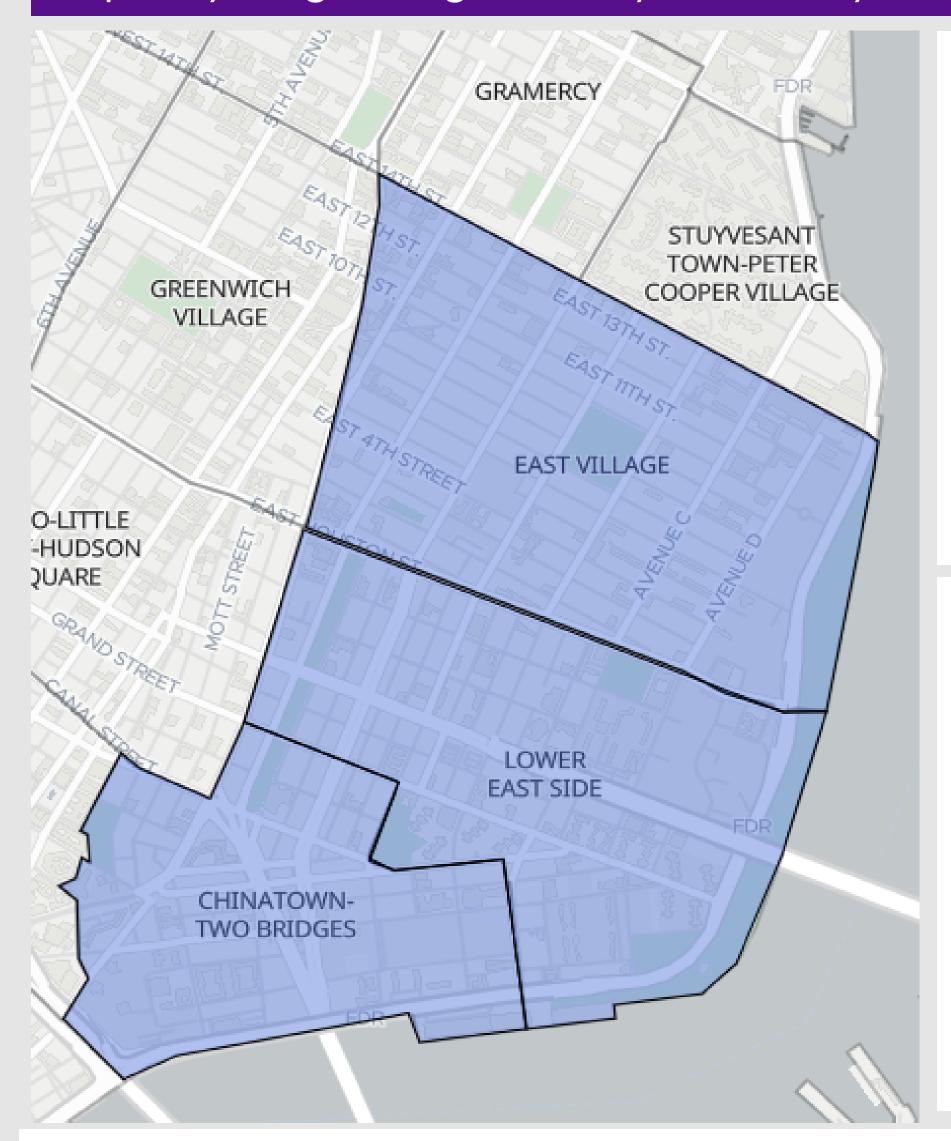# Lower East Side/Chinatown: Data at a Glance

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Population and Language

163,000

34% White
31% Asian
24% Latinx
8% Black

Decennial Census 2020

47% Speak language other than English
26% speak English less than very well

16% Speak Spanish
36% speak English less than very well

24% Speak Chinese dialect
78% speak English less than very well

American Community Survey, 2016-2020

	NYC	CD 3	East Village	Lower East Side	Chinatown
Born Outside US	36%	33%	23%	32%	52%
Poverty	17%	27%	23%	26%	32%
Severe rent burden	28%	24%	22%	21%	30%

American Community Survey, 2016-2020

Adult Health

22% High Blood Pressure
similar to NYC

14% Obese
lower than NYC

13% Diabetes
similar to NYC

13% Asthma
similar to NYC

76% Have personal health care provider
similar to NYC

12% Didn't get needed medical care
similar to NYC

11% Often/sometimes didn't have enough food
similar to NYC

10% 18-64 year olds without health insurance*
similar to NYC

Community Health Survey, 2017-2018; 2019-2020

interpret with caution due to small sample size

Children's Health

228 per 10,000

Asthma-related Emergency Department visit rate 5 to 17 years

higher than NYC

NYSDOH, SPARCS, 2018

5 per 1,000

Births to girls 15-19 years

lower than NYC

NYC Vital Statistics, 2017-2019

16 per 100

Public school students grades K-8 with obesity

lower than NYC

NYC DOE, FITNESSGRAM, 2016-2017

Beyond the Numbers

The Lower East Side and Chinatown is a historic neighborhood long home to many immigrants. Cultural diversity and landmarks attract many residents and visitors. Public housing is a vital resource. A number of community-based organizations provide resources and support.

Lower East Side/Chinatown: 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 Black * Percent of population who identify as Latinx * Percent of population who identify as White	Decennial Census 2020	NYC Dept of City Planning Population Fact Finder	Community District Tabulation Area, 2020: Manhattan CD 3
* Percent of population ages 5 years or older who speak language other than English at home * Percent of population ages 5 years or older who speak language other than English who speak English less than very well * Percent of population ages 5 years or older who speak Spanish at home * Percent of population ages 5 years or older who speak Spanish at home who speak English less than very well * Percent of population ages 5 years or older who speak a Chinese language at home * Percent of population ages 5 years or older who speak a Chinese language at home who speak English less than very well	American Community Survey, 2016-2020	NYC Dept of City Planning Population Fact Finder	Community District Tabulation Area, 2020: Manhattan CD 3
* Percent of population born outside the United States * Percent of individuals for whom poverty status is determined who live in households with incomes below the Federal Poverty Level * Percent of renter-occupied households whose gross rent is 50% or more of household income	American Community Survey, 2016-2020	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
* 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] * Percent of adults ages 18 years or older still have asthma [a] * Percent of adults ages 18 years or older have a personal health care provider [a] * Percent of adults ages 18 years or older didn't get needed medical care [a] * Percent of adults ages 18-64 years who do not have health insurance	NYC Community Health Survey, 2019-2020 [b]	NYU analysis of data from NYC Health Dept	Community District, Manhattan 3, (PUMA, 2010, approximation)
* Percent of adults ages 18 years or older often/sometimes didn't have enough food to eat [a]	NYC Community Health Survey, 2017-2018 [c]	NYU analysis of data from NYC Health Dept	Community District, Manhattan 3, (PUMA, 2010, approximation)
* Asthma-related emergency department visits, rate per 10,000 children ages 5 to 17 years	NYS SPARCS, 2018	NYC Environment and Health Data Portal	United Hospital Fund Neighborhood, 309 (Zip codes 10002, 10003, 10009)
* Birth rate per 1,000 girls ages 15-19 years	NYC Vital Statistics, 2017-2019	Citizens Committee for Children	Community District, Manhattan 3
* Percent of public school children grades K-8 with obesity	NYC DOE FITNESSGRAM, 2016-2017	NYC Community Health Profile, 2018	Community District, Manhattan 3

[a] age-adjusted to US 2000 Standard Population; [b] CHS 2019-2020 Community District data are weighted to the NYC adult residential population per the American Community Survey, 2019; [c] CHS 2017-2018 Community District data are weighted to the NYC adult residential population per the American Community Survey 2013-2017; CHS data based on comparisons between Lower East Side/Chinatown and the rest of New York City.   Questions/Comments: Contact the Brooklyn Data Station (brooklyndatastation@nyulangone.org)
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