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COMPTROLLER STRINGER ANALYSIS FINDS THAT MORE THAN 962,000 NEW YORKERS LACK HEALTH INSURANCE

Nearly a quarter of Sunnyside, Jackson Heights, Corona and Bushwick residents are uninsured

(New York, NY) – More than one in ten New York City residents lack health insurance, and in pockets of Queens and Brooklyn the rate of uninsured New Yorkers can soar to as high as 22 percent, according to an [analysis](#) released today by New York City Comptroller Scott M. Stringer. The publication of this new data coincides with the beginning of the Affordable Care Act open enrollment period, which runs from November 1, through December 15 for coverage to begin on January 1, 2016. Enrollment will remain open through January 31, 2015 for coverage to begin March 1, 2016.

“Close to one million New York City residents lack even the most basic health coverage,” New York City Comptroller Scott M. Stringer said. “The situation is particularly dire in neighborhoods with large immigrant and younger populations like Jackson Heights, Corona, and Bushwick where close to one in four New Yorkers don’t have health insurance. To ensure the long-term economic future of our City we need to make sure our residents are healthy and well. We want to get the word out: with the Affordable Care Act in place, getting health insurance is easier and more affordable than ever.”

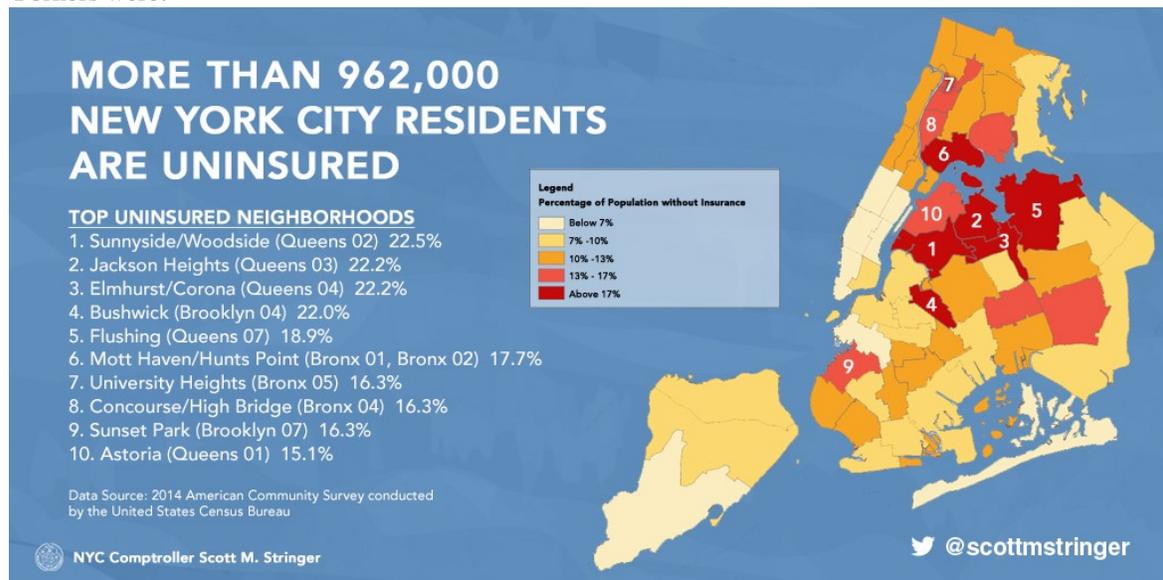
According to the [2014 American Community Survey](#) data published this September, 962,805 New York City residents (11.4 percent of the total population) lack healthcare, a decline of 2 percentage points from 2013 and the first time the overall figure has been measured below 1 million over the past five years.

Uninsured Population in New York City 2009-2014

Year	Total Population	Total Uninsured	Percentage Uninsured
2014	8,428,414	962,805	11.4%
2013	8,342,235	1,121,972	13.4%
2012	8,273,096	1,139,500	13.8%
2011	8,180,575	1,197,635	14.6%
2010	8,113,847	1,198,656	14.8%
2009	8,320,856	1,170,370	14.1%

Data Source: 2014 American Community Survey conducted by the United States Census Bureau

The ten community districts in New York City with the highest percentages of uninsured New Yorkers were:



“We’ve seen real progress in reducing the number of City residents who are covered, but we must continue to reinforce that being uninsured can have real economic and health consequences for you and your family. Everyone deserves health insurance, and as this year’s enrollment period begins, I want to encourage all New Yorkers to visit the [New York State of Health Marketplace](#) to find a plan and access critical information about the financial assistance that can make health care more affordable,” Stringer said.

To see the complete data set, please click [here](#). To see a map of the rate of uninsured New York City residents, please click [here](#).