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NYC's Growing Self-Employed Population

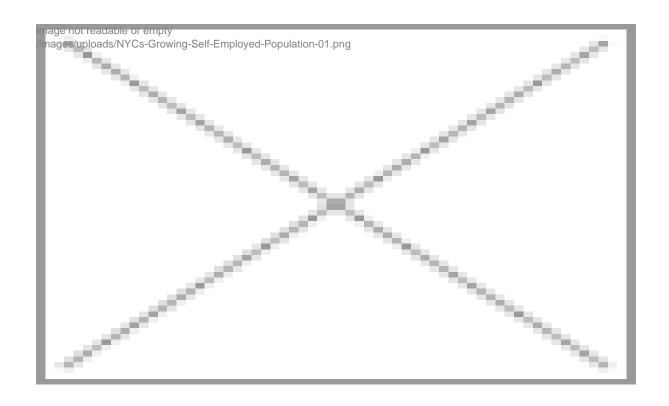
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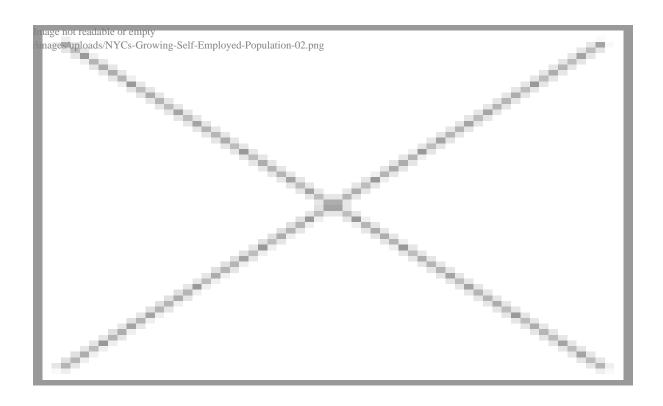
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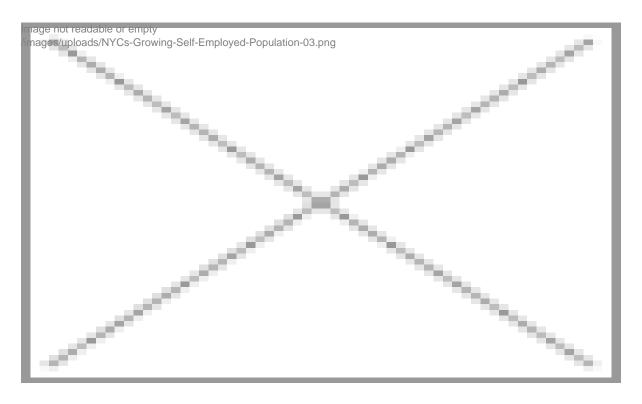
Brooklyn alone has 72,503 self-employed workers, more than any other borough. Manhattan (67,580 self-employed) and Queens (66,763) have a nearly identical number of self-employed workers, while the Bronx has 31,035 and Staten Island has 9,144. While the number of self-employed workers in Brooklyn increased by a whopping 57.7 percent over the last 12 years, it was the Bronx that experienced the largest percentage increase in its self-employed population during this period. The number of self-employed grew by 87.3 percent in the Bronx. Between 2000 and 2012, the self-employed population also spiked in Queens (+ 38.0 percent) and Staten Island (+20.1 percent) but declined in Manhattan (-2.8 percent). In Manhattan, however, self-employed workers comprise a larger share of the workforce (7.9 percent) than in any other borough.

New York City has a greater self-employment rate (6.5 percent) than New York State (6.0 percent) and the United States(6.3 percent). However, among the 10 most populous US cities, New York has the fourth highest self-employment rate, with Los Angeles first (11.3 percent self-employment rate), followed by San Diego (7.7 percent) and Houston (7.3 percent). Among the 10 largest cities, Philadelphia (3.9 percent) and Chicago (4.6 percent) have the lowest self-employment rates.

	Self-employed, 2000	Self-employed, 2012	Change 2000 - 2012	% Change 2000 - 2012
NYC	188,054	247,025	58,971	31.4%
Brooklyn	45,971	72,503	26,532	57.7%
Manhattan	69,517	67,580	-1,937	-2.8%
Queens	48,383	66,763	18,380	38.0%
Bronx	16,572	31,035	14,463	87.3%
Staten Island	7,611	9,144	1,533	20.1%







Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2008-2012 American Community Survey & 2000 US Census. Data is for "self-employed workers in own not-incorporated businesses".

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