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More New Yorkers are in shelter than ever before.

Nightly Shelter Population

Source: Coalition for the Homeless (using data from New York City Department of Homeless Services, New York City Human Resources Administration, and NYCStat shelter census reports)
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Over 40% of sheltered homeless are children.

Source: DHS Daily Report

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10,000+ families enter shelters each year.

Source: Mayor’s Management Report

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New York City spends over $1 billion annually.

NYC Department of Homeless Services Total Spending

$1,200
$1,000
$800
$600
$400
$200
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Plan

Source: NYC Office of Management & Budget

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Homebase (2004-present)

• Funded through DHS and administered by community-based organizations in all five boroughs

• Eligibility:
  – Household income is between $15,000-$30,000
  – At immediate risk of homelessness
  – Eviction petition has been filed
  – Household has ability to pay rent in the future

• Provides:
  – Emergency rental assistance
  – Job training and placement
  – Benefits advocacy
  – Household budgeting
  – Family and tenant/landlord mediation

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Homebase Locations
(as of December 2014)
Family Eviction Prevention Supplement (FEPS) (2005-present)

- Administered by the New York State Office of Temporary Disability Assistance
- Eligibility:
  - Eviction petition has been filed
  - Recipient of cash assistance
  - Have a child younger than 18 or 19 and in high school and at home
- Provides:
  - Rental assistance for up to five years
  - Payment of up to $7,000 in rental arrears
- The New York City Human Resources Administration makes rental payments to landlords
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