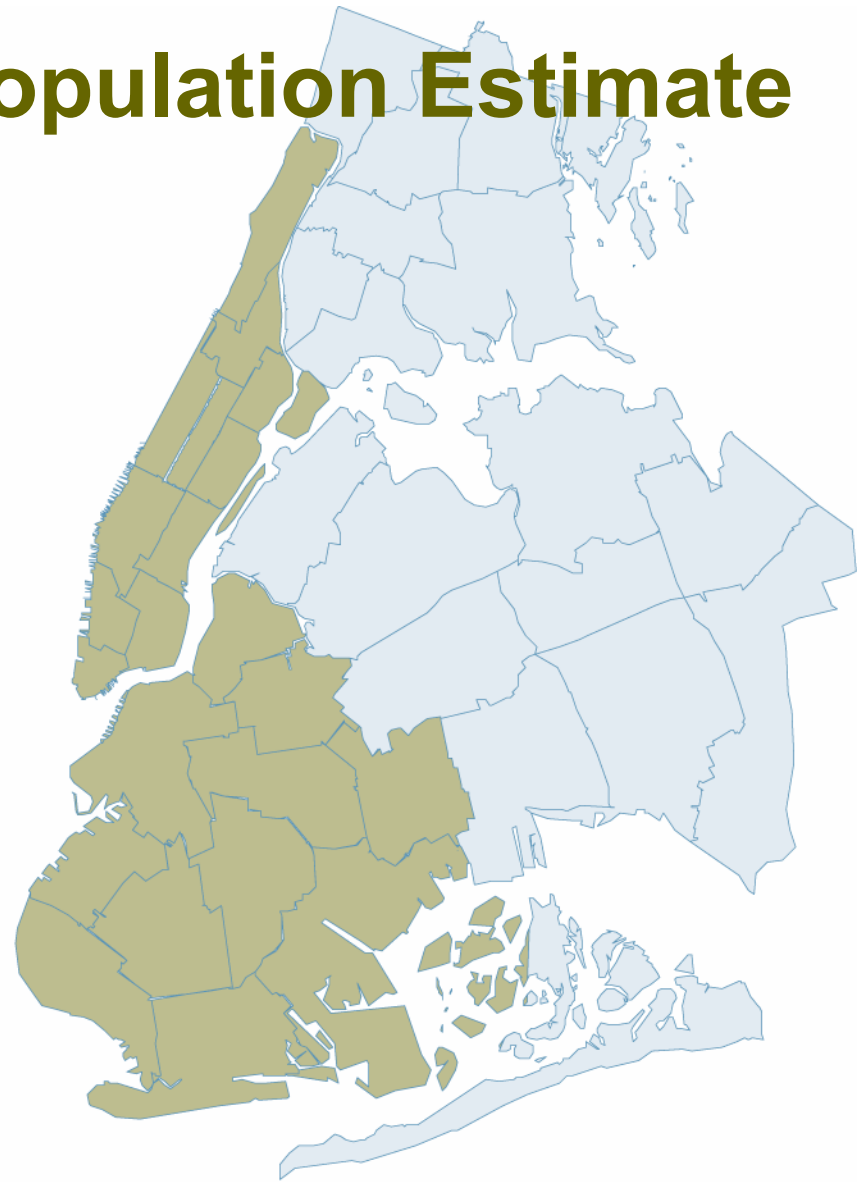


Homeless Outreach Population Estimate

HOPE 2004



NYC Department of Homeless Services

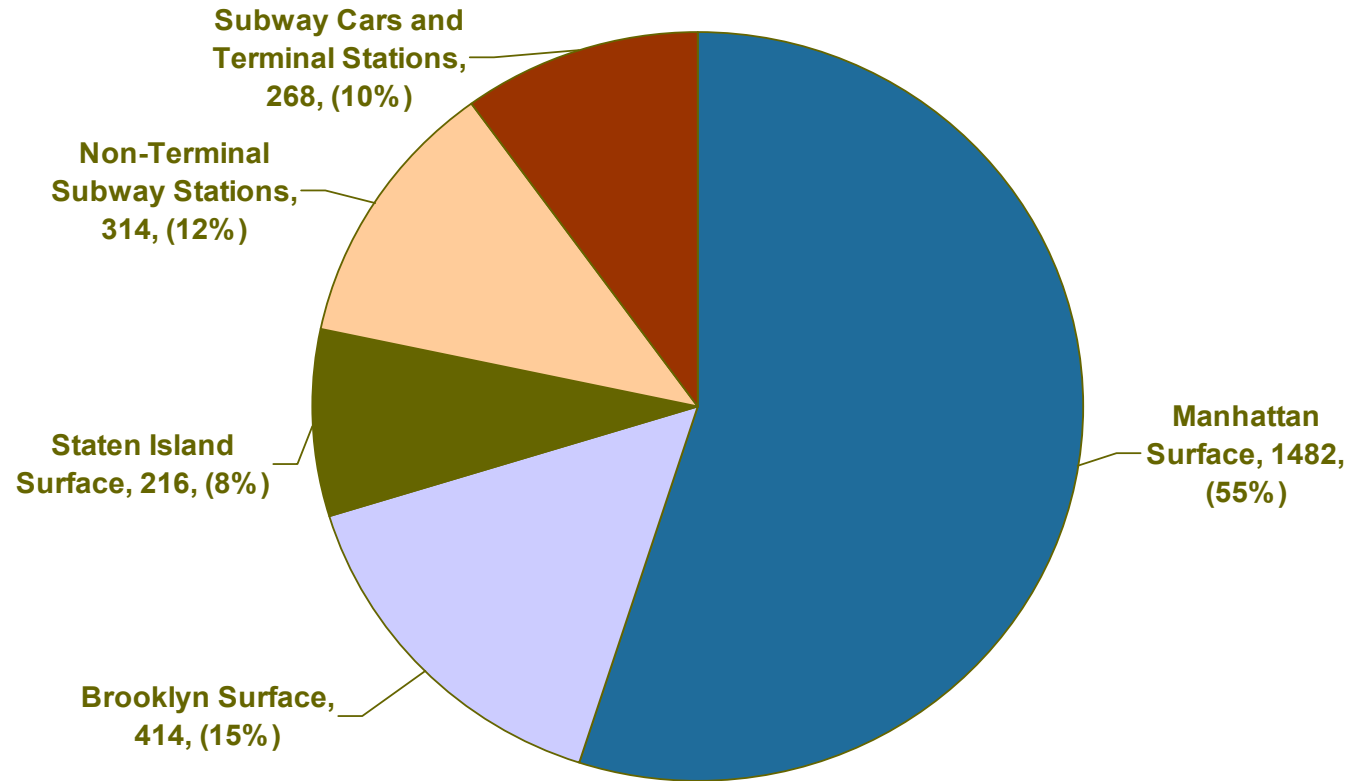
HOPE 2004 Objectives

- Obtain a point-in-time estimate of the unsheltered homeless population in Brooklyn, Manhattan, and Staten Island.
- Establish an annual benchmark to measure success and challenges in reducing street homelessness.
- Understand the size of the chronic and severely service resistant street homeless population – those who would remain outside even in the midst of winter.
- Engage community members in a city-wide effort to decrease street homelessness.

Key Findings

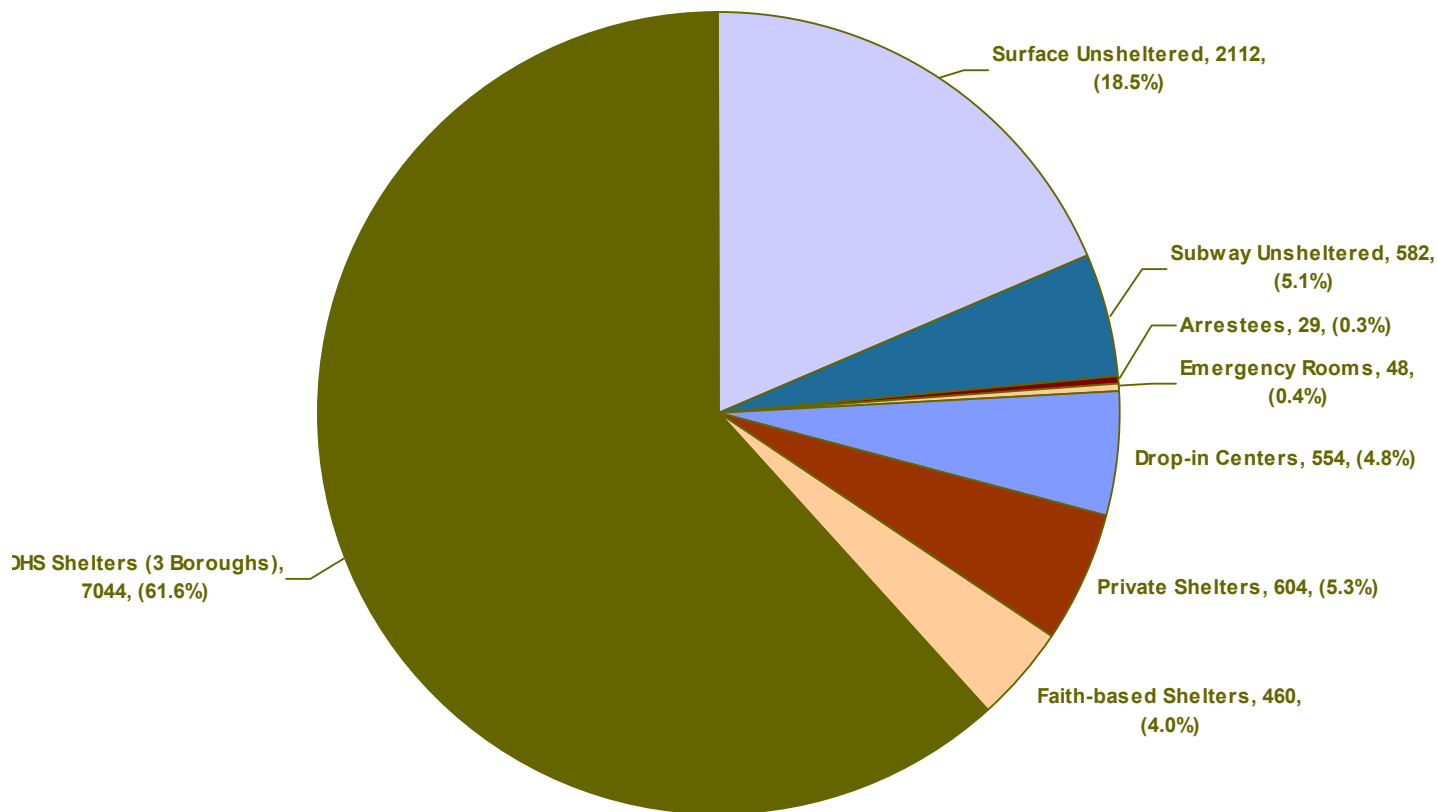
- **2,694** unsheltered individuals are estimated to be living on the streets, in parks, and in subway stations and trains in Brooklyn, Manhattan, and Staten Island.
 - **One in two** of these individuals, or 1,482 people, **were on the streets of Manhattan**
 - **One in five** of these individuals, or 582 people, **were in subway stations or on subway cars**
 - **One in seven** of these individuals, or 440 people, **were women**
- HOPE 2003 and HOPE 2004 found **no significant difference in the number of unsheltered homeless individuals on Manhattan streets** (1,560 in '03 vs. 1,482 in '04). However, the total number of single adults in city-wide shelters rose substantially (8,323 in '03 vs. 8,963 in '04).
- For the second year in a row, **no homeless families with children were encountered on the streets** or in other public places on the night of the survey.

Distribution of Unsheltered Individuals in the Three Boroughs



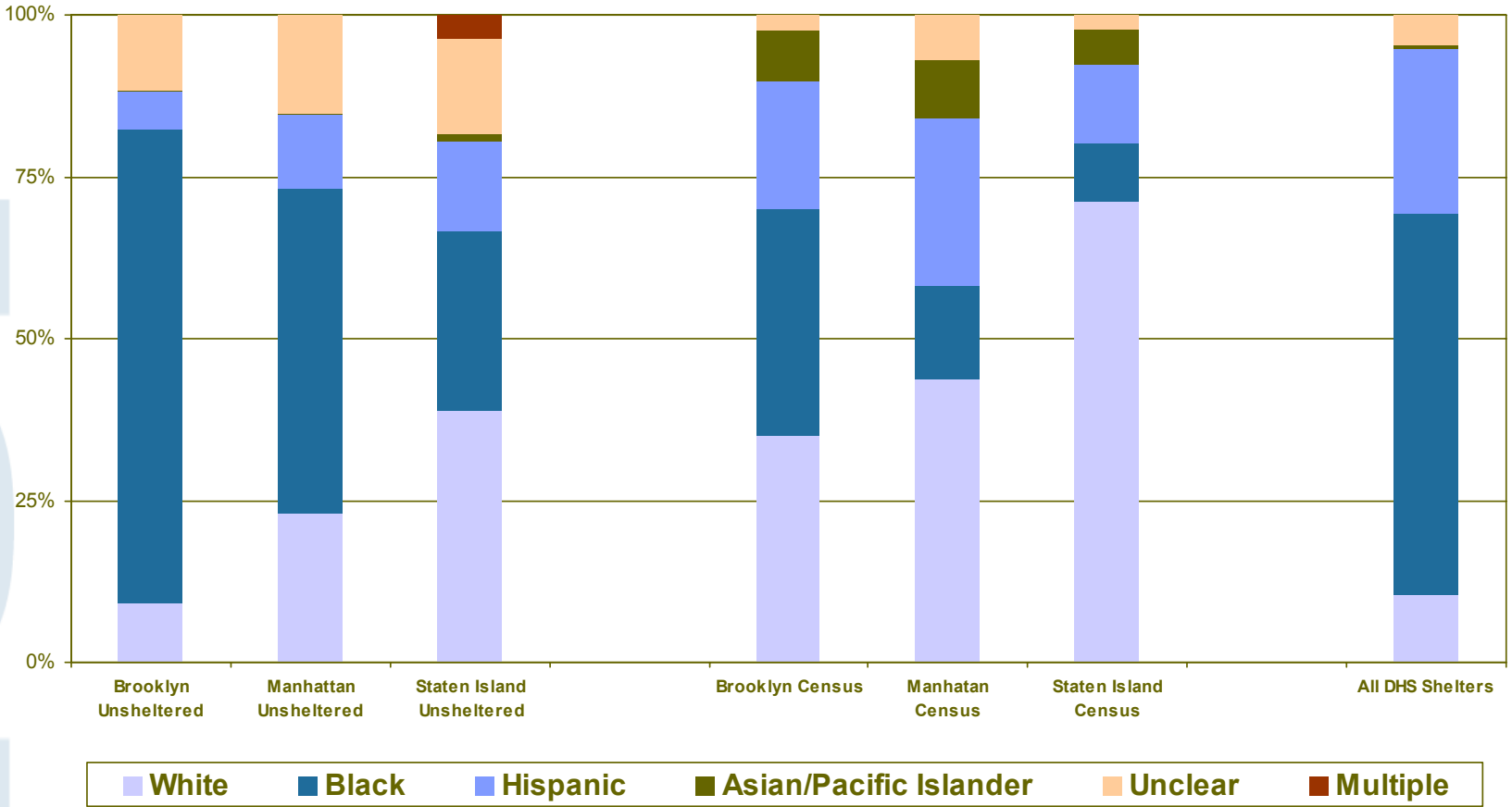
Note: Surface areas and subway car/station numbers are extrapolated using the number of unsheltered homeless individuals encountered. Terminal stations refer to end of the line stations. The survey excluded subway tunnels, private establishments, and abandoned buildings.

Distribution of Sheltered and Unsheltered Individuals in the Three Boroughs



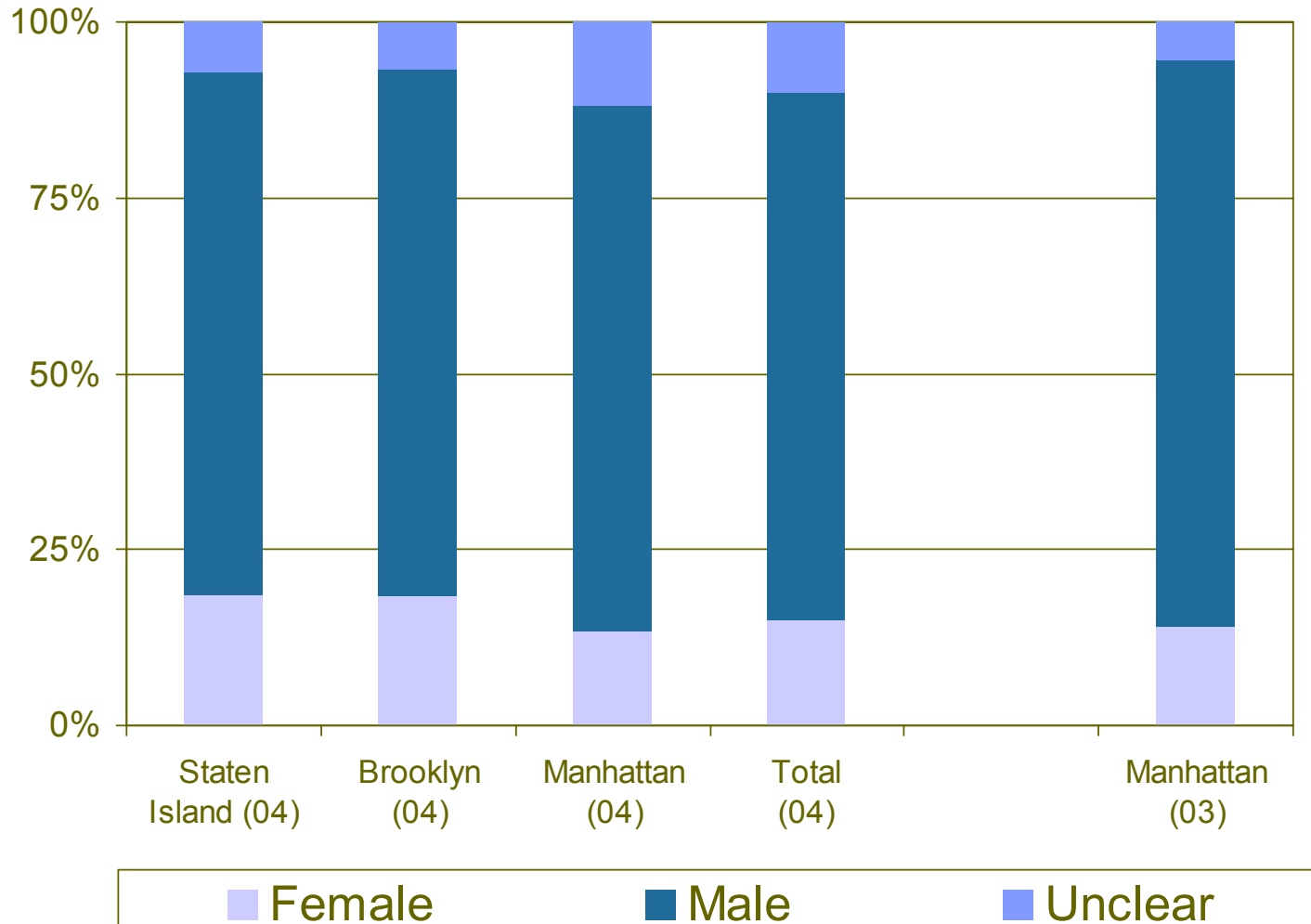
Note: Information from a few emergency rooms was not available. Numbers from two large private shelters are estimates. Arrestees are those arrested between 12:01 and 4:00 a.m. on February 24, 2004, that identified themselves as homeless.

Ethnicity/Race of Unsheltered Individuals Compared to General Borough Population



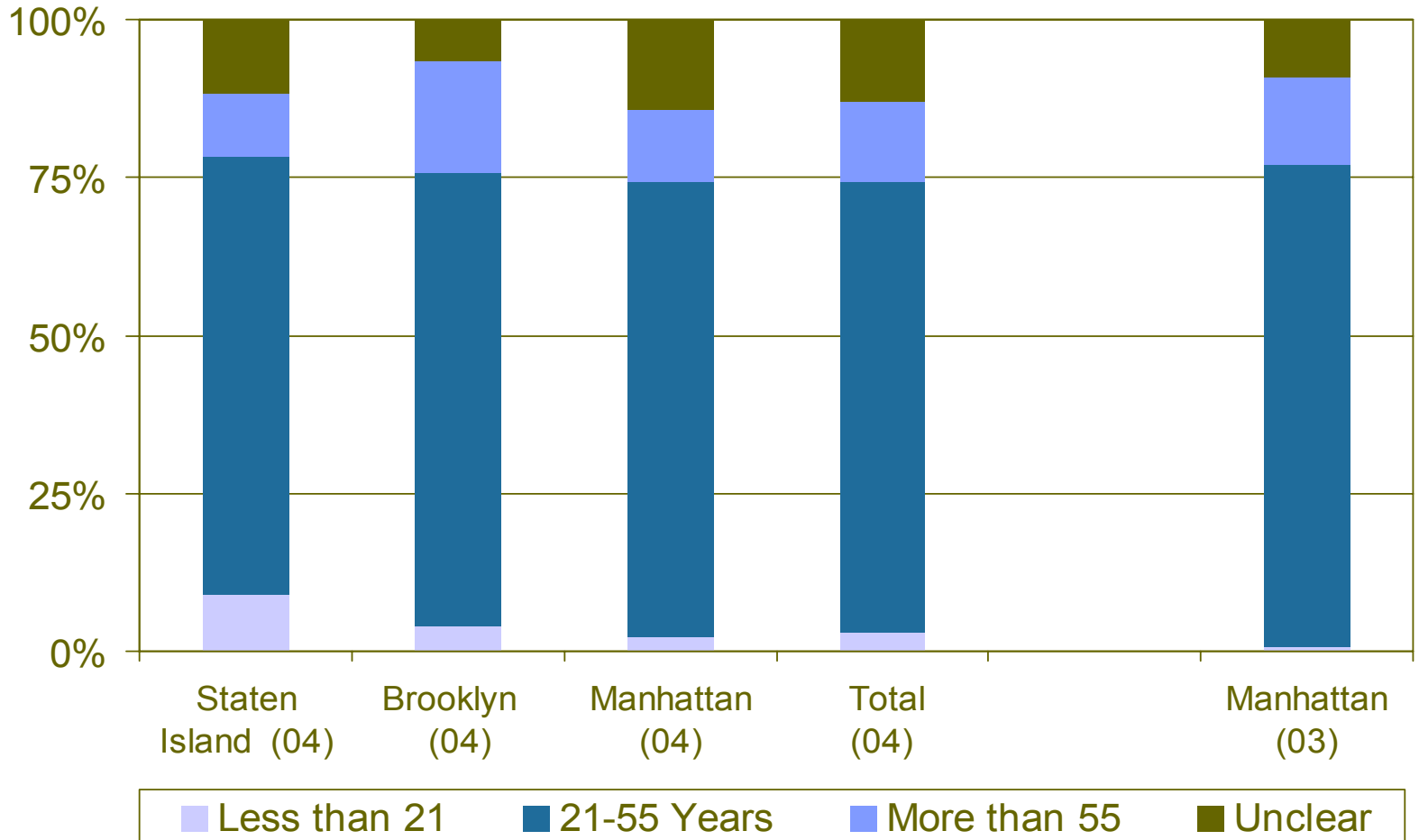
Note: Census refers to 2000 decennial population census distribution in each borough.

Gender of Unsheltered Individuals



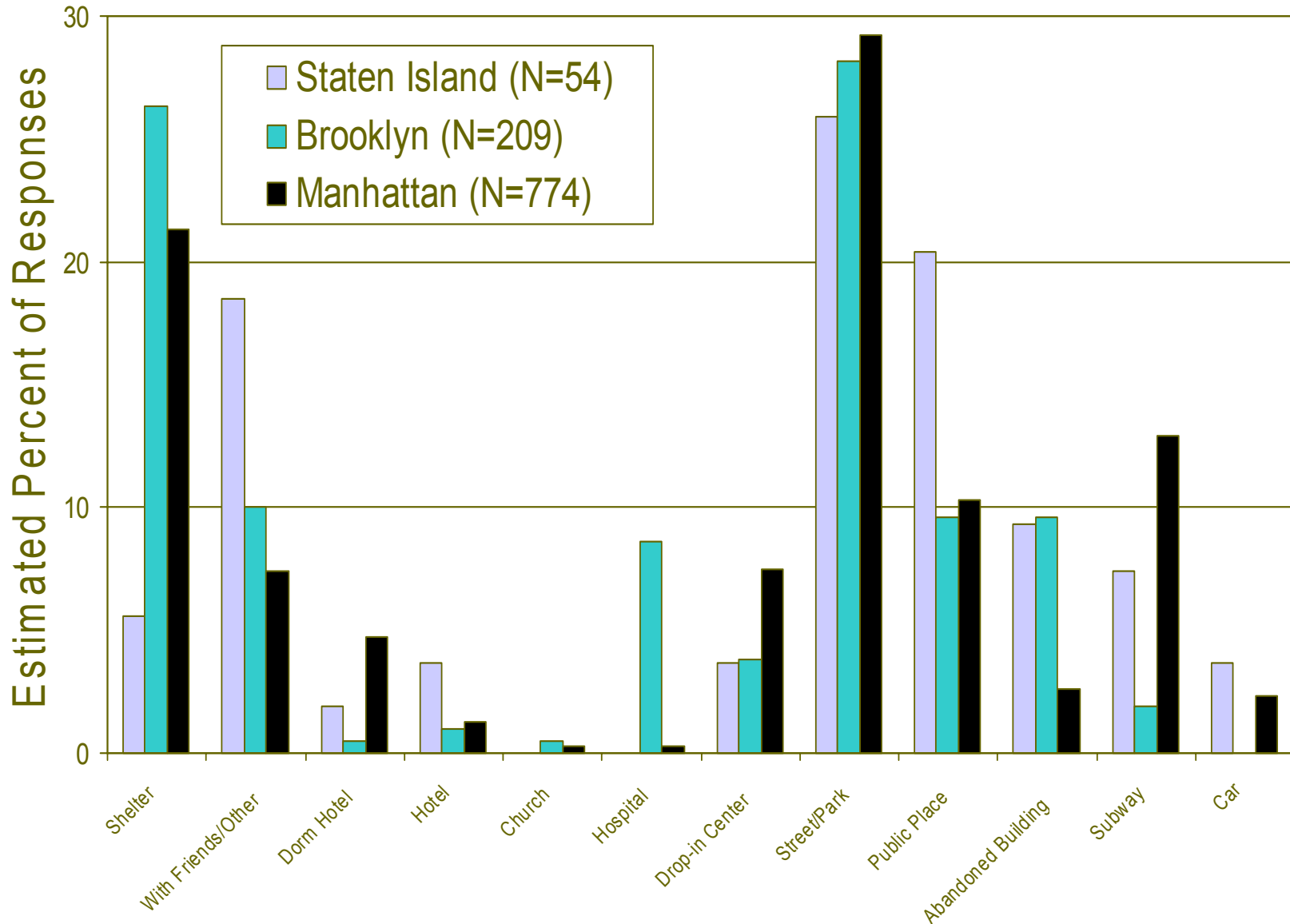
1 out of every 7 unsheltered homeless individuals in Brooklyn, Manhattan, and Staten Island was a woman.

Age of Unsheltered Individuals



The majority of unsheltered homeless individuals ranged in age from 21 to 55 years.

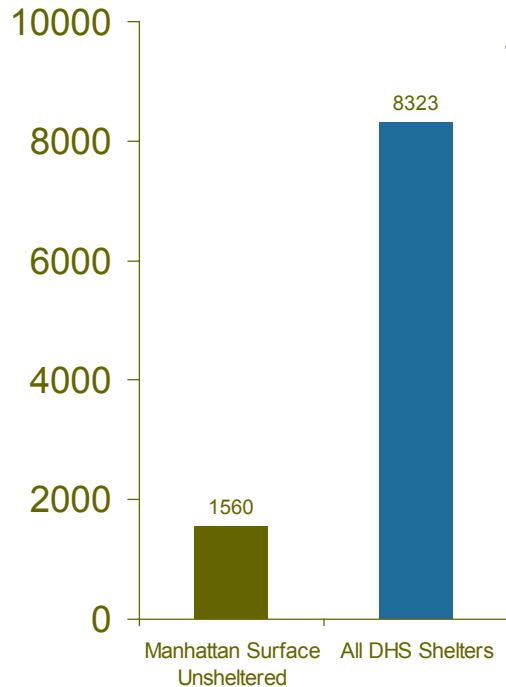
Usual Place of Sleep



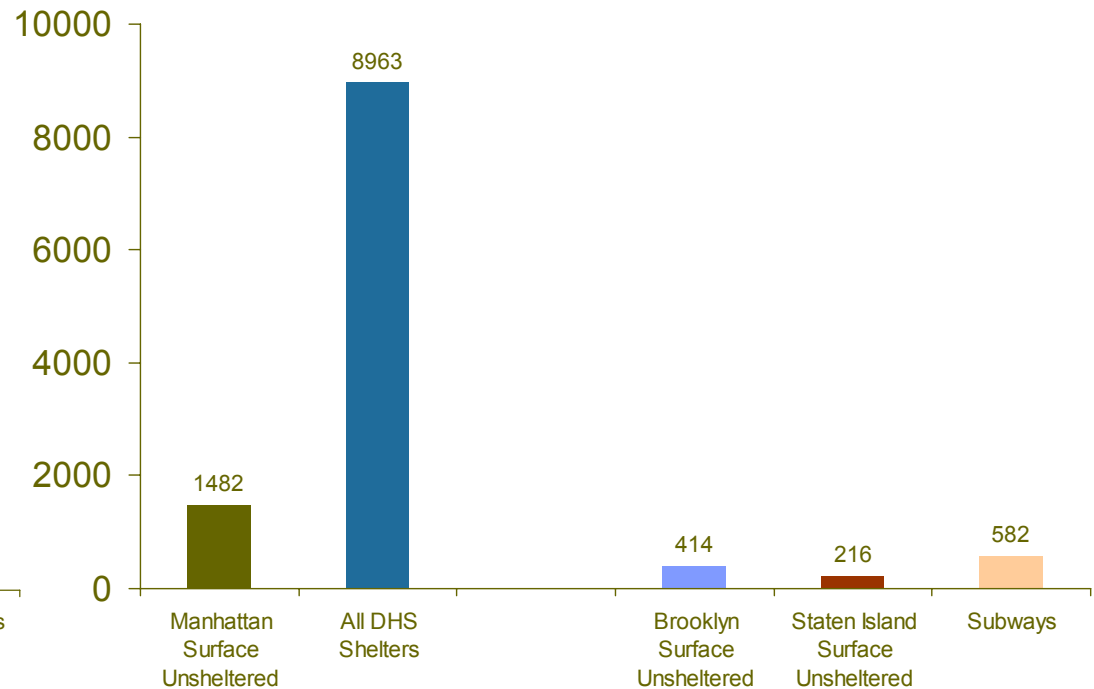
Note: Less than half of the encountered individuals responded to the question, “Where do you usually sleep?” (Percent that responded: Staten Island 25%, Brooklyn 40%, Manhattan 31%) Non-respondents were either asleep or chose not to answer. Some respondents gave multiple answers.

Comparison of Unsheltered vs. Sheltered Single Adult Population in 2003 and 2004

2003



2004



Note: DHS shelter numbers consist of all DHS-operated single adult shelters located in Manhattan, Brooklyn, Bronx, Queens, and Staten Island.



Detailed Data Breakouts and Methodology

Surface Area and Subway Estimate Summary

	Estimate
Surface Areas	
Manhattan	1,482
Brooklyn	414
Staten Island	216
Total	2,112
Subways	
Non-Terminal Stations	314
Cars and Terminal Stations	268
Total	582
Total Unsheltered Individuals	2,694

Unsheltered Homeless Estimates in Surface Areas by Borough

	No. of Areas Represented	No. Areas Covered	No. Homeless Encountered	Density Per Area	Estimate
Manhattan					
High	115	115	352	3.1	352
Low	784	86	124	1.4	1,130
Total	899	201	474	2.4	1,482
Brooklyn					
High	79	79	64	0.8	64
Low	1,666	100	21	0.2	350
Total	1,745	179	87	0.5	414
Staten Island					
High	41	41	97	2.4	97
Low	854	86	12	0.1	119
Total	895	127	109	0.9	216

Note: In 2004, for Brooklyn and Staten Island, an area was defined as high density if it was anticipated that at least one individual would be in that area at night. For Manhattan, two or more individuals indicated a high density area.

Comparison of Manhattan Unsheltered Homeless Estimates in Surface Areas in 2003 and 2004

	No. of Areas Represented	No. Areas Covered	No. Homeless Encountered	Density Per Area	Estimate
February 2004					
High	115	115	352	3.1	352
Low	784	86	124	1.4	1,130
Total	899	201	474	2.4	1,482
February 2003					
High	54	54	194	3.6	194
Medium	139	69	122	1.8	246
Low	706	70	111	1.6	1,120
Total	899	193	427	2.2	1,560

Note: In 2004, an area was defined as high if two or more individuals were anticipated to be in that area at night. In 2003, an area was defined as high, medium, or low if the area was anticipated to have 6 or more individuals, 2-5 individuals, or one or less individuals, respectively.

Methodology

- Each borough was divided into small study areas (groups of blocks and/or park areas) which were stratified based on their estimated density (high or low) of unsheltered homeless individuals.
- Subway stations were stratified based on the estimated density (high or low) of unsheltered homeless individuals on the platforms and in subway cars.
- A random sample of areas/stations was selected from each stratum to be covered on the night of the survey.
- Teams of volunteers were assigned areas/stations during a four hour period in the middle of the night to enumerate unsheltered homeless individuals.
- Using statistical methodology, DHS extrapolated from the number of unsheltered homeless individuals encountered to produce an estimate of the unsheltered homeless population in Brooklyn, Manhattan, and Staten Island.