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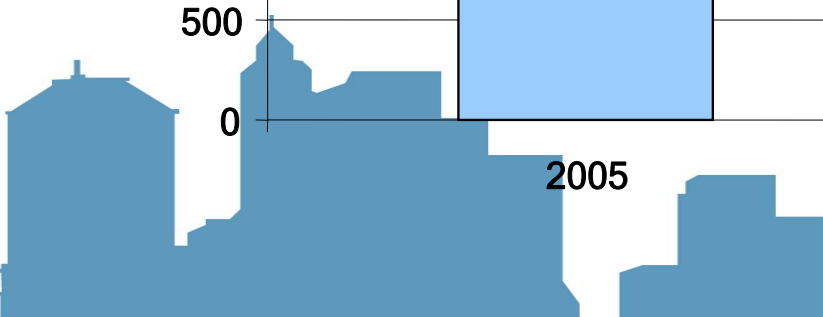
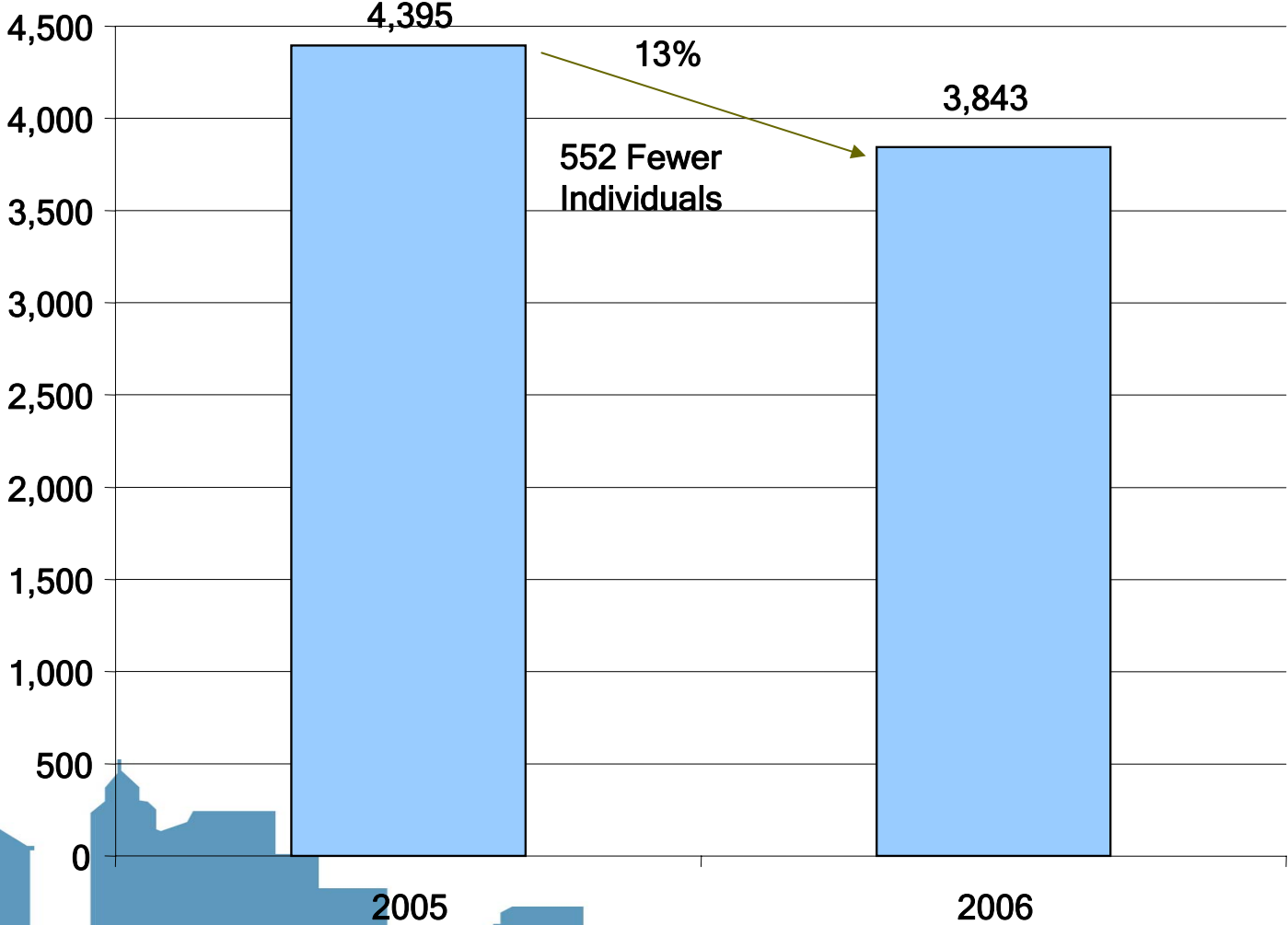
# Key Findings

- 3,843 unsheltered individuals are estimated to be living on the streets, in parks, under highways, and in the subway stations and trains in New York City - a 13 percent year-to-year decrease from HOPE 2005.
- When comparing the street homeless population to the general population, New York City's rate of street homelessness remains among the lowest of any major city for which similarly comprehensive street count data was available and confirmed including Miami-Dade County, Phoenix, San Francisco, and Los Angeles County.
- HOPE 2006 showed continued quality improvement with 85 percent of the planted decoys counted, compared to 70 percent in last year's count. For the second year, DHS worked with academics and independent researchers to conduct a 'plant and capture' study to determine the degree to which street homeless individuals may have been missed during the count. Based on the number of decoys found, a formula was used to adjust the estimate.

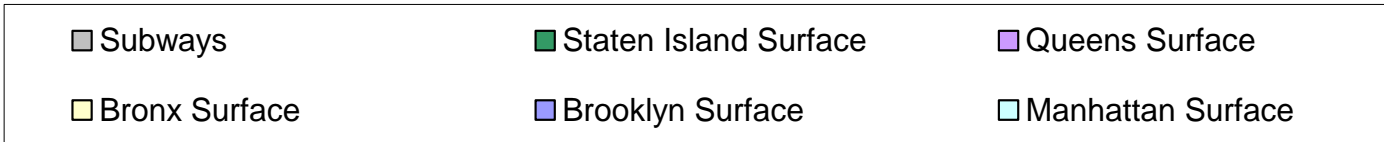
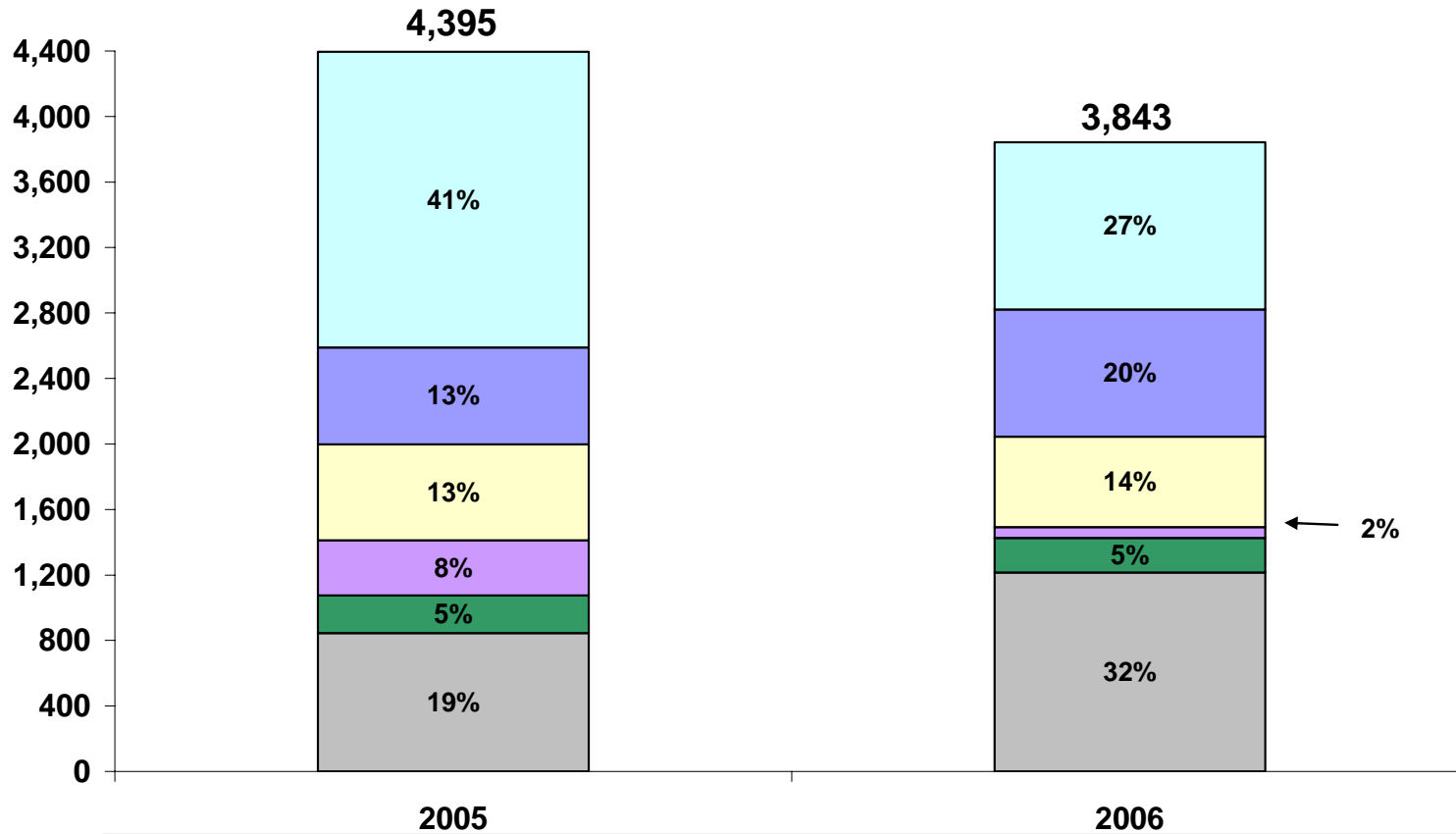


# HOPE 2006 Shows 13% Fewer Individuals On the Street Since Last Year

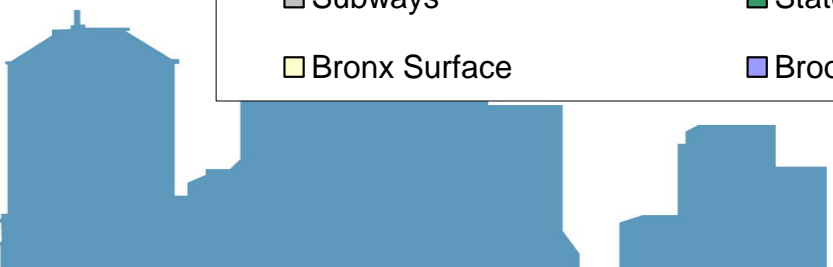
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# Borough and Subway Distribution At-a-Glance: HOPE 2005 vs. HOPE 2006



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# HOPE 2006: Surface Area and Subway Estimate Summary

	Estimate
<b>Surface Areas</b>	
Manhattan	1,021
Brooklyn	778
Bronx	551
Queens	66
Staten Island	211
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,627</b>
<b>Subways</b>	
NYC Estimate	1,216
<b>Total Unsheltered Individuals</b>	<b>3,843</b>

# Comparison of Street Homelessness in Some Major Cities\*

City/County	Population	Street Census	Ratio of Street Homeless to General Population
New York City	8,104,079	3,843	1 in 2,109
Miami-Dade County	2,363,300	1,754	1 in 1,347
Phoenix	1,418,041	1,834	1 in 773
San Francisco	744,230	2,655	1 in 280
Los Angeles County	9,935,475	72,413	1 in 137

\*This represents a list of the largest U.S. cities with a similar street count methodology for which DHS was able to confirm a recent census. All population figures are from the 2004 U.S. Census Bureau Population Estimate with the exception of Los Angeles County (2005).



# Successful Strategies to Overcome Street Homelessness

- The Department of Homeless Services, the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, and various non-profit providers that serve the street homeless population have implemented community collaboratives in areas with the highest need.
- Community collaboratives pool their resources and knowledge to help people into housing, bringing together various programs such as hospitals, drop in centers, soup kitchens, and churches, to share information and discuss how best to serve the unique needs of individual clients.
- Outreach and drop-in services are being reconfigured with an increased emphasis on the placement of chronic street homeless individuals into permanent housing.
- Through the New York/New York III supportive housing agreement, the City is making more housing resources available to this hard to serve population and focusing those resources on the most chronically homeless- enabling the direct placement from the streets to housing.

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# Detailed Data Breakouts and Methodology

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# Methodology

- Each borough was divided into small study areas (groups of blocks and/or park areas) which were stratified based on their expected density (high or low) of unsheltered homeless individuals. A stratified random sample was obtained in each borough.
- Subway stations were stratified based on the expected density (high or low) of unsheltered homeless individuals on the platforms and in subway cars. A stratified random sample was drawn for New York City subways.
- Density estimates were based on the expertise and experience of the New York Police Department's Homeless Outreach Unit, the Metropolitan Transportation Authority, the Parks Department, community groups, social service organizations, DHS and DoHMH outreach teams, and others.
- Teams of volunteers were assigned to survey areas/stations during a four-hour period in the middle of the night to enumerate unsheltered homeless individuals.
- Using statistical methodology, DHS counts all high density areas and extrapolates from the number of unsheltered homeless individuals encountered in low density areas/stations to produce the initial estimate of the unsheltered homeless population in New York City.
- Decoys were placed throughout the five boroughs to determine whether volunteer enumerators successfully found and counted the visible homeless people in their assigned study areas. The estimate was adjusted based on those decoys that were not enumerated to account for homeless individuals who may also have been missed.



# HOPE 2006 Unsheltered Homeless Estimates in Surface Areas by Borough

	Total No. of Study Areas by Borough	No. Areas Surveyed for HOPE	No. Homeless Individuals Actually Counted	Initial Estimate	Quality Assurance Adjustment	Final Adjusted Estimate
<b>Manhattan</b>						
High	350	350	564	564	42	606
Low	591	63	39	366	49	415
<b>Total</b>	<b>941</b>	<b>413</b>	<b>603</b>	<b>930</b>	<b>91</b>	<b>1,021</b>
<b>Brooklyn</b>						
High	116	116	54	54	4	58
Low	1,605	91	36	635	85	720
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,721</b>	<b>207</b>	<b>90</b>	<b>689</b>	<b>89</b>	<b>778</b>
<b>Bronx</b>						
High	114	114	74	74	6	80
Low	784	49	26	416	55	471
<b>Total</b>	<b>898</b>	<b>163</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>490</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>551</b>

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<b>Queens</b>						
High	128	128	22	22	2	24
Low	2,257	61	1	37	5	42
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,385</b>	<b>189</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>66</b>
<b>Staten Island</b>						
High	64	64	112	112	8	120
Low	801	50	5	80	11	91
<b>Total</b>	<b>865</b>	<b>114</b>	<b>117</b>	<b>192</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>211</b>
<b>Subways</b>						
High	140	140	776	776	194	970
Low	296	24	16	197	49	246
<b>Total</b>	<b>436</b>	<b>164</b>	<b>792</b>	<b>973</b>	<b>243</b>	<b>1,216</b>