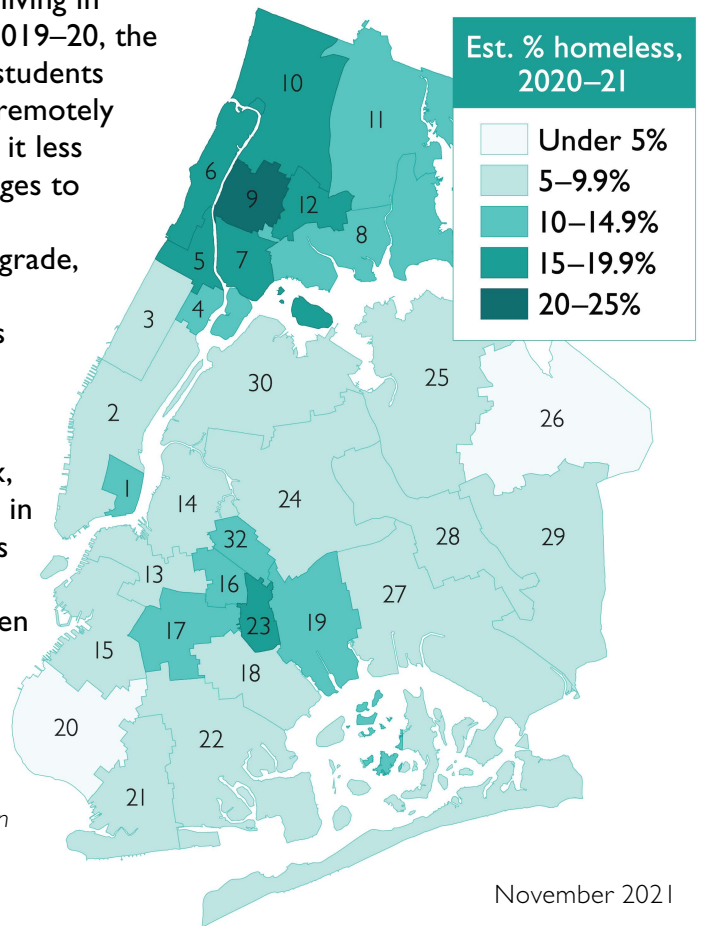
## STUDENT HOMELESSNESS IN NEW YORK CITY

More than 101,000 New York City students were identified as homeless during the 2020–21 school year, a 42% increase since the start of the decade. Of these students, 28,000 spent time living in City shelters; more than 65,000 were “doubled-up,” or sharing the housing of others due to loss of a permanent residence; and at least 3,860 were unsheltered, living in cars, parks, or abandoned buildings.



While the total number of students reported to be living in temporary housing was 9% lower last year than in 2019–20, the pandemic likely impeded schools’ ability to identify students experiencing homelessness. Many students learned remotely for the entirety of the 2020–21 school year, making it less likely that school staff would become aware of changes to their housing situations. In addition, overall school enrollment *also* fell last year, by 3.3%, and grade-by-grade, declines in homelessness followed trends in overall enrollment; in both cases, the most significant drops occurred in pre-K and kindergarten.

As in past years, students who were homeless in 2020–21 were concentrated in schools in the Bronx, upper Manhattan, and central Brooklyn. In district 9 in the Bronx, more than one out of every five students experienced homelessness last year, compared to roughly one in 30 students attending school on Staten Island. Overall, about one in seven Bronx students was homeless.



Data obtained from the New York State Education Department by Advocates for Children. Includes both NYC Department of Education (DOE) and public charter school students.

Staten Island not shown to scale.