

NYC'S A NEW LENS FOR HOUSING PLAN

HOUSING PLAN FOR A CITY OF IMMIGRANTS 

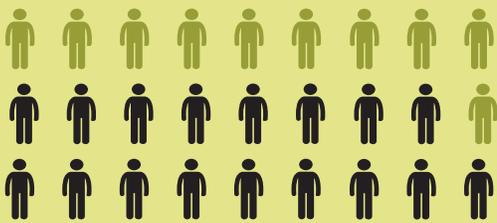
A New Lens for NYC's Housing Plan:

The next housing plan is an opportunity for communities and policymakers to widen the conversation beyond counting units, articulate new metrics, and develop a shared vision of housing policy for NYC.

Immigration has always been a key force driving New York City's success. Millions of newcomers from across the globe have led the city's growth and prosperity and shaped the unique cultural fabric of its neighborhoods. Today, the foreign-born population has reached its peak of 3.2 million, accounting for nearly 4 in 10 New Yorkers. The role of these residents is more pressing than ever, yet many of their housing needs are insufficiently met. Foreign-born New Yorkers work more for lower wages and experience higher poverty rates than their U.S.-born neighbors, despite their outsized contributions to the workforce and economy. Most households in the city include at least one foreign-born member, yet a far greater share of immigrants live in overcrowded conditions. **Such disparities threaten the stability and success of the immigrant population, bearing consequences for millions of families, New York City's character and economic outcomes.**

New York City's current housing plan aims solely to create and preserve a target number of affordable units, without regard for the broad spectrum of housing needs that exist across its diverse population. Depending on family and household structures and preferred living arrangements, immigrant New Yorkers may not be best served by prevailing housing typologies. Residents lacking proficiency in English may face difficulty navigating resources to access affordable, high-quality housing. **The next housing plan could address these disparities and more to align the city's housing policy with its past, present, and future as a city of immigrants.**

A HOUSING PLAN FOR A CITY OF IMMIGRANTS WOULD ADVANCE OPPORTUNITY FOR MILLIONS OF NEW YORKERS AND SECURE NEW YORK'S FUTURE AS A DIVERSE, THRIVING METROPOLIS.



Immigrants make up

37%

of NYC's population

and **44%** of the workforce.



2x as many undocumented immigrants as U.S.-born residents live in overcrowded housing,

or **1 in 3**



Immigrants own **1/2** of NYC's small businesses,

but their median income is **-\$16k** than U.S.-born residents.

50% OF FOREIGN-BORN NEW YORKERS HAVE LIMITED PROFICIENCY IN ENGLISH.



300,000

children in NYC live with 1+ undocumented residents;

78%

ARE U.S. CITIZENS.



Out of all New Yorkers, 21% are **naturalized** citizens, 11% are **lawfully permanent** residents, and 5% are **undocumented**.

1 in 6 LAWFULLY PERMANENT RESIDENTS ARE RENT-BURDENED.