



**NY
ATI REENTRY
COALITION**

SERVICES REPORT 2011

**Center for Alternative Sentencing
& Employment Services (CASES)**

Center for Community Alternatives (CCA)

Center for Employment Opportunities (CEO)

**Education & Assistance Corporation (EAC)
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Fortune Society

Legal Action Center (LAC)

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Women's Prison Association (WPA)

PUBLIC SAVINGS, PUBLIC SAFETY

The Alternative to Incarceration (ATI) Reentry Coalition is a coalition of eight organizations providing alternatives to incarceration for men, women, and youth as well as support services for those who have completed their sentences and are returning to the community.

Although incarceration has long been the primary response to crime, it is incredibly expensive and often fails both to improve public safety and prevent future crimes committed by people released from jail or prison. The ATI Reentry Coalition, through its programs, enables New York City to reduce crime and break the cycle of incarceration, while saving tax dollars and communities.

ATI and reentry programming costs far less than prison, jail, juvenile placement, and juvenile detention. And, importantly, the two-year recidivism rate of Coalition program graduates is less than 20%, far lower than the recidivism rate of those released from incarceration.

ANNUAL COST PER PERSON



In Fiscal Year 2010, over \$1 billion was spent by the New York City Departments of Correction, Juvenile Justice, and Probation. In contrast, New York City invested only a fraction of that amount—around \$20 million—in ATI Reentry Coalition organizations.

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ATI REENTRY COALITION SERVICES

ATI Reentry Coalition programs provide a variety of services aimed at responding to the challenges justice-involved individuals face.

Reentry Services: ATI/Reentry programs help individuals secure jobs, locate permanent housing, access counseling and medical treatment, and reengage in education.

Youth Development Services: ATI/Reentry programs provide tutoring and academic enrichment, health education, drug abuse treatment and prevention services, and job training and placement. Coalition members train youth to be peer educators and leaders, reengage them in schools, and connect them with individual and family counseling as needed.

Employment Services: ATI/Reentry programs provide pre-employment job readiness training, paid transitional work, job placement services, post-placement support, career planning, and industry-specific training that promotes wage growth and career advancement for court-involved people.

Substance Abuse Services: ATI/Reentry programs provide clinical assessment, treatment or referrals to treatment, and wrap-around, community-based support services. Program staff work with the courts, parole, and probation to support successful case outcomes.

Education Services: ATI/Reentry programs provide literacy, pre-GED, and GED prep classes, tutoring, health and HIV/AIDS prevention education and college and career planning.

Family Services: ATI/Reentry programs offer a broad range of family services, including case management, parenting education, family reunification and preservation, crisis intervention, and child support services.

Women's Services: ATI/Reentry programs offer jail- and prison-based education for women, pre-release services, family reunification assistance, family support services, reentry case management, and other targeted assistance and support.

Housing Services: ATI/Reentry programs offer emergency, temporary, and long-term housing. Coalition members develop relationships with landlords and management companies to identify safe, affordable apartments for clients, assist clients with move-in expenses, and provide independent living skills training.

Mental Health Services: ATI/Reentry programs provide court-based mental health screenings conducted by clinical staff, mental health treatment, service planning, service referrals and escorts to community mental health and substance abuse treatment services, and ongoing case management.

Community Service: ATI/Reentry programs place participants at community service worksites and ensure participants' compliance.

Legal Services: ATI/Reentry programs help individuals overcome legal barriers by correcting criminal record errors, fighting employment discrimination, ensuring access to higher education, and providing representation at housing eviction proceedings. ATI/Reentry programs also empower individuals with "Know Your Rights" trainings.

ATI REENTRY COALITION OUTCOMES

Reentry: From July 2009 to June 2010, LAC helped 1,879 individuals overcome 2,386 legal problems related to their criminal records and surmount barriers to employment, including errors on rap sheets, inaccurate answers to job applications about past criminal convictions, and illegal discrimination by employers.

Housing: From April 2009 through March 2010, 43 people were admitted into the Fortune Academy's phased-permanent housing program. Of those, 33 remained in permanent housing for at least one year, 36 remained unincarcerated, 97% of residents on parole (31 of 32) remained free of parole violations, and 33 obtained employment.

Youth: Forty-eight youth classified as juvenile delinquents took part in CCA Alternative-to-Placement programs. Only 9% were rearrested and prosecuted and 85% improved their academic test scores in one or more areas of study.

Women: Of women on parole who participated in WPA's WomenCare mentoring program, 79% completed a ten-month long mentoring contract with a volunteer mentor who provided support and guidance during the reentry process.

Families: Of men participating in Osborne's FamilyWorks parenting program on Rikers Island, 88% graduated and demonstrated improved knowledge and skills.

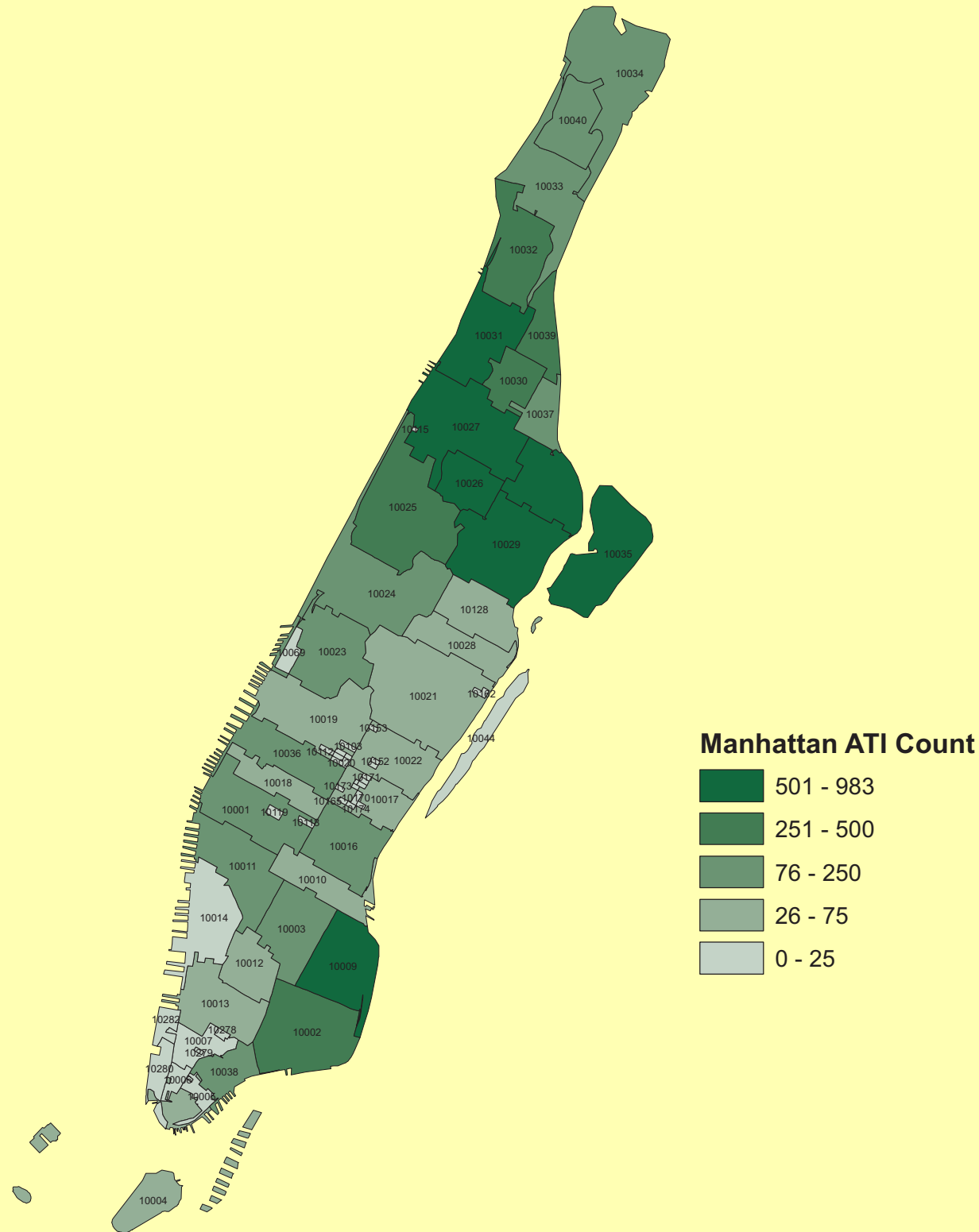
Employment: In 2010, CEO secured 1,098 full-time job placements for people with criminal convictions in New York City at an average hourly wage at hire of \$9.67.

Substance Abuse: In 2010, TASC placed and case managed over 1,800 men and women in treatment. Of TASC graduates who are able, 90% are employed, in higher education, or have completed vocational training.

Mental Illness: In CASES' Nathaniel ACT Program, an ATI program for people with mental illness who have committed felonies, 67% of those released to the program were not convicted of a crime in the two years following program admission.

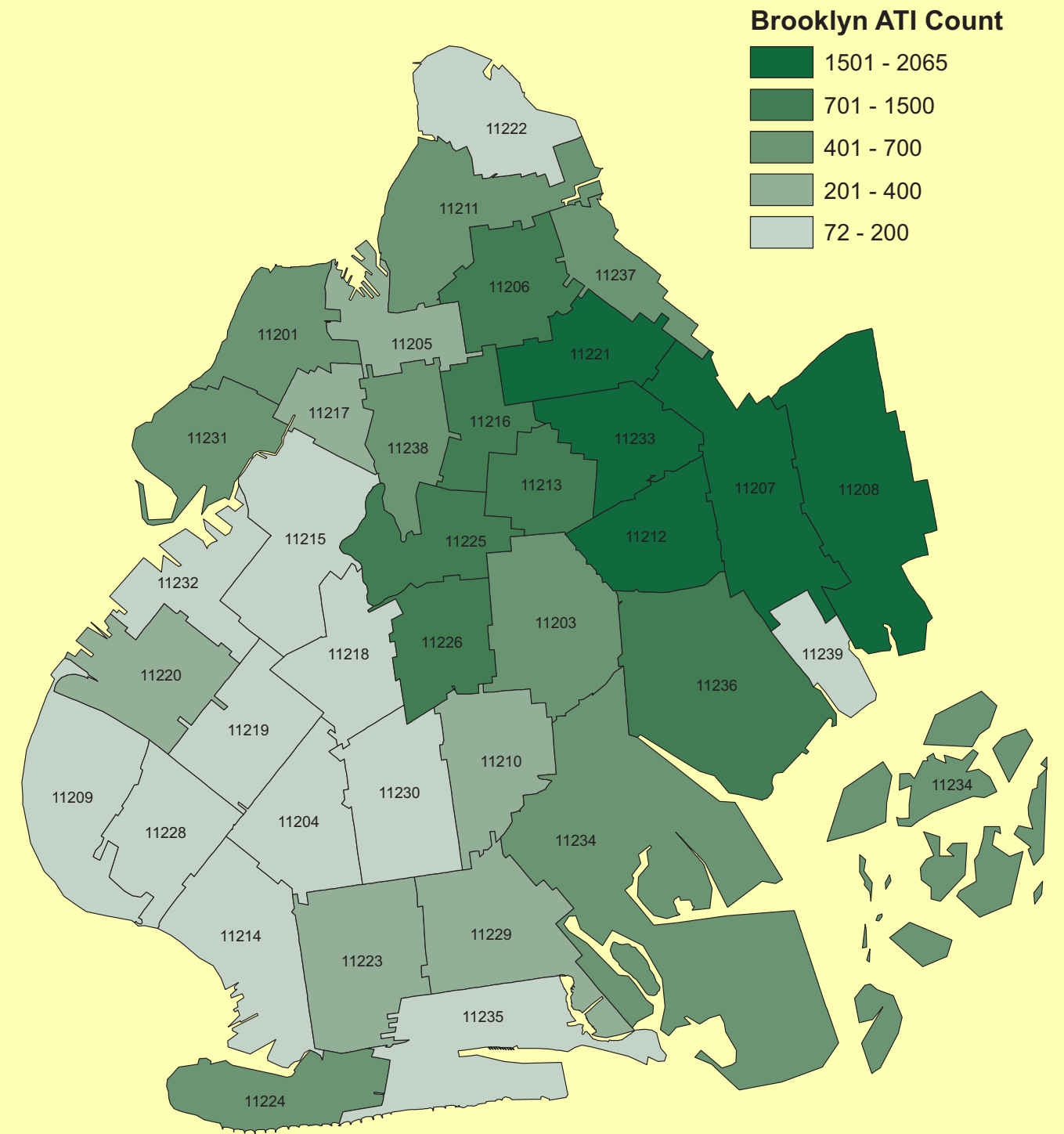
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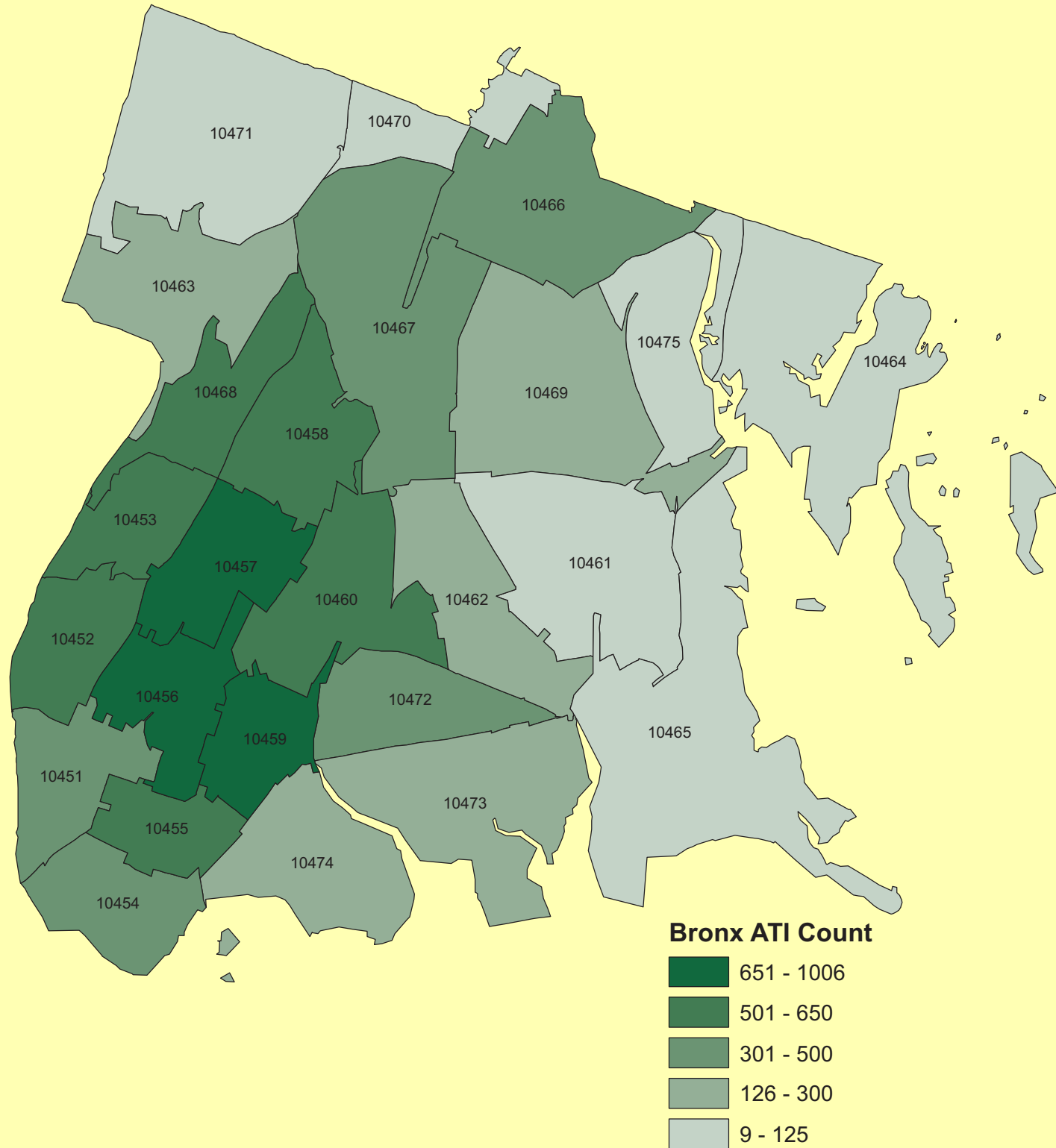
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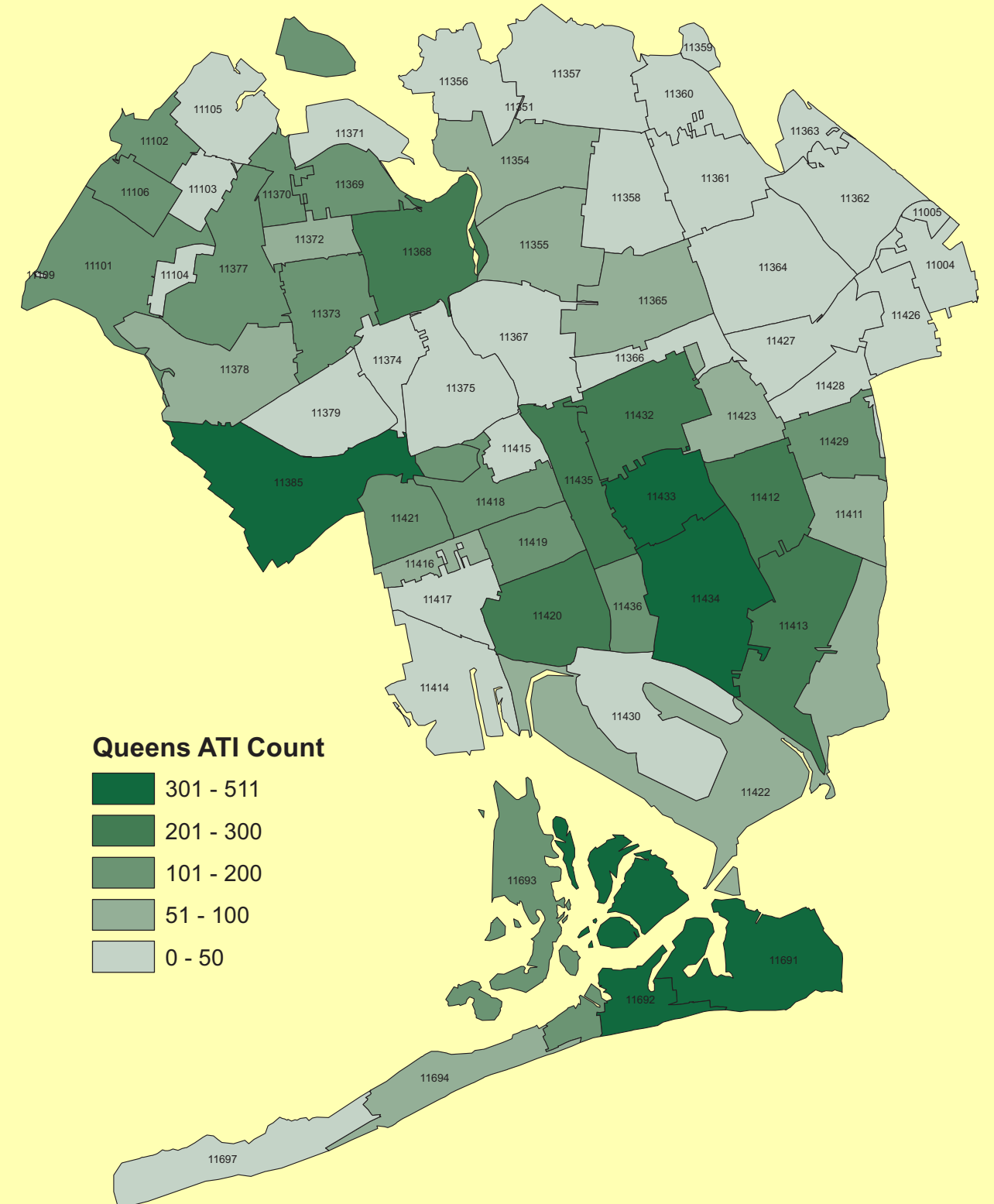
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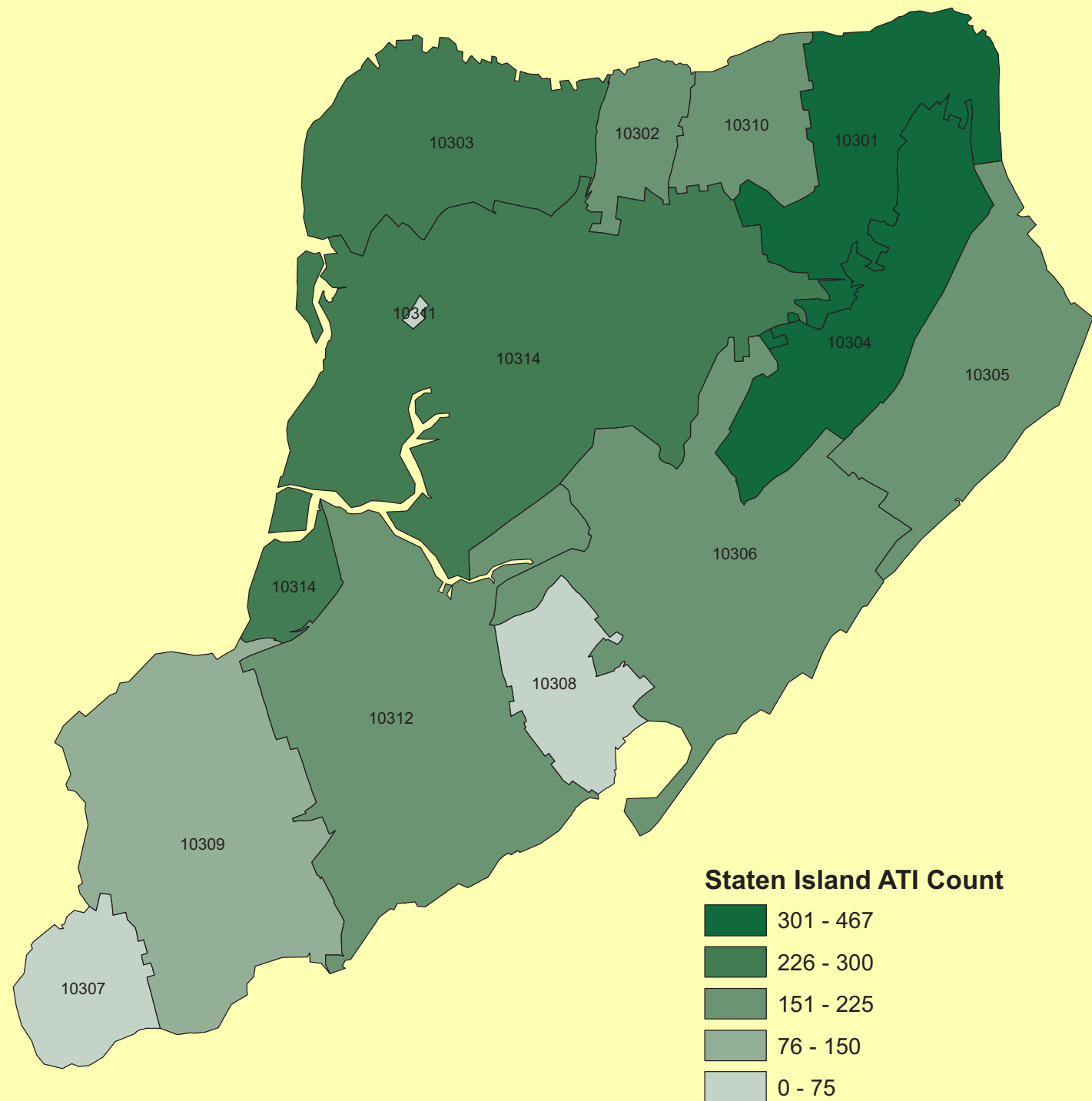
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STATEN ISLAND

ATI/REENTRY SERVICES BY ZIP CODE OF CLIENT RESIDENCE



Lesley came to WPA's ATI program with almost a year of clean time, but she was still facing a sentence of four to eight years. At Hopper Home, she was able to take on responsibility for herself—cooking, cleaning, working, dealing with emotional ups and downs—while maintaining her sobriety and avoiding any criminal justice involvement. Today, she has her own apartment, two jobs, and puts money in a savings account after she pays her monthly expenses.

WPA

Jose came to the Fortune Society three years ago to learn how to get off the street and stop selling drugs. He started classes in the education unit, and soon passed his GED exam. Now he's excelling as a first-year student at LaGuardia Community College, where he is working towards earning a business degree. Having just celebrated three years clean and sober, he feels that he's finally become "the kind of man [his] daughters can proudly call 'dad.'"

FORTUNE

Sam was facing 3½ years in prison when he was referred to TASC. He was diverted into residential substance abuse treatment to deal with his heroin addiction. Sam stated that he wanted to get clean but did not know where to start until TASC diverted him into treatment. With the support from TASC and the treatment program, he was able to return to the community as a productive tax paying citizen able to provide for his family.

TASC

CEO helped **Art** secure an entry-level job. After a few months, Art entered the CEO Academy, a trade preparation program. Every Saturday for seven months, Art commuted from Staten Island to the Bronx for his CEO Academy classes, followed by his plumbing classes at Bronx Community College. Art graduated with a plumbing certificate. In March 2010, CEO placed Art as a plumber's helper making \$14.00 an hour, where he is still working.

CEO

Thomas grew up in foster care, separated from his siblings, unaware his parents were in prison. The Osborne Association's parenting program at Rikers Island provided this 22-year-old father-to-be with parenting skills, support, and employment assistance. After graduating, Thomas was hired as a store manager. Today, he and his girlfriend are raising their daughter together. Through Osborne's Youth Advisory Board, Thomas educates others about the impact of incarceration on children and families.

OSBORNE

Fifteen-year old **Curtis** arrived at CCA facing a serious criminal charge. With his mother battling substance abuse and unable to care for him, Curtis felt desperate. Unemployed and with his girlfriend pregnant, Curtis accepted CCA's help. He reengaged in school, graduated from high school, found stable employment, completed a fatherhood program, and received probation. Today, Curtis provides financial support for his girlfriend, his child and himself.

CCA

LAC helped **Janet** successfully challenge a state agency's decision to deny her a cosmetology license because of her prior misdemeanor conviction for forgery. LAC represented Janet in an appeal and convinced the licensing authority that Janet had been rehabilitated and was not a risk to others. This victory enabled Janet to work in a hair salon.

LAC

Anthony was attending a CASES ATI program as an alternative to prison. While at CASES, Anthony earned the remaining credits he needed for his high school diploma, completed an employment readiness training program, worked as an intern at a law office, and took and passed the National Work Readiness Credential exam. CASES helped Anthony apply to college after his program graduation, and he is currently attending community college outside of NYC, majoring in criminal justice.

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