

On the night of **Tuesday, January 27th, 2026**, the NYC Department of Social Services will conduct the 21st annual Homeless Outreach Population Estimate (HOPE) Survey – and NYC needs your help.



HOPE is a point-in-time survey undertaken each winter to estimate the number of New Yorkers experiencing unsheltered homelessness. The results gathered through this survey provide valuable information that helps better inform the allocation of resources to address homelessness in the City.

Volunteers conduct the HOPE survey by canvassing streets, parks, subways, and other public spaces, and are needed from approximately 10:00PM to 4:00AM on the night of January 27th. The HOPE survey provides vital data that helps shape how the CITY directs resources to address homelessness.

We encourage you to volunteer on your own or with friends and family. Please visit [NYC HOPE – Homeless Outreach Population Estimate](#) to learn more and to register. There are HOPE training sites across the 5 boroughs you can select. Your participation is essential to helping address the challenge of homelessness and support some of our City's most vulnerable residents as they get back on their feet.

REGISTER TO VOLUNTEER HERE:

[NYC HOPE – Homeless Outreach Population Estimate](#)