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# Multi-Agency Response to Community Hotspots (M.A.R.C.H.) Operations

## Q1–Q2 2023 Report

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# Background

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New York City Charter section 20-d(e)(2) requires the Office of Nightlife at the NYC Mayor’s Office of Media and Entertainment to publish a semi-annual report of Multi-Agency Response to Community Hotspot (M.A.R.C.H.) operations. The Office has been reporting since 2020.

Administrative Code section 14-185 requires that nightlife establishments must receive written notification at least 30 days prior to any M.A.R.C.H. operation (see inset), with an opportunity to rectify the precipitating condition and potentially avoid a M.A.R.C.H., unless such notice would “compromise an active criminal investigation” or would pose a “serious risk...to health and safety.”

The Office of Nightlife works with the participating City agencies to create a centralized data reporting system to provide information about their participation in M.A.R.C.H. operations. As required by Charter section 20-d(e)(2), the reports provide detail on the conditions that led to a request for a M.A.R.C.H., and their frequency, locations, and results, which include: the number of City inspectors present, the average duration of inspections, and any summonses or closure orders that were made during the inspection.

## **M.A.R.C.H. Operations**

During the 1990s, Mayor Rudy Giuliani initiated a new enforcement protocol for New York City nightlife establishments—which include bars, restaurants, music and dance clubs—the Multi-Agency Response to Community Hotspots program, commonly known as M.A.R.C.H. M.A.R.C.H. is a multi-agency operation, led by the New York City Police Department (NYPD) and supported by inspectors from the NYC Fire Department (FDNY), and the Departments of Buildings (DOB), Environmental Protection (DEP), Health and Mental Hygiene (DOHMH), and the NY State Liquor Authority to conduct unannounced inspections at nightlife establishments. M.A.R.C.H. operations are usually requested by a local NYPD precinct to address incidents and complaints pertaining to a nightlife establishment, and inspections are typically conducted on Friday and Saturday evenings during peak business hours. M.A.R.C.H. operations historically visit between three to six nightlife venues for inspections on a given night, inspecting establishments located within the same precinct or a neighboring precinct.

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# About this report

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Due to the Covid-19 pandemic, which led to reduced indoor activity in nightlife establishments, no M.A.R.C.H. operations were conducted from July 1 through December 31, 2020, and one M.A.R.C.H. operation was conducted from January 1 through June 30, 2021. M.A.R.C.H. operations at nightlife establishments resumed in September 2021.

As a result, the data presented in this report may not be fully representative of normal operations, due to the unusual circumstances of the Covid-19 crisis. The Office of Nightlife will continue to compile and release semi-annual reports on M.A.R.C.H. The data from these reports will help the City government understand patterns of nightlife enforcement and identify potential ways to improve enforcement practices.

This report covers the period from January 1 through June 30, 2023.

This report also includes information about scheduled M.A.R.C.H. operations for which City agencies reported that inspections were scheduled to occur, but which ultimately did not take place on that night or at another point during this reporting period. A M.A.R.C.H. may not take place if the business is closed at the time inspectors arrive, if the inspectors run out of time for the night, if the officers need to attend to other issues in the precinct, or other similar reasons. Those numbers are presented to help provide a full picture of the conduct and complaints that lead to a request for a M.A.R.C.H. operation, but they do not factor into the overall data calculations, since no inspections occurred. Additionally, the NYPD requests and conducts multi-agency inspections for businesses that are not nightlife establishments, such as auto body shops or groceries, where other conditions may be present. Those inspections are not included in this report.

The data in this report is available in machine-readable format as required by Charter section 20-d(e)(2), and an Excel spreadsheet may be downloaded on the [Office of Nightlife’s website](#).

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# Executive Summary

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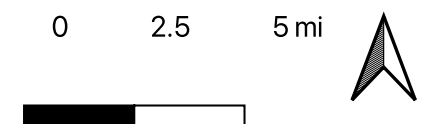
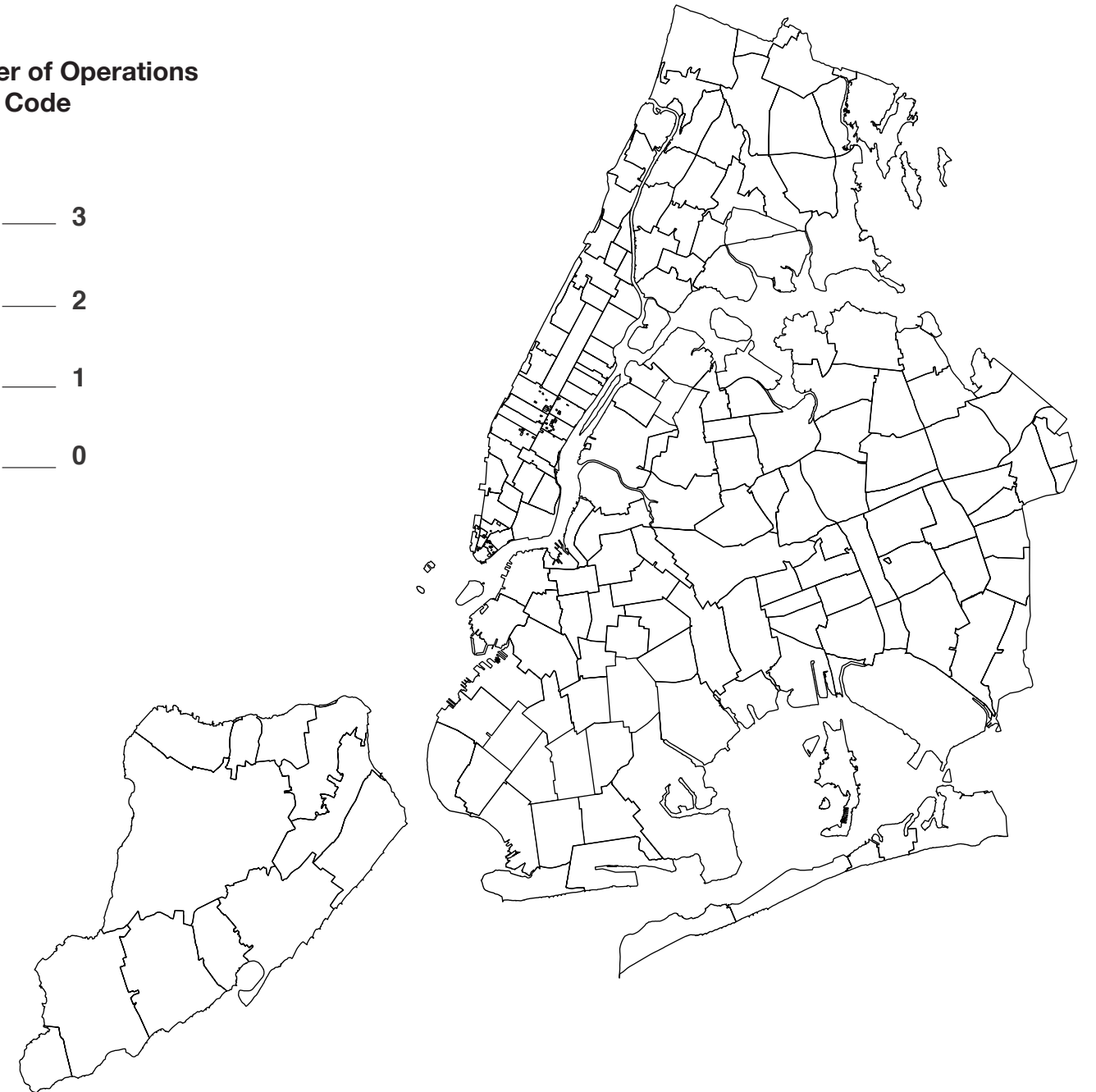
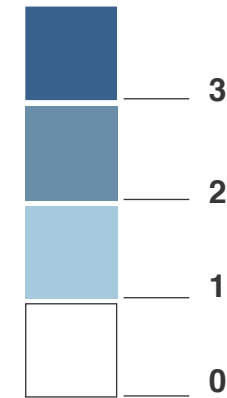
In the first half of 2023, there were no (0) M.A.R.C.H. inspections performed by City agencies and visited by inspectors, and no other inspections were not conducted because the premises were closed at the time inspectors arrived. No establishments for which M.A.R.C.H. inspections were scheduled received written notices pursuant to Administrative Code section 14-185 at least 30 days prior to any visitation.

The average duration of each inspection was not applicable, because there were no inspections. No establishments were ordered to temporarily shut down their operations due to findings of the operation. Therefore, there was no average length of business closures during this reporting period.

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# Q1-2 2023 Operations by ZIP Code

Number of Operations  
by Zip Code



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# Monthly Data: January-June, 2023

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## **January**

No (0) M.A.R.C.H. operations were conducted in January 2023.

## **February**

No (0) M.A.R.C.H. operations were conducted in February 2023.

## **March**

No (0) M.A.R.C.H. operations were conducted in March 2023.

## **April**

No (0) M.A.R.C.H. operations were conducted in April 2023.

## **May**

No (0) M.A.R.C.H. operations were conducted in May 2023.

## **June**

No (0) M.A.R.C.H. operations were conducted in June 2023.