

# Keep NYC Congestion Tax Free

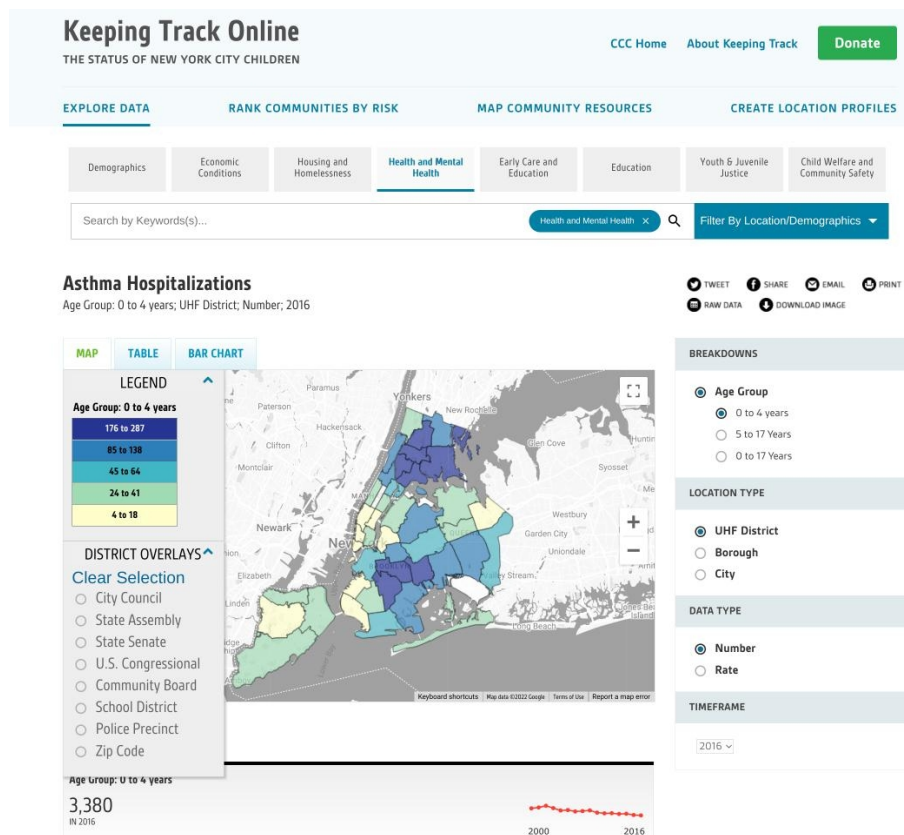
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## CONGESTION PRICING TAX WILL LEAVE NEW YORK CITY KIDS BREATHLESS: GROUP

### Even More Asthma Inducing Particulate Matter to Move to Low-Income Communities



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*New York-Nov. 3...* A picture may be worth a thousand words, but not the one above. That image — showing the rates of juvenile asthma hospitalizations throughout New York City — leaves one both speechless and breathless, says the group Keep NYC Congestion Tax Free.

The image shows that the area below 60th Street in Manhattan, where congestion pricing tax toll readers are expected to be installed, has among the lowest rates of juvenile asthma hospitalization in the city, while areas in the Bronx and northern Manhattan, where traffic is

expected to be funneled after congestion pricing is implemented, asthma rates are already the highest in the city. In effect, children in poor communities will be hit with a double dose of harmful particulate matter in their lungs in order to reduce particulate matter in a wealthier area of the city.

“There’s nothing progressive about poisoning our kids with vehicle exhaust,” said Keep NYC Congestion Tax Free spokesman Joshua Bienstock, “but that’s exactly what the Congestion Pricing Tax plan will do. Children of color will be hit particularly hard, and it’s pretty amazing that so many progressive politicians are simply ignoring that fact. It is, as former Vice President Al Gore might say, an inconvenient truth.”

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[Keep NYC Congestion Tax Free](#) represents a diverse coalition of civic, business, and labor organizations and businesses throughout New York City. We share a simple vision: to keep our city congestion tax free.