

# Queens Community Board 2

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 New York Blood Center Enterprises

Founded in 1964, New York Blood Center (NYBC), operated by New York Blood Center Enterprises, is one of the largest nonprofit community blood centers in the world and delivers lifesaving blood products and services as well as clinical, medical, pharmaceutical, testing, and consultative services to over 400 hospitals and dozens of research organizations, academic institutions, and biopharmaceutical companies.

**60+**

years serving  
the tri-state  
area

**500,000+**

lifesaving blood  
products delivered  
annually

**150+**

hospitals, EMS,  
and healthcare  
partners

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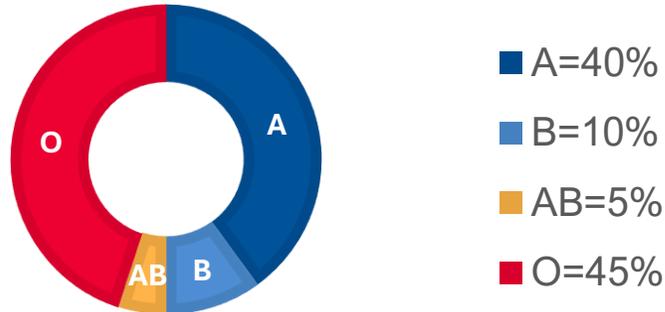




# Diversity is our priority

## Rare Blood Inventory

Average blood types of the population



Finding compatible blood for someone with rare markers or a rare blood type is challenging. Our world-renowned team of "matchmakers" in our Immunohematology Laboratory search for the most compatible blood for a patient in need. NYBCe has the largest inventory of rare blood types in the U.S.

## Leader in Sickle Cell Research and Support

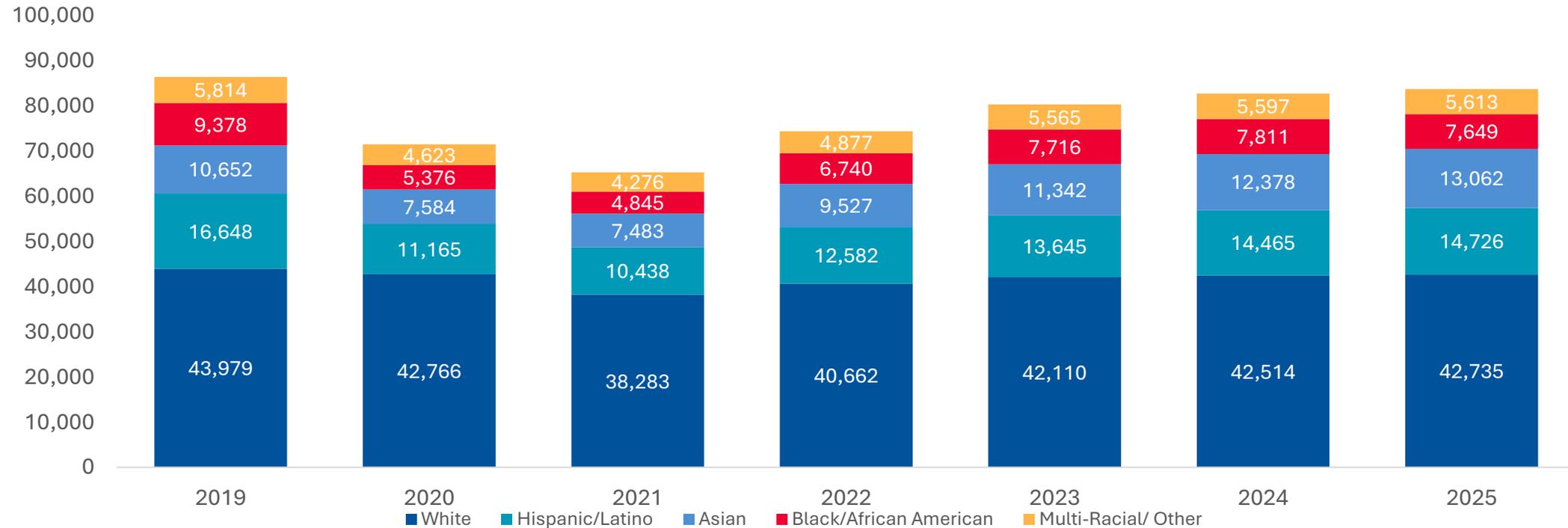


**1 IN 3**   
AFRICAN-AMERICAN BLOOD DONORS  
**are a match** FOR A PATIENT WITH SICKLE CELL DISEASE

Our Lindsley F. Kimball Research Institute has a longstanding commitment to sickle cell disease patients. We serve not only their transfusion needs but also develop novel treatments, including stem cell therapies, as well as raise awareness through partnerships with local sickle cell disease advocacy groups.

# Blood Donor Statistics

## NEW YORK CITY



The pandemic devastated New York’s blood supply, resulting in a disproportionate loss in communities of color. We have made considerable investments in opening new permanent donor centers—including in Manhattan, Queens, and the Bronx—and continue to rebuild donations from mobile drives with the support of community partners.

# New Queens Donor Center



## Queens Donor Center

 [Schedule Appointment](#)

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Sunday	8:15 AM – 3:15 PM
Monday	1:15 PM – 8:15 PM
Tuesday	8:15 AM – 3:15 PM
Wednesday	Closed
Thursday	<b>1:15 PM – 8:15 PM</b>
Friday	11:00 AM – 6:00 PM
Saturday	Closed



**Opened** December 2025

# National Blood Donor Month – January 2026

**Celebrating  
National Blood  
Donor Month**  
Thank you, donors!

## Overview

- Established in **1970** to honor Americans who voluntarily donate blood.
- Created during a period when the need for **safe, reliable blood supplies** was growing.
- **January** was chosen because winter typically brings a drop in donations.

## Focus and Goal of the Month

- Aims to boost awareness and encourage donations during a **high-need, low-supply** season.
- Highlights that **volunteer donors are the only source** of lifesaving blood—blood cannot be manufactured.





# Blood Emergency

## Donors needed.

*In recent weeks, blood donations have dropped nearly 40% below what is needed to meet hospital demand, resulting in less than a two-day supply of blood for more than 200 hospitals across the tri-state area. The emergency declaration follows an exceptionally challenging end to the year, caused by a combination of events that sharply reduced blood donations:*

### **Severe winter weather**

across New York and New Jersey, including a recent storm that dropped more than a foot of snow in some areas and resulted in New York City's largest snowfall in four years, led to disrupted travel and forced blood drive cancellations.

### **Record seasonal illness,**

with flu cases surging to levels nearly double recent weeks, levels not typically seen until late January. New York State's Department of Health recently reported the highest single-week total of positive flu cases since tracking began in 2004.

### **Major holiday disruptions,**

with Christmas and New Year's Day both falling on Thursdays, typically one of the highest collection days each week, resulting in a near-total loss of midweek donations for two consecutive weeks and approximately **10,000 fewer donations** than needed to meet hospital demand.

# How You Can Help

Donate **Blood**



Host a **Drive**



Spread the **Word**



# By the Numbers – Impact of a Blood Donation

 <p><b>If just 1% more</b> Americans donate blood, shortages would be alleviated.</p>	 <p><b>3% of the population</b> donates blood each year. Join them.</p>	<p><b>An organ transplant recipient may need up to</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>40</b> Red Blood Cell Units</li> <li><b>30</b> Platelet Units</li> <li><b>25</b> Plasma Units</li> </ul>
 <p>On average, pediatric patients use <b>652,000 units</b> of blood annually</p>	 <p><b>1 in 7</b> hospitalized patients need blood</p>	
 <p><b>Every 2 seconds</b> someone in the U.S. needs blood</p>	 <p><b>Nearly 42,000</b> blood components are used by patients every day</p>	
 <p><b>25% of the blood supply</b> is used by patients battling cancer</p>	 <p><b>Nearly 30,000</b> units of red blood cells are used by patients every day</p>	 <p><b>Nearly 42,000</b> blood components are used by patients every day</p>
 <p><b>1 in 3 African American</b> blood donors are a match for a patient with Sickle cell disease</p>	 <p><b>50 Red Blood Cell Units</b> can be used by a person injured in an automobile accident</p>	 <p>Transfusions are needed in <b>1 in 83 infant deliveries</b></p>
 <p><b>1 donation</b> can help save more than one life</p>	 <p><b>8 Platelet Units per week</b> can be used by a patient undergoing chemotherapy treatment</p>	 <p><b>46% of patients</b> who received a platelet transfusion also have a type of cancer</p>



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# Thank you for your time and consideration

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