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Neighborhood Park Access in NYC

The 10-minute walk metric, which has become widely adopted by cities across the country, provides a baseline measure of park access. It classifies communities into two categories: those who live within walking distance of at least one park and those that don't. Having access to close-to-home park space is essential. Research shows again and again that people are happier and healthier when they have access to safe and welcoming nearby parks and green space.

What about places, like New York City, where nearly everybody lives within walking distance of at least one park, yet there remain vast disparities in the amount and quality of those parks? In this report, we expand the idea of the 10-minute walk metric by comparing the *amount* of park space within walking distance of somebody's home.

Findings

In this special report, we find the average New Yorker has access to about 35 acres of parks and green space within walking distance of their home, or about 7% of their surrounding neighborhood land area. Yet, too many New Yorkers have far less.

Residents in the twenty least-parked neighborhoods in the city have just a third (or less) the amount of park space as the average resident. And Queens is disproportionately home to these neighborhoods, such as Ozone Park, Rego Park, and South Richmond Hill. Thirteen of those twenty least-parked neighborhoods (nearly two-thirds!) are in Queens – the most expansive borough in the city and the most diverse county in the country.

The good news? Many New Yorkers have an abundance of parks and greenspace within walking distance of their home. The Bronx's Norwood (Van Cortlandt Park and Bronx Park), Manhattan's Inwood (Inwood Hill Park & Fort Tryon Park), Staten Island's Arden Heights & Rossville (Arden Heights Woods), Manhattan's Upper West Side (Central Park), and Brooklyn's Spring Creek and Starrett City (Shirley Chisholm State Park) pace the city's leaderboard, with residents in those neighborhoods having 25% or more of their surrounding neighborhood dedicated to parks and open space.

Methodology

The analysis includes all publicly accessible parks or park-like spaces (e.g. schoolyards open for community use after hours) in New York City in Trust for Public Land's ParkServe database as of November 2025, including those managed by other public agencies and private entities (e.g. Bryant Park). Neighborhoods follow the [NYC 2020](#) naming conventions and boundaries, with non-residential neighborhoods (less than 15,000 population), such as airports or cemeteries, excluded.

The calculation of park space within walking distance of somebody's home summarizes the publicly accessible park acreage within a half-mile radius of each Census Block Point. A Census Block Point is the population-weighted center of a Census Block, which represents the equivalent of a city block, or about 100 people. A population-weighted average of park space within a ½ mile radius of each block point within a neighborhood allows us to measure the average neighborhood resident's access to park space.

Table 1. Nearby Park Space by Neighborhood, NYC

Average park space within a half-mile of somebody's home

Neighborhood	Borough	Acres	% of Area
1 Borough Park	Brooklyn	3.8	1%
2 Ozone Park (North)	Queens	4.2	1%
3 East Flatbush-Rugby	Brooklyn	4.6	1%
4 Midwood	Brooklyn	4.6	1%
5 Hollis	Queens	4.8	1%
6 East Flatbush-Erasmus	Brooklyn	4.9	1%
7 South Ozone Park	Queens	5.2	1%
8 South Richmond Hill	Queens	5.5	1%
9 Sunnyside	Queens	6.1	1%
10 Elmhurst	Queens	6.5	1%
11 Bensonhurst	Brooklyn	6.7	1%
12 Woodside	Queens	6.9	1%
13 Astoria (East)-Woodside (North)	Queens	6.9	1%
14 East Flatbush-Farragut	Brooklyn	7.3	1%
15 Flatlands	Brooklyn	7.9	2%
16 Jackson Heights	Queens	8.3	2%
17 Astoria (Central)	Queens	8.4	2%
18 Murray Hill-Broadway Flushing	Queens	8.5	2%
19 Rego Park	Queens	8.9	2%
20 Ridgewood	Queens	9.4	2%
21 Parkchester	Bronx	10.4	2%
22 Queens Village	Queens	10.5	2%
23 Maspeth	Queens	10.6	2%
24 Sunset Park (East)-Borough Park (West)	Brooklyn	11.1	2%
25 Jamaica	Queens	11.8	2%
26 Gravesend (East)-Homecrest	Brooklyn	11.8	2%
27 Tompkinsville-Stapleton-Clifton-Fox Hills	Staten Island	12.1	2%
28 South Jamaica	Queens	12.2	2%
29 Murray Hill-Kips Bay	Manhattan	12.6	3%
30 Pomonok-Electchester-Hillcrest	Queens	12.7	3%
31 St. Albans	Queens	12.9	3%
32 Bushwick (East)	Brooklyn	12.9	3%
33 Mapleton-Midwood (West)	Brooklyn	13.0	3%
34 Cambria Heights	Queens	13.2	3%
35 Kensington	Brooklyn	13.4	3%
36 Sunset Park (West)	Brooklyn	14.0	3%
37 Gravesend (West)	Brooklyn	14.3	3%
38 Bushwick (West)	Brooklyn	14.3	3%
39 South Williamsburg	Brooklyn	14.4	3%
40 Midtown South-Flatiron-Union Square	Manhattan	14.5	3%

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41 East New York (North)	Brooklyn	14.8	3%
42 Queensbridge-Ravenswood-Dutch Kills	Queens	15.1	3%
43 East Flatbush-Remsen Village	Brooklyn	15.3	3%
44 East Midtown-Turtle Bay	Manhattan	15.6	3%
45 Bedford-Stuyvesant (East)	Brooklyn	15.7	3%
46 Port Richmond	Staten Island	16.0	3%
47 Bedford-Stuyvesant (West)	Brooklyn	16.4	3%
48 Westchester Square	Bronx	16.7	3%
49 Upper East Side-Lenox Hill-Roosevelt Island	Manhattan	17.0	3%
50 Ocean Hill	Brooklyn	17.3	3%
51 Sunset Park (Central)	Brooklyn	17.8	4%
52 Laurelton	Queens	17.9	4%
53 Clinton Hill	Brooklyn	18.0	4%
54 Ozone Park	Queens	18.1	4%
55 East New York-New Lots	Brooklyn	18.1	4%
56 Whitestone-Beechhurst	Queens	18.3	4%
57 Madison	Brooklyn	18.6	4%
58 East New York-City Line	Brooklyn	18.7	4%
59 East Williamsburg	Brooklyn	19.7	4%
60 Glen Oaks-Floral Park-New Hyde Park	Queens	19.9	4%
61 Carroll Gardens-Cobble Hill-Gowanus-Red Hook	Brooklyn	20.9	4%
62 Auburndale	Queens	21.0	4%
63 Greenwich Village	Manhattan	21.2	4%
64 Fordham Heights	Bronx	21.4	4%
65 Flatbush (West)-Ditmas Park-Parkville	Brooklyn	21.6	4%
66 Dyker Heights	Brooklyn	21.8	4%
67 Hunts Point	Bronx	22.1	4%
68 Brownsville	Brooklyn	22.2	4%
69 Hell's Kitchen	Manhattan	22.8	5%
70 Longwood	Bronx	22.9	5%
71 Long Island City-Hunters Point	Queens	23.2	5%
72 Upper East Side-Yorkville	Manhattan	23.8	5%
73 Morris Park	Bronx	24.4	5%
74 Gramercy	Manhattan	24.4	5%
75 Pelham Gardens	Bronx	24.5	5%
76 Williamsburg	Brooklyn	25.6	5%
77 Eastchester-Edenwald-Baychester	Bronx	26.8	5%
78 Jamaica Hills-Briarwood	Queens	27.0	5%
79 Mount Hope	Bronx	27.1	5%
80 Middle Village	Queens	27.4	5%

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81 University Heights (North)-Fordham	Bronx	27.6	6%
82 Greenpoint	Brooklyn	28.1	6%
83 Castle Hill-Unionport	Bronx	28.7	6%
84 Stuyvesant Town-Peter Cooper Village	Manhattan	28.7	6%
85 Astoria (North)-Ditmars-Steinway	Queens	29.0	6%
86 Morrisania	Bronx	29.6	6%
87 Melrose	Bronx	30.3	6%
88 Crown Heights (North)	Brooklyn	30.5	6%
89 SoHo-Little Italy-Hudson Square	Manhattan	31.0	6%
90 Rosebank-Shore Acres-Park Hill	Staten Island	31.1	6%
91 Bellerose	Queens	31.6	6%
92 St. George-New Brighton	Staten Island	32.1	6%
93 College Point	Queens	32.3	6%
94 East Elmhurst	Queens	33.3	7%
95 Williamsbridge-Olinville	Bronx	34.2	7%
96 Richmond Hill	Queens	34.6	7%
97 Westerleigh-Castleton Corners	Staten Island	35.0	7%
98 Chelsea-Hudson Yards	Manhattan	35.0	7%
99 Bay Ridge	Brooklyn	35.4	7%
100 Springfield Gardens (North)-Rochdale Village	Queens	35.6	7%
101 Chinatown-Two Bridges	Manhattan	35.8	7%
102 Kew Gardens Hills	Queens	36.3	7%
103 Wakefield-Woodlawn	Bronx	36.5	7%
104 Downtown Brooklyn-DUMBO-Boerum Hill	Brooklyn	37.6	7%
105 East Village	Manhattan	38.2	8%
106 Flatbush	Brooklyn	39.1	8%
107 Financial District-Battery Park City	Manhattan	39.2	8%
108 Gravesend (South)	Brooklyn	39.9	8%
109 Mariner's Harbor-Arlington-Graniteville	Staten Island	40.1	8%
110 Jamaica Estates-Holliswood	Queens	40.3	8%
111 Fort Greene	Brooklyn	41.3	8%
112 Throgs Neck-Schuylerville	Bronx	41.6	8%
113 Mott Haven-Port Morris	Bronx	41.7	8%
114 Baisley Park	Queens	43.0	9%
115 Old Astoria-Halletts Point	Queens	43.5	9%
116 Brooklyn Heights	Brooklyn	43.6	9%
117 Flushing-Willets Point	Queens	43.6	9%
118 Glendale	Queens	43.8	9%
119 Kingsbridge-Marble Hill	Manhattan	44.2	9%
120 Lower East Side	Manhattan	44.2	9%

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121 Kingsbridge-Marble Hill	Bronx	45.9	9%
122 Mount Eden-Claremont (West)	Bronx	46.3	9%
123 Concourse-Concourse Village	Bronx	46.5	9%
124 Soundview-Bruckner-Bronx River	Bronx	46.6	9%
125 Crown Heights (South)	Brooklyn	47.0	9%
126 Rosedale	Queens	47.3	9%
127 Cypress Hills	Brooklyn	48.1	10%
128 Sheepshead Bay-Manhattan Beach-Gerritsen Beach	Brooklyn	49.0	10%
129 North Corona	Queens	49.8	10%
130 Harlem (North)	Manhattan	50.0	10%
131 Midtown-Times Square	Manhattan	52.1	10%
132 East Flushing	Queens	52.6	10%
133 Kew Gardens	Queens	53.1	11%
134 Fresh Meadows-Utopia	Queens	53.1	11%
135 Forest Hills	Queens	53.9	11%
136 Far Rockaway-Bayswater	Queens	54.1	11%
137 University Heights (South)-Morris Heights	Bronx	54.2	11%
138 Bayside	Queens	54.7	11%
139 Prospect Lefferts Gardens-Wingate	Brooklyn	54.8	11%
140 Great Kills-Eltingville	Staten Island	56.0	11%
141 Corona	Queens	56.2	11%
142 Bath Beach	Brooklyn	56.9	11%
143 East Harlem (North)	Manhattan	57.5	11%
144 Park Slope	Brooklyn	58.5	12%
145 Grasmere-Arrochar-South Beach-Dongan Hills	Staten Island	59.2	12%
146 Kingsbridge Heights-Van Cortlandt Village	Bronx	61.8	12%
147 Canarsie	Brooklyn	63.0	13%
148 Manhattanville-West Harlem	Manhattan	63.5	13%
149 Crotona Park East	Bronx	63.7	13%
150 Tribeca-Civic Center	Manhattan	63.8	13%
151 Bedford Park	Bronx	63.9	13%
152 Hamilton Heights-Sugar Hill	Manhattan	65.7	13%
153 Woodhaven	Queens	67.0	13%
154 Prospect Heights	Brooklyn	69.1	14%
155 Springfield Gardens (South)-Brookville	Queens	69.8	14%
156 Marine Park-Mill Basin-Bergen Beach	Brooklyn	71.1	14%
157 West Village	Manhattan	71.5	14%
158 West New Brighton-Silver Lake-Grymes Hill	Staten Island	72.5	14%
159 Todt Hill-Emerson Hill-Lighthouse Hill-Manor Heights	Staten Island	74.5	15%
160 Highbridge	Bronx	76.3	15%

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161 Tottenville-Charleston	Staten Island	76.7	15%
162 Oakwood-Richmondtown	Staten Island	77.8	15%
163 Brighton Beach	Brooklyn	78.5	16%
164 Claremont Village-Claremont (East)	Bronx	79.2	16%
165 Howard Beach-Lindenwood	Queens	79.4	16%
166 Harlem (South)	Manhattan	82.1	16%
167 Pelham Bay-Country Club-City Island	Bronx	82.3	16%
168 New Dorp-Midland Beach	Staten Island	83.5	17%
169 Tremont	Bronx	85.3	17%
170 Morningside Heights	Manhattan	86.0	17%
171 East Harlem (South)	Manhattan	86.2	17%
172 Riverdale-Spuysten Duyvil	Bronx	87.8	17%
173 Washington Heights (South)	Manhattan	90.7	18%
174 Bay Terrace-Clearview	Queens	91.4	18%
175 Windsor Terrace-South Slope	Brooklyn	92.1	18%
176 Douglaston-Little Neck	Queens	95.8	19%
177 Soundview-Clason Point	Bronx	97.8	19%
178 Co-op City	Bronx	98.0	20%
179 Oakland Gardens-Hollis Hills	Queens	99.8	20%
180 Belmont	Bronx	100.5	20%
181 Annadale-Huguenot-Prince's Bay-Woodrow	Staten Island	104.2	21%
182 Pelham Parkway-Van Nest	Bronx	108.5	22%
183 Allerton	Bronx	108.6	22%
184 Queensboro Hill	Queens	111.1	22%
185 Coney Island-Sea Gate	Brooklyn	113.6	23%
186 Upper East Side-Carnegie Hill	Manhattan	114.1	23%
187 Washington Heights (North)	Manhattan	119.6	24%
188 Upper West Side-Lincoln Square	Manhattan	120.0	24%
189 Spring Creek-Starrett City	Brooklyn	122.7	24%
190 New Springville-Willowbrook-Bulls Head-Travis	Staten Island	125.3	25%
191 Upper West Side (Central)	Manhattan	126.0	25%
192 Upper West Side-Manhattan Valley	Manhattan	127.2	25%
193 West Farms	Bronx	129.0	26%
194 Arden Heights-Rossville	Staten Island	129.6	26%
195 Inwood	Manhattan	138.0	27%
196 Norwood	Bronx	139.4	28%
197 Rockaway Beach-Arverne-Edgemere	Queens	170.1	34%
198 Breezy Point-Belle Harbor-Rockaway Park-Broad Channel	Queens	179.6	36%

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