



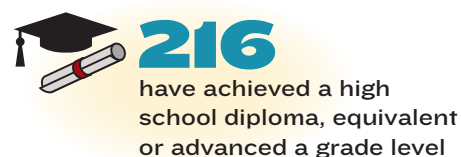
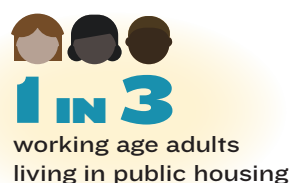
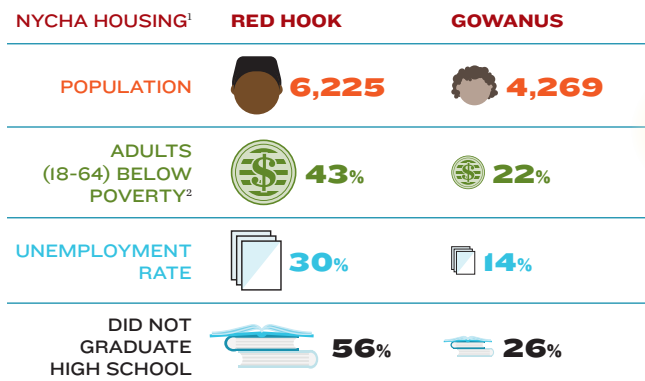
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# Combining Adult Education and Sector-Based Workforce Development

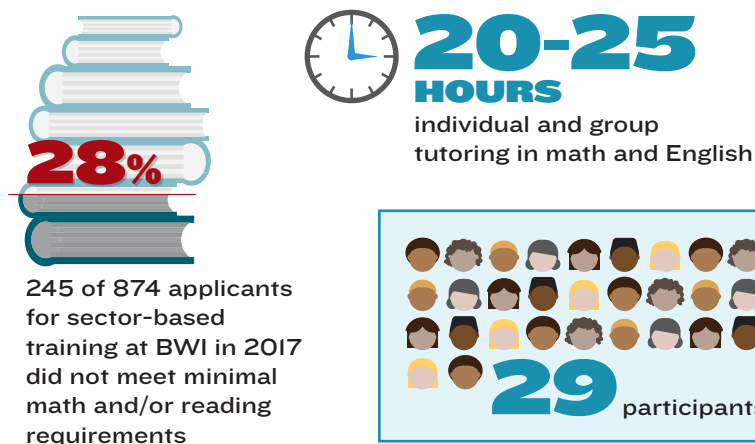
Educational bridge programming prepares working age adults to enroll in training that leads to employment.

**Stronger Together** is a collaborative led by Fifth Avenue Committee (FAC) in partnership with Brooklyn Workforce Innovations (BWI), Red Hook Initiative (RHI) and Southwest Brooklyn Industrial Development Corporation (SBIDC). It is an integrated service model that prepares working age adult public housing residents living in poverty in Red Hook and Gowanus, Brooklyn to succeed in their education and in gaining and sustaining employment.

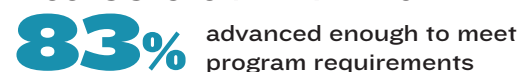
## STRONGER TOGETHER RESULTS



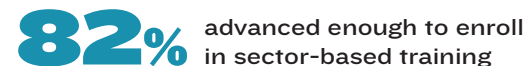
Too many of the public housing residents seeking Stronger Together's services have literacy/numeracy rates that are so low, they cannot meet even the most basic requirements to enter sector-based employment programs. Two pilot **bridge programs** were created to help students meet educational requirements to enter and succeed in job training.



### INDIVIDUAL TUTORING AT BROOKLYN WOODS SECTORAL TRAINING



### EDUCATIONAL REMEDIATION



## COMBINING STRONGER TOGETHER'S ADULT EDUCATION WITH SECTOR-BASED TRAINING STRENGTHENED OUTCOMES DRAMATICALLY FOR A LOW COST.



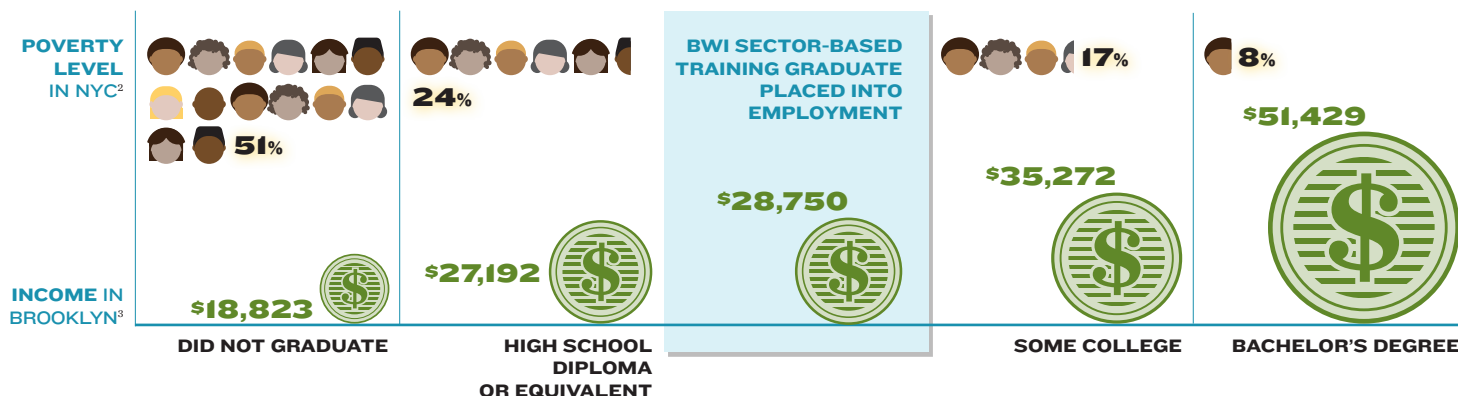
## SECTOR-BASED EMPLOYMENT TRAINING LEADS TO INCREASED ACCESS TO LIVING WAGE JOBS.

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### 2017 BROOKLYN WORKFORCE INNOVATION RESULTS



## EDUCATION AND TRAINING ARE STEPPING STONES OUT OF POVERTY.



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**Fifth Avenue Committee**  
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Fifth Avenue Committee, Inc. (FAC) is a comprehensive community development corporation and NeighborWorks America member in South Brooklyn that advances economic and social justice by building vibrant, diverse communities where residents have genuine opportunities to achieve their goals, as well as the power to shape the community's future. Formed in 1978, FAC directly serves over 5,500 low- and moderate-income residents annually.

To achieve its mission FAC develops and manages affordable housing and community facilities; creates economic opportunities and ensures access to economic stability; organizes residents and workers; offers student-centered adult education; and combats displacement caused by gentrification. FAC has built or preserved over 900 units of affordable housing for low- and moderate-income residents since 1978; the organization currently has 1,400 units in development in South Brooklyn and Queens—more than any point in the organization's history. Through its adult education and literacy program nearly 1,000 individuals from more than 30 countries are served annually. Each year, FAC's Neighborhood Employment Services program, provides direct job placement and counseling to nearly 250 participants and its Community Services program provides benefits and entitlements access, financial coaching, credit and legal counseling to over 1,000 low income New Yorkers.

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