Lower East Side & Chinatown
Manhattan Community District 3 (CD 3)
Data at a Glance

The Lower East Side and Chinatown is an historic neighborhood in lower Manhattan. Cultural richness, arts, and historic sites attract many residents and visitors. Public and subsidized housing is a vital resource. Numerous community-based organizations provide resources and support.
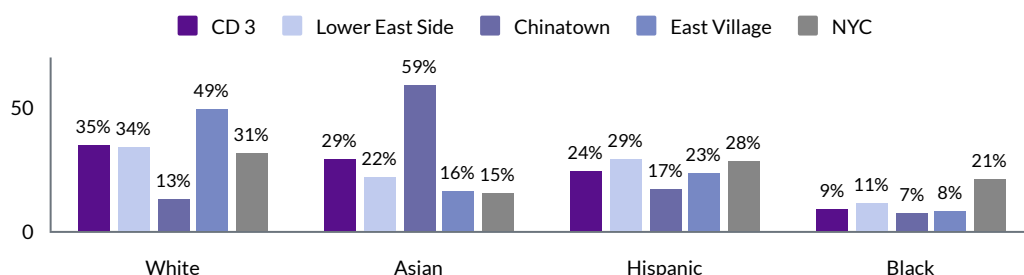
Population
153,000

The majority of residents in Manhattan Community District 3 (CD 3) are White, Asian or Hispanic. The population of CD 3 is older than NYC. CD 3 has long been home to a number of immigrants. Many residents speak a language other than English at home, with Chinese and Spanish being the most common.
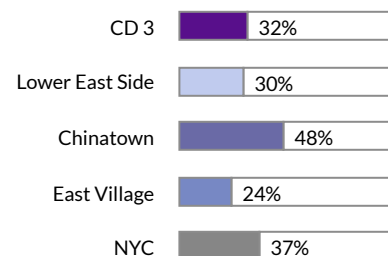
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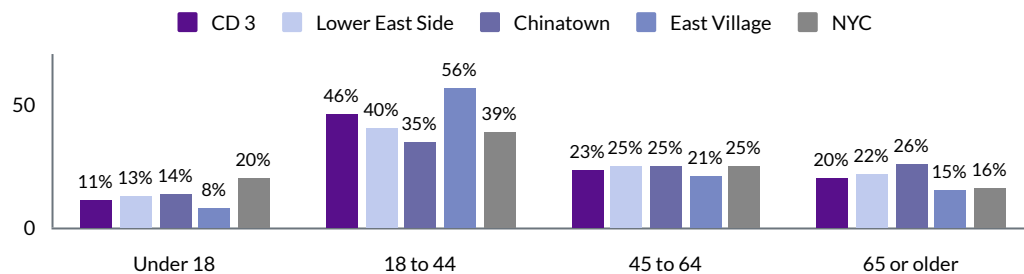% individuals by race and ethnicity

Legend: CD 3, Lower East Side, Chinatown, East Village, NYC

	CD 3	Lower East Side	Chinatown	East Village	NYC
White	35%	34%	13%	49%	31%
Asian	29%	22%	59%	16%	15%
Hispanic	24%	29%	17%	23%	28%
Black	9%	11%	7%	8%	21%

Age
% individuals by age group

Legend: CD 3, Lower East Side, Chinatown, East Village, NYC

	CD 3	Lower East Side	Chinatown	East Village	NYC
Under 18	11%	13%	14%	8%	20%
18 to 44	46%	40%	35%	56%	39%
45 to 64	23%	25%	25%	21%	25%
65 or older	20%	22%	26%	15%	16%

Birth Place
% individuals born outside United States

CD 3	32%
Lower East Side	30%
Chinatown	48%
East Village	24%
NYC	37%

Home Language
% individuals who speak language other than English

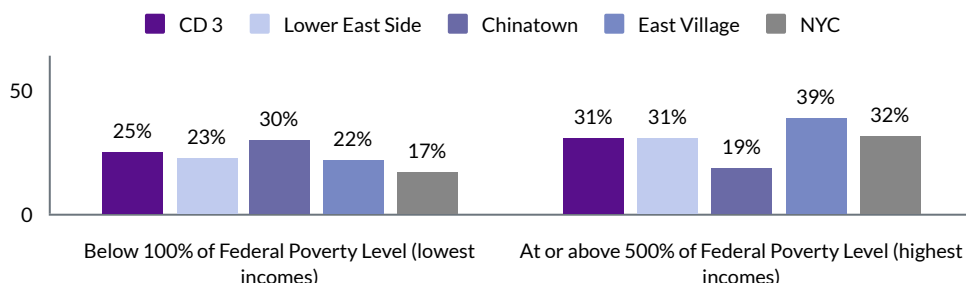|	
CD 3	44%
Lower East Side	44%
Chinatown	63%
East Village	33%
NYC	48%
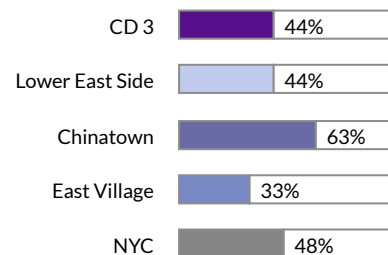
Income and Housing

Overall, the poverty rate in CD 3 is higher than NYC overall and stands in contrast to adjoining wealthier neighborhoods in Lower Manhattan. Poverty rates are even higher among older adults in CD 3. In recent years, new housing developments have attracted wealthier residents. Within the same block, residents can have incomes at the lowest and highest levels. This economic variety can mask poverty and social needs. CD 3 is home to many public housing developments. Many renter households are severely rent-burdened (paying 50% or more of income on rent).
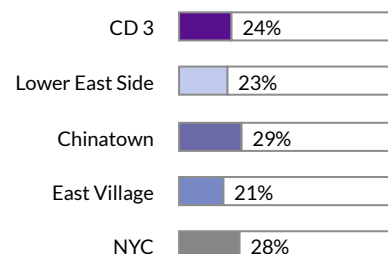
Poverty and Wealth
% individuals by income relative to poverty level

Legend: CD 3, Lower East Side, Chinatown, East Village, NYC

	CD 3	Lower East Side	Chinatown	East Village	NYC
Below 100% of Federal Poverty Level (lowest incomes)	25%	23%	30%	22%	17%
At or above 500% of Federal Poverty Level (highest incomes)	31%	31%	19%	39%	32%

Severe Rent-burden
% renter-occupied housing units paying 50% or more of income on rent

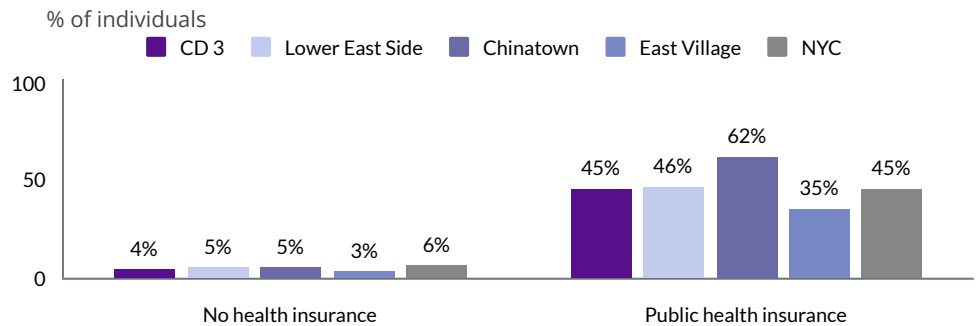|	
CD 3	24%
Lower East Side	23%
Chinatown	29%
East Village	21%
NYC	28%

Source: American Community Survey, 2019-2023

Health Insurance

Overall in CD 3 a similar percent of residents do not have health insurance as residents citywide.

In Chinatown, nearly two-thirds of residents have public health insurance.

% of individuals

Legend: CD 3 | Lower East Side | Chinatown | East Village | NYC

No health insurance: 4%, 5%, 5%, 3%, 6%
Public health insurance: 45%, 46%, 62%, 35%, 45%

Source: American Community Survey, 2019-2023

Basic Needs

Many New Yorkers have trouble meeting their basic needs for food or housing. While lower than NYC, more than one-quarter of CD 3 adults experienced food insecurity. About one in five adults in CD 3 were delayed paying rent or mortgage, similar to adults citywide.
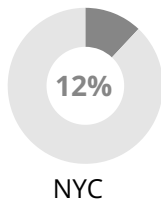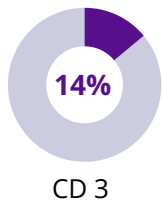
Food Insecurity
- CD 3: 29%
- NYC: 37%
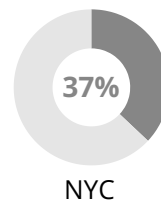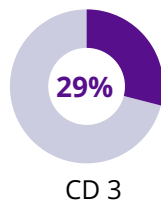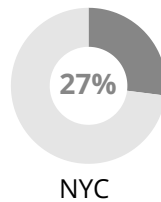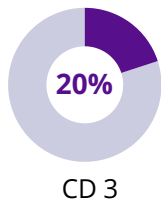
Delayed Paying Rent/Mortgage
- CD 3: 20%
- NYC: 22%
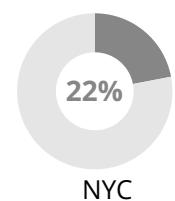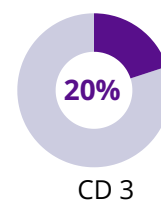
Adult Health

A similar percent of adults in CD 3 have diabetes, obesity, and high blood pressure as adults citywide.

Diabetes
- CD 3: 14%
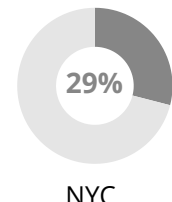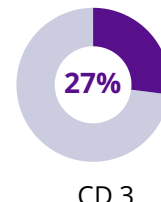- NYC: 12%

Obesity
- CD 3: 20%
- NYC: 27%

High Blood Pressure
- CD 3: 27%
- NYC: 29%

Source: NYC Community Health Survey, 2021-2022

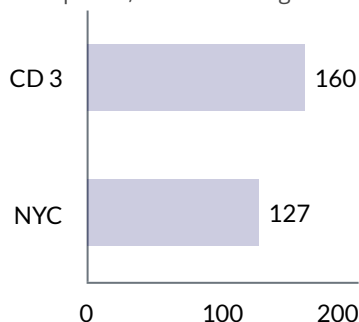## Children's Health

Rates of asthma-related emergency department (ED) visits among children aged 5 to 17 years are higher in CD 3 than citywide.

The teen birth rate is lower in CD 3 than citywide.
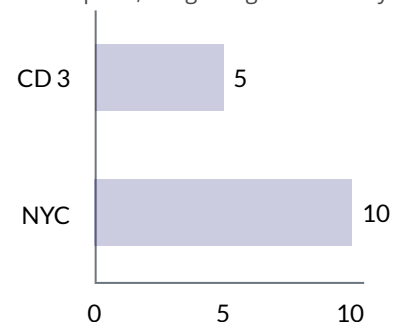
Asthma ED Visits
Rate per 10,000 children aged 5 to 17 years
- CD 3: 160
- NYC: 127

Source: NYS SPARCS, 2022

Teen Births
Rate per 1,000 girls aged 15 to 19 years
- CD 3: 5
- NYC: 10

Source: NYC Vital Statistics, 2017-2020

Lower East Side & Chinatown (Manhattan Community District 3): Data At A Glance: Data Source Notes

Measures	Data Source	Data Obtained From	Geography
* Total Population * Percent of population who identify as Asian * Percent of population who identify as Hispanic * Percent of population who identify as Black * Percent of population who identify as White * Percent of population born outside the United States * Percent of population ages 5 years or older who speak language other than English * Percent of individuals for whom poverty status is determined who live in households with incomes below the Federal Poverty Level * Percent of individuals for whom poverty status is determined who live in households with incomes at or above 500% of the Federal Poverty Level * Percent of renter-occupied households severely rent-burdened (paying 50% or more of income on rent) * Percent of individuals with public health insurance * Percent of individuals with no health insurance	American Community Survey, 2019-2023	NYC Dept of City Planning Population Fact Finder	Community District Tabulation Area, 2020: Manhattan CD 3; Neighborhood Tabulation Areas, 2020: East Village, Lower East Side, Chinatown Neighborhood Tabulation Area boundaries are created for data summary purposes and may not align perfectly with neighborhood identity.
* Percent of adults ages 18 years or older classified as food insecure (in the past 12 months reported often or sometimes being worried about running out of food or running out of food and not able to purchase more) * Percent of adults ages 18 years or older delayed paying rent or mortgage in past 12 months * Percent of adults ages 18 years or older ever told high blood pressure [a] * Percent of adults ages 18 years or older with obesity (body mass index ≥ 30) [a] * Percent of adults ages 18 years or older ever told diabetes [a]	NYC Community Health Survey, 2021-2022 b	NYC Health Dept, data request	Community District, Manhattan 3
* Asthma-related emergency department visits, rate per 10,000 children ages 5 to 17 years (based on location of residence)	NYS SPARCS (Hospital Discharges), 2022	NYC Environment and Health Data Portal	Community District, Manhattan 3
* Birth rate per 1,000 girls ages 15-19 years	NYC Vital Statistics, 2017-2020	Citizens Committee for Children	Community District, Manhattan 3

[a] age-adjusted to US 2000 Standard Population; [b] CHS 2021-2022 Community District data are weighted to the NYC adult residential population per the American Community Survey, 2021; CHS data based on comparisons between MN CD 3 and the rest of New York City.

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