

Homeless Camp or Homeless Shelter?

This project is a kiosk project that is designed as a very short quiz demonstrating how much home values go down based on whether there is a homeless camp or a homeless shelter in their neighborhood. The project also asks visitors to guess how many beds there are for the homeless in their boroughs vs. the number of homeless individuals who come from their neighborhoods and lastly asks them to compare a few different conditions that affect home values and to rank them.

The goal is to demonstrate that homeless shelters are better for neighborhoods than homeless camps, that permanent housing is better for a neighborhood than a homeless shelter, that a homeless shelter ranks somewhere in the middle of conditions that cause home values to go down and lastly, that every district should have enough beds to house the homeless from that district rather than burdening another district.

The quiz takes place on a touch computer screen. After the user selects an option, a screen presenting images and statistics is displayed, possibly in the form of a video. Quiz responses are tabulated immediately and the graphs are displayed via a projector.

Potential sources for the quiz are as follows:

References

Close to home: Does proximity to a homeless shelter affect residential property values in manhattan? New York City Independent Budget Office.

<https://ibo.nyc.ny.us/iboreports/close-to-home-does-proximity-to-a-homeless-shelter-affect-residential-property-values-in-manhattan-2019.pdf>

In 2019, the New York City Independent Budget Office conducted a study to determine the effect of homeless shelters on real estate. They found that the closer a building or

house was to a homeless shelter, the higher the effect on real estate values. The closest homeless shelter value was a modest 7.1% but proximity to multiple homeless shelters was more than double that.

Murphy Jarette. (2019). *Data drop: Which NYC neighborhoods host the most homeless-shelter beds?* City Limits.

<https://citylimits.org/2019/09/10/data-drop-which-nyc-neighborhoods-host-the-most-homeless-shelter-beds/>

There is a mismatch between homeless centers and homeless people in many districts in New York City. Neighborhoods like the Bronx and Staten Island house fewer beds for homeless people than they have homeless residents. The burden falls on other boroughs.

Pan, Y. (2016). *The neighborhood features that drag down your home Value—Ranked.*

Realtor. <https://www.realtor.com/news/trends/things-that-affect-your-property-value/>

There are many features in your neighborhood that may drag down the value of your home. A homeless shelter is somewhere in the middle of the list.

Shelter. New York City Gov. <https://www1.nyc.gov/site/dhs/shelter/shelter.page>

New York City has a shelter mandate in place that requires every person needing shelter for a night to be given a bed.