
Multi-Agency Response to Community Hotspots (M.A.R.C.H.) Operations

Q1–Q2 2020 Report

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Introduction

During the 1990s, Mayor Rudy Giuliani initiated a new enforcement protocol for New York City nightlife establishments—which include bars, restaurants, music and dance clubs—the Multi-Agency Response to Community Hotspots program, commonly known as M.A.R.C.H.

M.A.R.C.H. is a multi-agency operation, led by the New York City Police Department (NYPD) and supported by inspectors from the NYC Fire Department (FDNY), NYC Department of Buildings (DOB), NYC Department of Environmental Protection (DEP), NYC Department of Health and Mental Hygiene (DOHMH), and the NY State Liquor Authority to conduct unannounced inspections at nightlife establishments. M.A.R.C.H. operations are usually requested by a local NYPD precinct to address incidents and complaints pertaining to a nightlife establishment, and inspections are typically conducted on Friday and Saturday evenings during peak business hours. M.A.R.C.H. operations historically visit between three to six nightlife venues for inspections on a given night, inspecting establishments located within the same precinct or a neighboring precinct.

About this report

In 2019, the NYC Council passed Local Law 220 (2019), requiring the Office of Nightlife at the NYC Mayor’s Office of Media and Entertainment to publish a semi-annual report of M.A.R.C.H. operations beginning with the first half of 2020. Due to the multi-agency nature of the inspections, there have historically not been comprehensive records on these operations. The Office of Nightlife undertakes this reporting responsibility with great care to provide information about a subject that is of significant interest and importance to so many New Yorkers. We hope this report will inform the conversation about M.A.R.C.H. operations.

Local Law 220 also requires that beginning April 1, 2020, nightlife establishments must receive written notification at least 30 days prior to any M.A.R.C.H. inspection, with an opportunity to rectify the precipitating condition and potentially avoid a M.A.R.C.H., unless such notice would “compromise an active criminal investigation” or would pose a “serious risk...to health and safety.”

This report has been compiled by the Office of Nightlife, working with the participating City agencies to create a centralized data reporting system to provide information about their participation in M.A.R.C.H. operations. The report provides detail on the conditions that led to a request for a M.A.R.C.H., and their frequency, locations, and results, which include: the number of inspectors present, the average duration of inspections, and any summonses or closure orders that were made during the inspection. The data from this report will help us understand patterns of nightlife enforcement and identify potential ways to improve and rethink enforcement practices.

This report also includes information about scheduled M.A.R.C.H. operations for which City agencies reported that inspections were scheduled to occur, but which ultimately did not take place on that night or at another point during this reporting period. A M.A.R.C.H. may not take place if the establishment is closed at the time inspectors arrive, if the inspectors run out of time for the night, if the officers need to attend to other issues in the precinct, or other similar reasons. Those establishments are presented to help provide a full picture of the conduct and complaints that lead to a request for M.A.R.C.H. operations, but they do not factor into the overall data calculations, since no inspections occurred.

This report covers the period from January 1 through June 30, 2020. However, due to the Covid-19 pandemic and the continuing restrictions on indoor activity in nightlife establishments, no M.A.R.C.H. operations were conducted in the months of April, May, or June. As a result, the data presented in this report is not representative of normal operations, due to the unusual circumstances of the Covid-19 crisis. This first report is just the beginning, and the Office of Nightlife will continue to compile and release semi-annual reports on M.A.R.C.H. operations so that New Yorkers have an accurate picture of what is happening.

The data in this report is available in machine-readable format as required by Local Law 220, and an Excel spreadsheet may be downloaded in the link below.

www1.nyc.gov/assets/mome/downloads/q1-q2-march-report-data-final-08312020.xlsx

Executive Summary

In the first half of 2020, there were twenty-three (23) M.A.R.C.H. inspections performed by City agencies. Twenty-three (23) establishments were visited, with each establishment receiving one (1) M.A.R.C.H. inspection within the time period. The average duration of each inspection was ninety-eight (98) minutes and the median duration of each inspection was one hundred (100) minutes.

Of the 23 inspections,

- Eight (8) took place in the Bronx,
- Nine (9) took place in Queens,
- Three (3) took place in Manhattan,
- One (1) took place in Brooklyn, and
- Two (2) took place on Staten Island.

During the course of the inspections, the total number of City inspectors present at each inspection averaged 17, with a median of 17. The average number of inspectors present from each City agency was as follows:

- 1.5 inspectors from DEP
- 1.5 inspectors from DOB
- 2.1 inspectors from DOHMH
- 1.0 inspectors from FDNY
- 11.2 inspectors from NYPD

A total of one hundred and twenty (120) summonses were issued to businesses as a result of this period's M.A.R.C.H. operations.

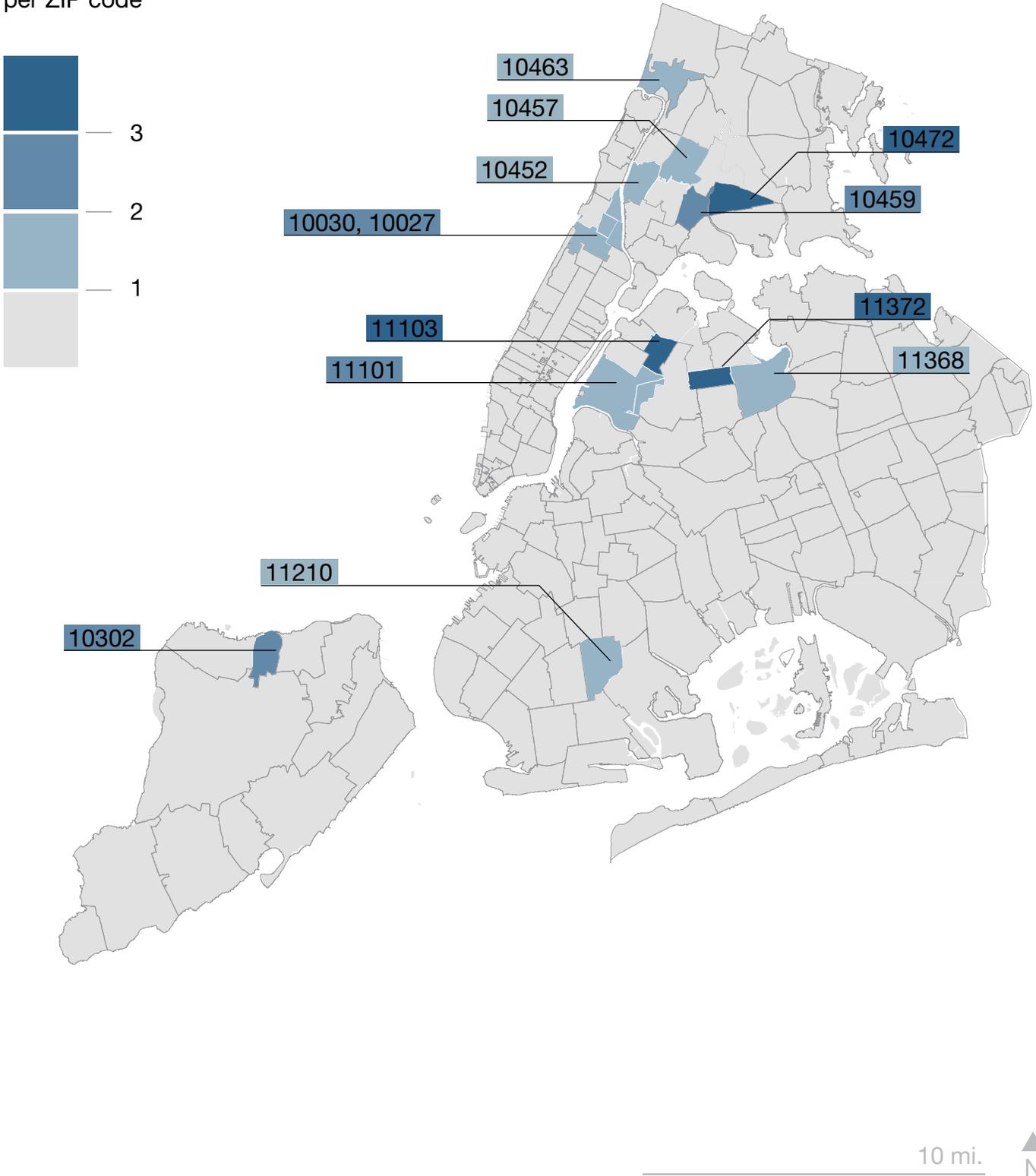
Of the 120 summonses,

- Two (2) were issued by DEP,
- Eight (8) were issued by the DOB,
- Seventy-nine (79) were issued by the DOHMH,
- Seven (7) were issued by FDNY, and
- Twenty-four (24) were issued by NYPD.

One (1) establishment was ordered to temporarily shut down their operations due to findings of the operation. The length of that closure was 135 minutes.

Q1-Q2 2020 Operations by ZIP Code

Number of operations
per ZIP code



Reporting process & data dictionary

Following the implementation of Local Law 220 (2019), the Office of Nightlife has collected data from each agency that participates in a M.A.R.C.H. operation to compile in this report.

The following table details the data that are included in this report.

Data structure for M.A.R.C.H. reporting in this report

Column name	Description
Location ID	Unique ID for nightlife establishment subject to M.A.R.C.H. operation. Establishments where an operation was requested, but did not occur are marked by a letter sequence
ZIP Code	ZIP Code where M.A.R.C.H. operation occurred
Borough	Borough where M.A.R.C.H. operation occurred
Council district	New York City Council district where M.A.R.C.H. operation occurred
Requesting precinct	NYPD Precinct that requested M.A.R.C.H. operation to occur
Conduct or complaint that led to requested operation (Count)	<p>Description of establishment conduct that resulted in requested MARCH operation as identified by NYPD. Count of violation indicated in parentheses</p> <p>Categories:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Disorderly patrons • Elevated sound • Harassment • Larceny • Physical assault • Promotion of gambling • Robbery • Sale of alcohol to a minor • Traffic congestion • Unlicensed sale of alcohol • Violent activity with a weapon
Date of inspection	Date of when M.A.R.C.H. operation was conducted
Time of visitation (hh:mm:ss)	Time recorded when first agency arrived to establishment
M.A.R.C.H. inspection	Number of times establishment received M.A.R.C.H. operation in this reporting period

Column name (cont.)	Description (cont.)
Inspection duration (h:mm)	Duration of the inspection, calculated using the earliest start time and the latest end time as reported by each agency
DEP	Record that indicates the number of NYC Department of Environmental Protection inspectors present at the M.A.R.C.H. operation
DOB	Record that indicates the number of NYC Department of Buildings inspectors present at the M.A.R.C.H. operation
DOHMH	Record that indicates the number of NYC Department of Health and Mental Hygiene inspectors present at the M.A.R.C.H. operation
FDNY	Record that indicates the number of NYC Fire Department inspectors present at the M.A.R.C.H. operation
NYPD	Record that indicates the number of NYC Police Department inspectors present at the M.A.R.C.H. operation
Total inspectors present	Total number of City agency inspectors present at the M.A.R.C.H. operation, calculated by the summation of personnel reported by each agency
DEP	Record that indicates the number of summonses issued by the NYC Department of Environmental Protection at the M.A.R.C.H. operation
DOB	Record that indicates the number of summonses issued by the NYC Department of Buildings at the M.A.R.C.H. operation
DOHMH	Record that indicates the number of summonses issued by the NYC Department of Health and Mental Hygiene at the M.A.R.C.H. operation
FDNY	Record that indicates the number of summonses issued by the NYC Fire Department at the M.A.R.C.H. operation
NYPD	Record that indicates the number of summonses issued by the NYC Police Department at the M.A.R.C.H. operation
Total summonses issued	Total number of summonses issued at the M.A.R.C.H. operation, calculated by the summation of summonses reported by each agency
Closure?	Record that indicates whether an establishment was ordered to close at the time of the M.A.R.C.H. operation due to the findings of an agency
Closure duration	Duration of the closure, as reported by each agency
Written Notices pursuant to Admin. Code § 14-181	<p>The number of written notices provided, as defined in section 14-181 of the administrative code, and the number of times, and reasons why, such written notice was not provided due to a law enforcement exception, as defined in section 14-181 of the administrative code.</p> <p>(Note: The requirement to issue a written notice at least 30 days prior to a M.A.R.C.H. operation took effect April 1, 2020, and as a result did not apply to the inspections in this reporting period.</p>

January

In January 2020*, there were nine (9) M.A.R.C.H. inspections performed by City agencies at nine (9) establishments, with one (1) establishment ordered to close at the time of the visit.

Of the 9 operations,

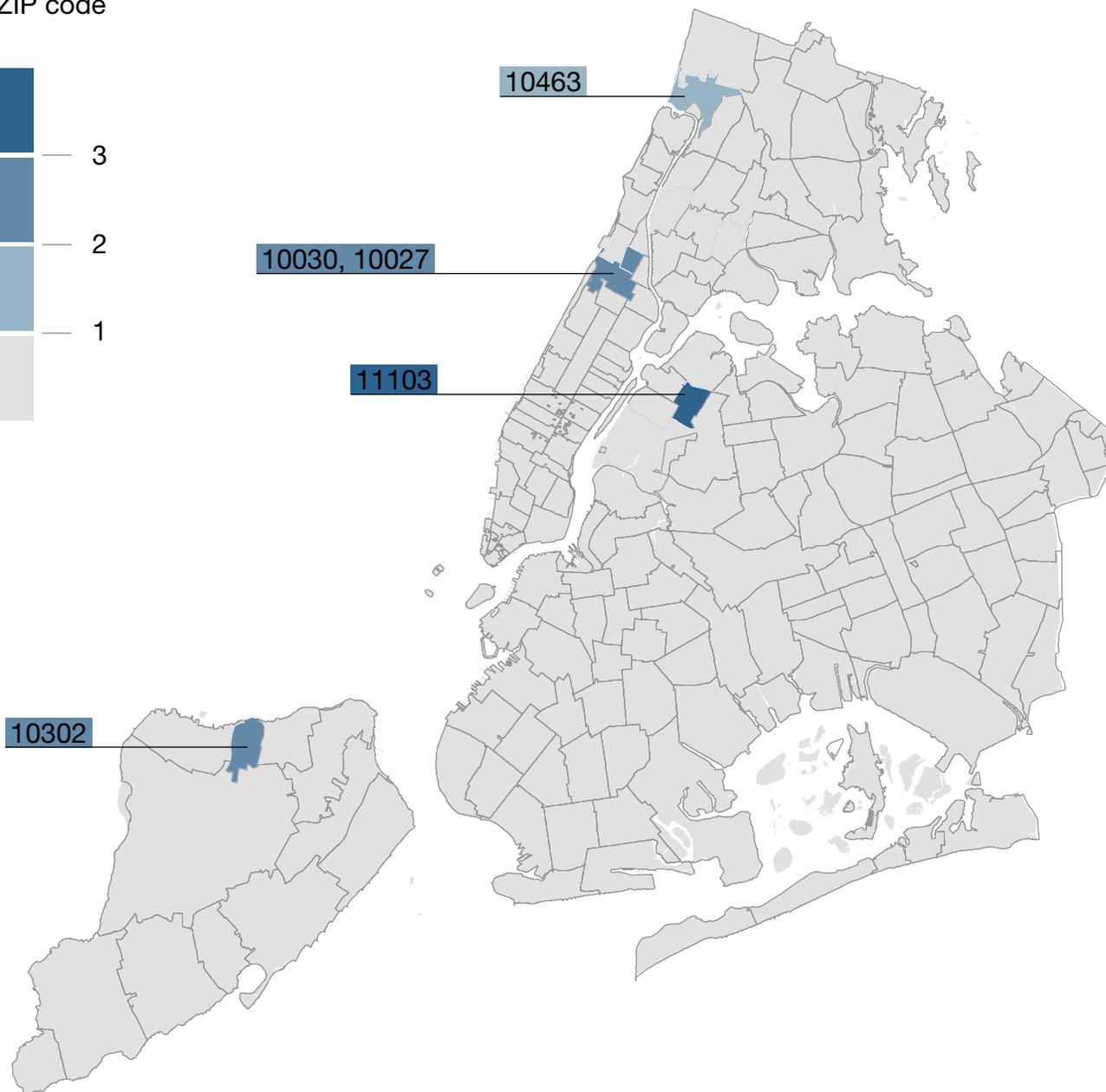
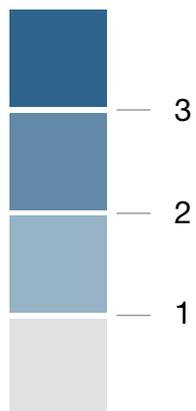
- One (1) took place in the Bronx,
- Three (3) took place in Manhattan,
- Zero (0) took place in Brooklyn,
- Three (3) took place in Queens, and
- Two (2) took place on Staten Island.

Additionally, two (2) M.A.R.C.H. inspections were requested and scheduled to take place but were not conducted.

*Please note that the January data includes operations that occurred in the early morning hours of February 1, 2020, as they were planned to occur the night of January 31, 2020.

Jan 2020 Operations by ZIP Code

Number of operations
per ZIP code



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January 10–11

Location ID	ZIP Code	Borough	Council District	Requesting Precinct	Conduct or complaint that led to requested operation (Count)	Date	Time	M.A.R.C.H. Inspection	Inspection duration (h:mm)
1	10037	Manhattan	9	32	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Disorderly patrons (1) Larceny (1) Traffic congestion (1) 	Jan. 10, 2020	10:30 PM	1	1h 20m
2	10027	Manhattan	9	32	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Larceny (1) Physical assault (2) Robbery (1) Violent activity with a weapon (3) 	Jan. 10, 2020	11:30 PM	1	1h 20m
3	10030	Manhattan	9	32	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Disorderly patrons (3) Elevated sound (1) Physical assault (3) Traffic congestion (1) 	Jan. 11, 2020	12:40 AM	1	2h 25m

Operation requested, but was not conducted

Location ID	ZIP Code	Borough	Council District	Requesting Precinct	Conduct or complaint that led to requested operation (Count)	Date	Time	M.A.R.C.H. Inspection
a	10039	Manhattan	9	32	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Elevated sound (3) Promotion of gambling (1) Traffic congestion (6) Unlicensed sale of alcohol (2) 	Jan. 11, 2020	N/A	0

Inspectors from City agencies present						Summonses issued						Closure?	Closure duration	Written Notices pursuant to Admin. Code § 14-181
DEP	DOB	DOHMH	FDNY	NYPD	Total	DEP	DOB	DOHMH	FDNY	NYPD	Total			
2	2	2	2	12	20	1	2	3	3	2	11	No	N/A	N/A
2	2	2	2	12	20	0	0	0	1	0	1	No	N/A	N/A
2	2	2	2	12	20	0	0	0	0	0	0	No	N/A	N/A

January 17

Location ID	ZIP Code	Borough	Council District	Requesting Precinct	Conduct or complaint that led to requested operation (Count)	Date	Time	M.A.R.C.H. Inspection	Inspection duration (h:mm)
4	10463	The Bronx	11	50	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Disorderly patrons (1)Physical assault (1)Violent activity with a weapon (1)	Jan. 17, 2020	10:50 PM	1	1h 20m

Inspectors from City agencies present						Summonses issued						Closure?	Closure duration	Written Notices pursuant to Admin. Code § 14-181
DEP	DOB	DOHMH	FDNY	NYPD	Total	DEP	DOB	DOHMH	FDNY	NYPD	Total			
2	2	2	2	13	21	0	0	3	1	0	4	No	N/A	N/A

January 24–25

Location ID	ZIP Code	Borough	Council District	Requesting Precinct	Conduct or complaint that led to requested operation (Count)	Date	Time	M.A.R.C.H. Inspection	Inspection duration (h:mm)
5	10302	Staten Island	49	121	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Disorderly patrons (2) Elevated sound (1) Harassment (1) 	Jan. 24, 2020	10:40 PM	1	1h 57m
6	10027	Staten Island	49	121	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Disorderly patrons (2) Larceny (7) Unlicensed sale of alcohol (1) 	Jan. 25, 2020	12:00 AM	1	3h 0m

Inspectors from City agencies present						Summonses issued						Closure?	Closure duration	Written Notices pursuant to Admin. Code § 14-181
DEP	DOB	DOHMH	FDNY	NYPD	Total	DEP	DOB	DOHMH	FDNY	NYPD	Total			
0	2	2	0	11	15	N/A	1	6	N/A	0	7	No	N/A	N/A
0	2	2	0	11	15	N/A	1	2	N/A	0	3	No	N/A	N/A

January 31–February 1

Location ID	ZIP Code	Borough	Council District	Requesting Precinct	Conduct or complaint that led to requested operation (Count)	Date	Time	M.A.R.C.H. Inspection	Inspection duration (h:mm)
7	11103	Queens	22	114	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Disorderly patrons (1) Larceny (3) Physical assault (2) Robbery (1) Violent activity with a weapon (1) 	Jan. 31, 2020	10:40 PM	1	1h 20m
8	11103	Queens	22	121	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Disorderly patrons (1) Larceny (2) Physical assault (2) Traffic congestion (10) 	Feb. 1, 2020	12:05 AM	1	1h 35m
9	11103	Queens	26	114	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Disorderly patrons (1) Larceny (1) Physical assault (1) Violent activity with a weapon (1) 	Feb. 1, 2020	1:40 AM	1	1h 6m

Operation requested, but was not conducted

Location ID	ZIP Code	Borough	Council District	Requesting Precinct	Conduct or complaint that led to requested operation (Count)	Date	Time	M.A.R.C.H. Inspection
b	11101	Queens	26	114	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Disorderly patrons (2) Larceny (3) Physical assault (3) 	Jan. 31, 2020	N/A	0

Inspectors from City agencies present						Summonses issued						Closure?	Closure duration	Written Notices pursuant to Admin. Code § 14-181
DEP	DOB	DOHMH	FDNY	NYPD	Total	DEP	DOB	DOHMH	FDNY	NYPD	Total			
0	2	2	0	13	17	N/A	1	5	N/A	2	8	No	N/A	N/A
0	2	2	0	13	17	N/A	0	6	N/A	1	7	No	N/A	N/A
0	2	2	0	13	17	N/A	0	6	N/A	2	8	No	N/A	N/A

February

In February 2020, there were eight (8) M.A.R.C.H. operations performed by City agencies at eight (8) establishments, with no establishments ordered to close at the time of the visit.

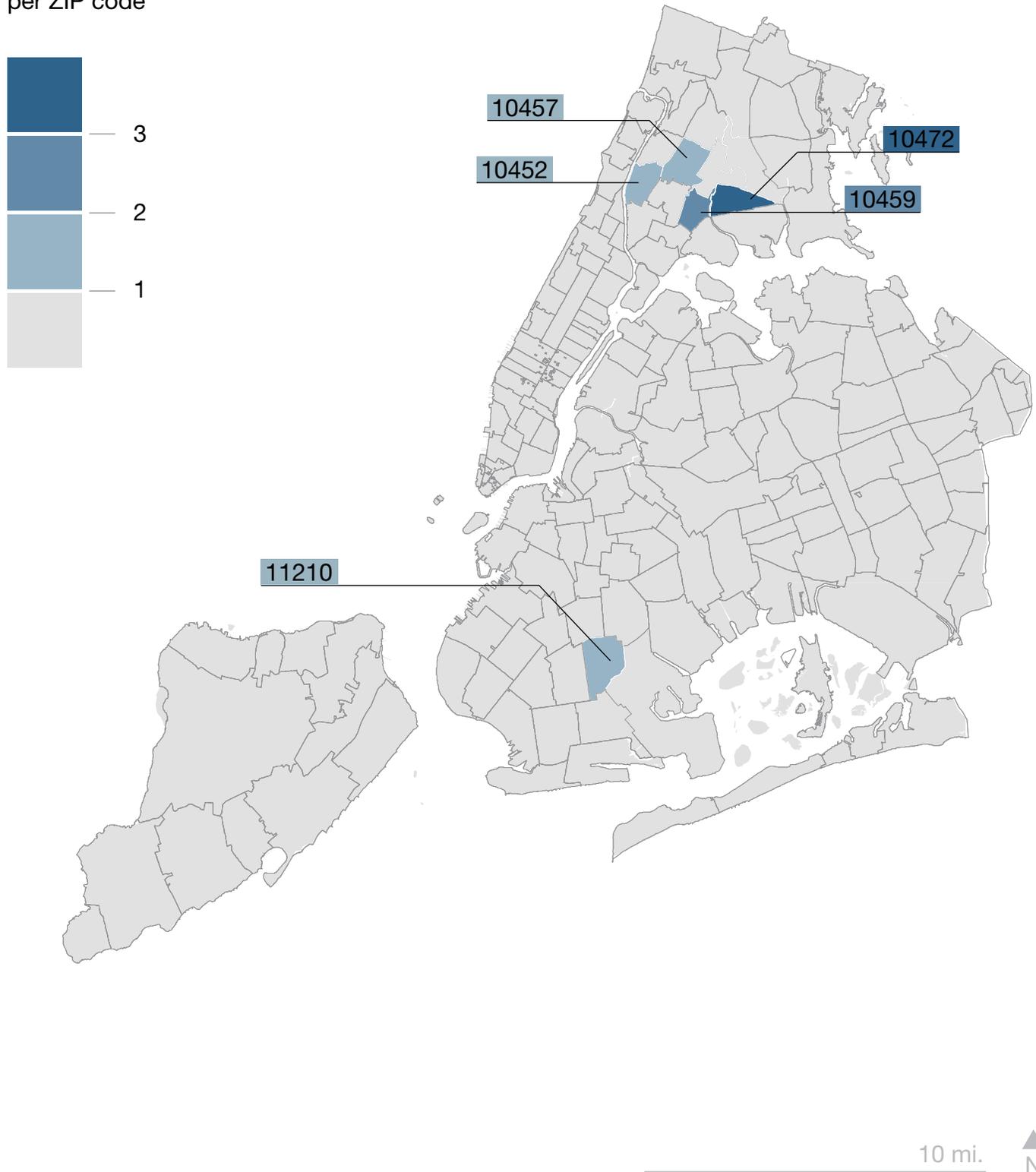
Of the 8 operations,

- Seven (7) took place in the Bronx,
- Zero (0) took place in Manhattan,
- One (1) took place in Brooklyn,
- Zero (0) took place in Queens, and
- Zero (0) took place in Staten Island.

Additionally, three (3) M.A.R.C.H. inspections were requested and scheduled to take place but were not conducted.

Feb 2020 Operations by ZIP Code

Number of operations
per ZIP code



February 7

Location ID	ZIP Code	Borough	Council District	Requesting Precinct	Conduct or complaint that led to requested operation (Count)	Date	Time	M.A.R.C.H. Inspection	Inspection duration (h:mm)
10	10459	The Bronx	17	41	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Violent activity with a weapon (1)	Feb. 7, 2020	10:45 PM	1	1h 55m
11	10459	The Bronx	17	41	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Sale of alcohol to a minor (4)	Feb. 7, 2020	11:15 PM	1	1h 15m

Inspectors from City agencies present						Summonses issued						Closure?	Closure duration	Written Notices pursuant to Admin. Code § 14-181
DEP	DOB	DOHMH	FDNY	NYPD	Total	DEP	DOB	DOHMH	FDNY	NYPD	Total			
2	2	2	2	7	15	0	0	0	0	1	1	No	N/A	N/A
2	2	2	2	7	15	0	0	1	0	1	2	No	N/A	N/A

February 14–15

Location ID	ZIP Code	Borough	Council District	Requesting Precinct	Conduct or complaint that led to requested operation (Count)	Date	Time	M.A.R.C.H. Inspection	Inspection duration (h:mm)
12	11210	Brooklyn	45	63	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Elevated sound (1) Physical assault (1) Violent activity with a weapon (2) 	Feb. 14, 2020	11:15 PM	1	2h 21m

Operation requested, but was not conducted

Location ID	ZIP Code	Borough	Council District	Requesting Precinct	Conduct or complaint that led to requested operation (Count)	Date	Time	M.A.R.C.H. Inspection
c	11234	Brooklyn	46	63	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Violent activity with a weapon (2) 	Feb. 15, 2020	N/A	0

Inspectors from City agencies present						Summonses issued						Closure?	Closure duration	Written Notices pursuant to Admin. Code § 14-181
DEP	DOB	DOHMH	FDNY	NYPD	Total	DEP	DOB	DOHMH	FDNY	NYPD	Total			
2	2	2	0	7	13	0	0	6	N/A	3	9	Yes	2h 15m	N/A

February 21–22

Location ID	ZIP Code	Borough	Council District	Requesting Precinct	Conduct or complaint that led to requested operation (Count)	Date	Time	M.A.R.C.H. Inspection	Inspection duration (h:mm)
13	10452	The Bronx	14	46	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Harassment (1) • Larceny (1) • Physical assault (2) • Violent activity with a weapon (2) 	Feb. 21, 2020	10:50 PM	1	1h 40m
14	10457	The Bronx	14	46	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sale of alcohol to a minor (4) 	Feb. 22, 2020	12:10 AM	1	2h 0m

Inspectors from City agencies present						Summonses issued						Closure?	Closure duration	Written Notices pursuant to Admin. Code § 14-181
DEP	DOB	DOHMH	FDNY	NYPD	Total	DEP	DOB	DOHMH	FDNY	NYPD	Total			
2	2	2	2	15	23	0	0	1	0	4	5	No	N/A	N/A
2	2	2	2	15	23	0	2	1	0	2	5	No	N/A	N/A

February 28–29

Location ID	ZIP Code	Borough	Council District	Requesting Precinct	Conduct or complaint that led to requested operation (Count)	Date	Time	M.A.R.C.H. Inspection	Inspection duration (h:mm)
15	10472	The Bronx	18	43	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Violent activity with a weapon (1) 	Feb. 28, 2020	10:27 PM	1	38m
16	10472	The Bronx	17	43	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Disorderly patrons (1) Physical assault (1) Robbery (1) 	Feb. 28, 2020	11:10 PM	1	1h 0m
17	10472	The Bronx	17	43	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Physical assault (4) 	Feb. 29, 2020	12:09 AM	1	46m

Operation requested, but was not conducted

Location ID	ZIP Code	Borough	Council District	Requesting Precinct	Conduct or complaint that led to requested operation (Count)	Date	Time	M.A.R.C.H. Inspection
d	10472	The Bronx	18	43	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Disorderly patrons (2) Larceny (3) Physical assault (3) 	Feb. 29, 2020	N/A	0
e	10462	The Bronx	18	43	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Promotion of gambling (1) Physical assault (3) 	Feb. 29, 2020	N/A	0

Inspectors from City agencies present						Summonses issued						Closure?	Closure duration	Written Notices pursuant to Admin. Code § 14-181
DEP	DOB	DOHMH	FDNY	NYPD	Total	DEP	DOB	DOHMH	FDNY	NYPD	Total			
2	2	3	2	13	22	0	0	1	0	0	1	No	N/A	N/A
2	2	3	2	13	22	0	1	5	2	0	8	No	N/A	N/A
2	2	3	2	13	22	0	0	3	0	0	3	No	N/A	N/A

March

In March 2020, there were six (6) M.A.R.C.H. operations performed by City agencies at six (6) establishments, with no establishments ordered to close at the time of the visit.

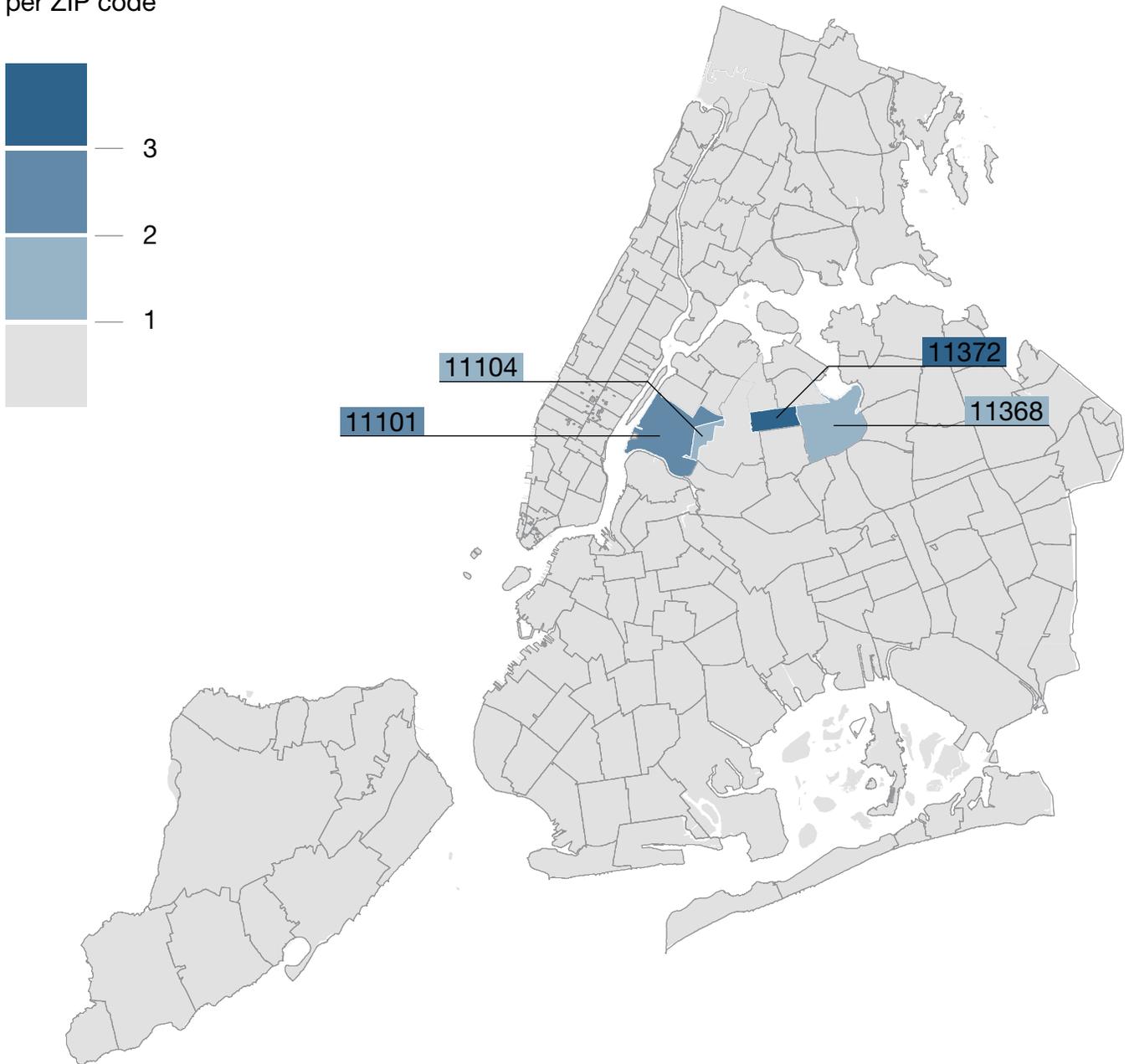
Of the 6 operations,

- Zero (0) took place in the Bronx,
- Zero (0) took place in Manhattan,
- Zero (0) took place in Brooklyn,
- Six (6) took place in Queens, and
- Zero (0) took place in Staten Island.

Due to the Covid-19 outbreak in the United States, M.A.R.C.H operations have been put on hold until further notice. As a result, no M.A.R.C.H. operations have occurred after March 14, 2020.

Mar 2020 Operations by ZIP Code

Number of operations
per ZIP code



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March 6–7

Location ID	ZIP Code	Borough	Council District	Requesting Precinct	Conduct or complaint that led to requested operation (Count)	Date	Time	M.A.R.C.H. Inspection	Inspection duration (h:mm)
18	11372	Queens	25		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Disorderly patrons (1) • Elevated sound (3) • Harassment (2) • Larceny (1) • Physical assault (5) 	Mar. 6, 2020	10:30 PM	1	1h 45m
19	11368	Queens	21	115	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Disorderly patrons (2) • Elevated sound (4) • Harassment (2) • Larceny (1) • Physical assault (3) • Unlicensed sale of alcohol (2) 	Mar. 6, 2020	11:00 PM	1	2h 19m
20	11372	Queens	21	115	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Physical assault (2) • Sale of alcohol to a minor (3) 	Mar. 7, 2020	12:30 AM	1	2h 42m
21	11372	Queens	21	115	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Harassment (1) • Physical assault (5) 	Mar. 7, 2020	3:23 AM	1	50m

Inspectors from City agencies present						Summonses issued						Closure?	Closure duration	Written Notices pursuant to Admin. Code § 14-181
DEP	DOB	DOHMH	FDNY	NYPD	Total	DEP	DOB	DOHMH	FDNY	NYPD	Total			
2	0	2	0	7	11	0	N/A	7	N/A	3	10	No	N/A	N/A
2	0	2	0	7	11	1	N/A	7	N/A	2	9	No	N/A	N/A
2	0	2	0	7	11	0	N/A	4	N/A	0	4	No	N/A	N/A
0	0	2	0	7	9	N/A	N/A	4	N/A	0	4	No	N/A	N/A

March 13–14

Location ID	ZIP Code	Borough	Council District	Requesting Precinct	Conduct or complaint that led to requested operation (Count)	Date	Time	M.A.R.C.H. Inspection	Inspection duration (h:mm)
22	11104	Queens	26	108	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Harassment (1) • Physical assault (1) • Sale of alcohol to a minor (1) 	Mar. 13, 2020	10:50 PM	1	1h 40m
23	11101	Queens	26	108	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Harassment (1) • Larceny (2) • Robbery (1) • Physical assault (1) • Violent activity with a weapon (2) 	Mar. 14, 2020	12:45 AM	1	46m

Inspectors from City agencies present						Summonses issued						Closure?	Closure duration	Written Notices pursuant to Admin. Code § 14-181
DEP	DOB	DOHMH	FDNY	NYPD	Total	DEP	DOB	DOHMH	FDNY	NYPD	Total			
2	0	2	0	15	19	0	N/A	5	N/A	2	7	No	N/A	N/A
2	0	2	0	15	19	0	N/A	3	N/A	0	3	No	N/A	N/A