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The Honorable Zohran Mamdani
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The Honorable Julie Menin
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VIA E-MAIL

Dear Mayor Mamdani and Speaker Menin:

As required by Local Law 35 of 2014, enclosed please find NYC HRA's IDNYC program report for the quarter ending March 31, 2026.

IDNYC recently surpassed 1.9 million unique cardholders. To further increase the program's reach and impact, IDNYC participated in several community outreach events during the reporting period and continued development of a pilot program to enable people in custody at Rikers Island to enroll. At the same time, we have implemented and are continuing to assess the impact of Local Law 39 of 2025, which implemented a "walk-in days" pilot program through which New Yorkers can obtain an IDNYC card without making an appointment at certain locations on specified days.

We look forward to continuing to support New Yorkers in our city through our services and appreciate the Council's partnership in these efforts.

Sincerely,

Erin Dalton
Commissioner

cc: Dean Fuleihan, First Deputy Mayor
Dr. Helen Arteaga, Deputy Mayor
Elle Bisgaard-Church, Chief of Staff
Faiza N. Ali, Commissioner, Mayor's Office of Immigrant Affairs

**New York City Identity Card Program Quarterly Report
January 1, 2026 – March 31, 2026**

As required by Local Law 35 of 2014, the Human Resources Administration, as the administering agency of the IDNYC program, shall prepare and submit to the Mayor and the Speaker of the City Council a report on the New York City municipal identification card program that includes the information below.

1. The number of applications received by the city for the New York City identity card disaggregated by applicant borough of residency:

Since the launch of the IDNYC program in 2015, 2,678,515 applications, including renewal applications, have been received.

The following table notes the number of applications by borough of residence:

Borough	Total Applications Processed as of March 31, 2026	Cardholders as a Percentage of Estimated Eligible Population ¹
Bronx	478,208	26.98%
Brooklyn	762,188	23.45%
Manhattan	541,591	25.64%
Queens	832,394	27.98%
Staten Island	64,068	10.76%
Non-NYC P.O. Box	66	N/A
TOTAL	2,678,515	25.01%

The 66 non-NYC addresses reflect applicants who participate in the New York State Address Confidentiality Program for domestic violence survivors and use an Albany P.O. Box address. IDNYC has verified that these applicants reside in New York City.

2. The number of New York City identity cards issued:

As of March 31, 2026, IDNYC has issued 2,603,169 cards.

¹ Based on percent of population 10 years old and above, according to U.S. Census Bureau American Community Survey, 2016. Analysis completed by HRA Office of Evaluation and Research.

3. The number of New York City identity cards issued to minors:

As of March 31, 2026, IDNYC has issued 103,473 cards to minors (individuals ages 10 to 17).

4. The number of requests made by City agencies for information collected about applicants for the New York City identity card disaggregated by requesting agency:

None. During this reporting period, IDNYC did not receive any requests for information collected about applicants from other city agencies. For information about requests from law enforcement, see response to question 7, below.

5. The number of times the administering agency shared documents submitted by applicants to establish eligibility for the New York City identity card with other city agencies disaggregated by agency:

None. During the reporting period, IDNYC did not share any documents submitted by applicants to establish eligibility for the New York City identity card with other city agencies.

6. The number of denials made to requesting agencies for information collected about applicants for the New York City identity card:

None. During the reporting period, IDNYC did not receive any requests for applicant information from other city agencies.

7. The number of New York City identity card applicants whose information was disclosed to law enforcement, disaggregated by whether such disclosure was pursuant to a judicial warrant or judicial subpoena:

None. During the reporting period, IDNYC disclosed no information concerning applicants to law enforcement.

8. The number of occurrences of fraud or other criminal activity related to issuance of the New York City identity card:

During the reporting period, the program's integrity review process detected 7 instances in which an individual sought to obtain an IDNYC card under another name and/or identity. These instances were identified with the aid of the program's duplicate image search technology, which automatically matches photographs taken of new applicants against the database of previous IDNYC cardholders or applicants to prevent the improper issuance of a second IDNYC card to a single applicant. If there is a perceived match, investigators on the program integrity team then proceed with an investigation in accordance with program protocols. There were also 3 instances where the program's integrity review process detected an individual seeking to obtain an IDNYC card with documents that were suspicious and could not be authenticated. All

10 applications were denied. When possible, in cases where the program suspects an individual is applying for a card under someone else's identity, the potential victim is notified by letter about the improper use of their identity information.

9. The City's efforts to conduct outreach to prospective applicants relating to the New York City identity card program:

Outreach teams at the Mayor's Office of Immigrant Affairs (MOIA) and the Department of Social Services work together to educate New Yorkers about IDNYC in neighborhoods across the City. MOIA is also supported in their efforts by a number of other city and community partners, including Metro Plus, NYC Public Schools, and NYC Health + Hospitals.

In the first quarter of 2026, MOIA promoted IDNYC at 222 Day of Action events throughout the five boroughs: 36 events in the Bronx, 63 in Brooklyn, 53 in Manhattan, 64 in Queens, and 6 in Staten Island. At Days of Action, MOIA joins with community-based organizations, elected officials, and other partners to advocate for and support New Yorkers who are immigrants. These and other MOIA events are staffed with multilingual personnel and interpreters. MOIA's efforts at the Days of Action resulted in the distribution of 73,810 IDNYC informational materials in more than 22 different languages, reaching 17,367 constituents. In addition, MOIA assisted with 1,833 application submissions in the first quarter.

During the same period, DSS' Office of Community Outreach conducted 3 training sessions about IDNYC that were attended by representatives from 14 community-based organizations.

10. The City's efforts to promote acceptance of the New York City identification card by banks and other public and private institutions:

The program continues to seek new ways to expand the card's acceptance and utility, including continued acceptance by benefit and cultural partners, financial institutions, and by the NYPD and other government agencies for identification.

11. The types of services, other than City services, for which the New York City identification card is permitted as acceptable proof of identity and residency:

During this quarter, IDNYC cultural partners issued a total of 619 free one-year memberships, with 800,142 memberships issued since January 2015.

Libraries

The City's partnership with the Brooklyn, New York, and Queens Public Library systems allows New Yorkers to use their IDNYC card as a single, citywide library card. Since January 2015, over 63,005 cardholders have added this functionality to their IDNYC. Additionally, as IDNYC enrollment sites are co-located with the central/main branches of the Brooklyn and Queens

library systems, the libraries promote the availability of IDNYC at these sites to their central and other branch library patrons.

Health

The IDNYC card continues to make health information and healthier food options more accessible to New Yorkers.

At Food Bazaar stores in Queens, Brooklyn, and the Bronx, IDNYC cardholders saved over \$46,700 on their grocery purchases this quarter, bringing total grocery savings to nearly \$5.6 million since January 2015.

IDNYC's partnership with Health + Hospitals (H+H) allows cardholders to link their IDNYC cards to their H+H accounts, thereby speeding up the check-in process for subsequent appointments. Since this partnership began in May of 2016, 11,701 cardholders have linked their IDNYC cards to their H+H accounts.

Since January 2017, parents, guardians, and other individuals have been able to use their IDNYC card online, at My Vaccine Record (MVR), to verify their identity to access their own or their children's official immunization records from the NYC Department of Health & Mental Hygiene's Citywide Immunization Registry. Parents can check which vaccinations their child still needs and can print out a vaccination history to complete medical forms for childcare, school registration, college admission, camp enrollment, and more. To date 20,181 cardholders have accessed vaccine records using an IDNYC card. During this quarter, 283 cardholders accessed MVR using their IDNYC to retrieve their vaccination records.

Veterans

Since IDNYC launched the Veteran Designation in July 2015, 15,925 veterans have chosen to have this special marker on their IDNYC cards to indicate service in the U.S. Armed Forces. The designation entitles veterans to exclusive benefits and better connects veterans to services and discounts.

Finally, IDNYC continues to field inquiries from public and private institutions eager to partner with us. Our goal is to make meaningful additions to the program that reflect IDNYC's vision of greater access to government services, financial services, education, cultural benefits, and health and wellness opportunities for all New Yorkers.