HOUSING AND POVERTY SNAPSHOT: QUEENS COUNTY

The Neighborhood Preservation Coalition of New York State, Inc. is a statewide membership organization of community-based, not-for-profit housing companies committed to revitalizing New York State’s urban and suburban areas.

NPCs work to provide a range of services that strengthen our communities, including the preservation and development of affordable housing, home buyer education, landlord/tenant mediation, Main Street development, employment assistance programs, and beyond.

NPCs serve low-and-moderate income residents and contribute to economic development efforts in New York State, raising approximately $45 for every dollar appropriated. Stand with us and together we can make New York State a better place to live and work for everyone.

Queens County includes twelve Neighborhood Preservation Companies:

Allen Neighborhood Preservation & Development Corp.; Astoria Restoration Association, Inc.; Central Astoria LDC; Greater Ridgewood Restoration Corporation; Jewish Community Council of the Rockaway Peninsula, Inc.; Margert Community Corporation; NHS of Jamaica, Inc.; NHS of Northern Queens; Northwest Queens Housing Corp.; Queens Community House, Inc.; Rockaway Development & Revitalization Corp.; Woodside on the Move, Inc.

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Population and Demographics, Race and Sex

Queens County Poverty

- 23% of residents live between 0-138% of the federal poverty level
- 32% of renters and 12% of owners live between 0-138% of the federal poverty level
- A greater percentage of women, 24%, live within 0-138% of the federal poverty line than do men, 22%
  31% of children; 21% of adults and 24% of seniors live within 0-138% of the federal poverty level

Poverty by Race

- A greater percentage of people of color, 26%, live within 0-138% of the poverty line than do Whites, 13%.
Queens County Rates of Homeownership and Home Rental

- Queens County is comprised of 45% owners and 55% renters.
- Latinos are the least likely to own homes at 27%.

Homeowner Cost Burden

- In Queens County, 37% of homeowners spend 30% or more of their income on housing. 15% are considered to be severely cost-burdened, spending 50% or more of their income on housing costs.

Homeowner Cost-Burden by Race

- In Queens County, Asians, Blacks, and people from the Other race group are the most cost-burdened, with 45% of Asians and Blacks and 48% of Other spending greater than 30% of their income on housing costs. The most severely cost-burdened groups are Asians and Other with 21% and 20%, respectively spending 50% or more of their income on housing costs.
Homeowner Cost Burden by Race and Gender
- Women homeowners in Queens County are slightly more cost-burdened than men, with 38% of all women being cost-burdened compared with 36% of all men. 15% of women and 14% men are considered severely cost-burdened, spending greater than 50% of their income on housing costs.

- For men, Asians and Other are most cost-burdened with 44%, respectively, spending 30% or more of their income on housing costs. For women, Others and Blacks are most cost-burdened with 51% and 45%, respectively spending 30% or more of their income on housing costs.

Queens County Renter Cost Burden
- 52% of renters spend 30% or more of their income on housing, with 24% spending 50% or more on housing.

*Renters paying 30% or more of their income on housing are considered cost-burdened.

Renter Cost-Burden by Race
- Asians and Latinos are the most cost-burdened renters, with 56% of Asians and 51% of Latinos spending 30% or more of their income on housing.

Queens County Renter Cost-Burden by Race and Gender
- Women renters are more cost-burdened than men, 53% compared with 50%. Of that, 25% of women are considered severely cost-burdened compared with 23% of men.

- People who identify as “Other” are the most severely cost-burdened, with 64% of Other women and 61% of Other men spending 50% or more of their income on housing costs. Asians are the second most cost-burdened group with 56% of women and 58% of men being cost-burdened.