

Bronx Community Districts - Supplementary Waiver Justification

Despite their proximity to Midtown Manhattan, the six Bronx Community Districts for which New York State is requesting an ABAWD waiver face unique barriers to participation in the labor market. In addition to unemployment rates of over 10 percent, these districts exhibit:

- low job quality (“The State of Job Quality...”),
- concentrated poverty (“Concentrated Poverty”),
- housing instability (“Mapping Equity – Residential Evictions”),
- high cost-burden of childcare (“Cost Burden for Infant...”),
- limited broadband access (“Mapping Equity – Mobile Broadband Access;”
“Mapping Equity – Wired Broadband Access”)
- relatively low transit access (Whong, Chris; “Build New Subway Lines...”) and vehicle ownership (“Car Ownership...”) compared to other parts of New York City, and
- high rates of asthma (Godavarthi Raju, Lakhi) and heat vulnerability (“Mapping Equity – Heat Vulnerability”)

The combination of these factors further limits community district residents in their ability to seek work and commute safely.

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