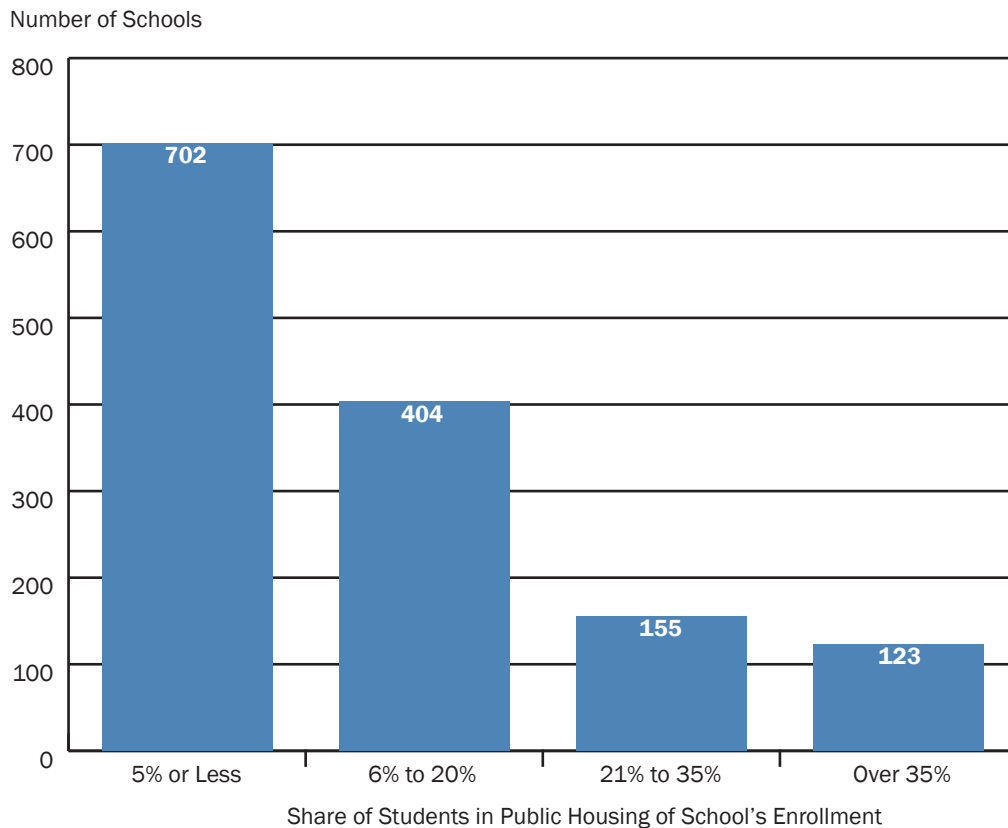# How Concentrated Is the Share of Students Who Live in Public Housing Across New York City Public Schools?

In light of two recent high-profile school rezoning controversies in which overcrowded schools serving higher income students existed near underutilized schools largely populated by students in public housing, IBO examined the distribution of students from public housing across New York City's public schools.[1]

The New York City Housing Authority provides housing to low- and moderate-income residents throughout the five boroughs. In 2013, public housing was home to 4.8 percent of the city's residents, but students who lived in public housing were 8.6 percent (92,931) of the public school population, including charter school students.

IBO calculated the share of students in each school who lived in public housing to analyze the concentration of such students during school year 2013-2014. We chose to look at grades K-8 because high schools tend to be less tied to specific geographic zones.

**While K-8 Students Who Lived in Public Housing Were a Small Share of Pupils at Most Schools, at 123 Schools 35 Percent or More of Them Lived in Public Housing, 2013-2014**



Number of Schools

Share of Students in Public Housing of School's Enrollment

- In 123 schools serving grades kindergarten through grade 8, students in public housing comprised 36 percent to 87 percent of enrollment.
- These 123 schools accounted for more than one third of all K-8 students living in public housing.
- Conversely, there were many schools for which the concentration of students in public housing was small: in 702 schools, 5 percent or fewer of their K-8 students lived in public housing.
- The average K-8 student attended a school where 8 percent of students lived in public housing.

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NOTE: [1]Race and Class Collide in a Plan for Two Brooklyn Schools: For Two Sharply Divided Manhattan Schools, an Uncertain Path to Integration

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