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New York City's Largest Retailers

Retailer	NYC	Manhattan	Brooklyn	Queens	Bronx	Staten Island
Dunkin' Donuts	341	78	89	96	49	29
Subway	335	136	57	77	44	21
McDonald's	248	72	57	67	41	11
Starbucks	235	186	18	21	4	6
Duane Reade	216	139	31	27	11	8
Baskin-Robbins	215	46	58	70	26	15
Rite Aid	209	37	57	68	42	5
Radio Shack	116	40	27	25	18	6
GNC	115	41	29	28	14	3
Payless	109	31	36	27	20	5
CVS	108	37	22	34	11	14
Sbarro's	105	34	26	24	12	9

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Attack of the Chains?

This inaugural edition of New York by the Numbers, a new monthly CUF feature, features a ranking of more than 150 national retailers with multiple stores in New York City, from Dunkin' Donuts (341 stores) to Crate and Barrel (2 stores). We provide a borough-by-borough breakdown of the number of stores each retailer has here.

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