



Uniting For Solutions Beyond Shelter
The Action Plan For New York City

Innovations in Rental Assistance: Housing Stability Plus

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The Plus Program

Background

- ❑ New York State OTDA issued a regulatory waiver that allowed localities to create rental assistance supplements necessary to address homelessness for Public Assistance clients
- ❑ On October 19, 2004, NYC Mayor Michael R. Bloomberg created Housing Stability Plus (HSP) to re-house homeless individuals and families, and prevent homelessness for families reunifying with their children from foster care
- ❑ Discontinued the use of Section 8 vouchers and NYCHA housing units to re-house families transitioning from shelter to permanent housing
 - Insufficient supply to meet need
 - End incentive for entering shelter

Housing Stability Plus

❑ Coordinated Rental Assistance Proposal

- Linked to Public Assistance
- Addition to Public Assistance base shelter allowance
- Competitive with market rates

❑ Encourages individuals and families to move towards self-sufficiency

- Five year duration
- Graduated stepdown – 20 percent annual reduction of HSP supplement to encourage self-sufficiency at an achievable rate

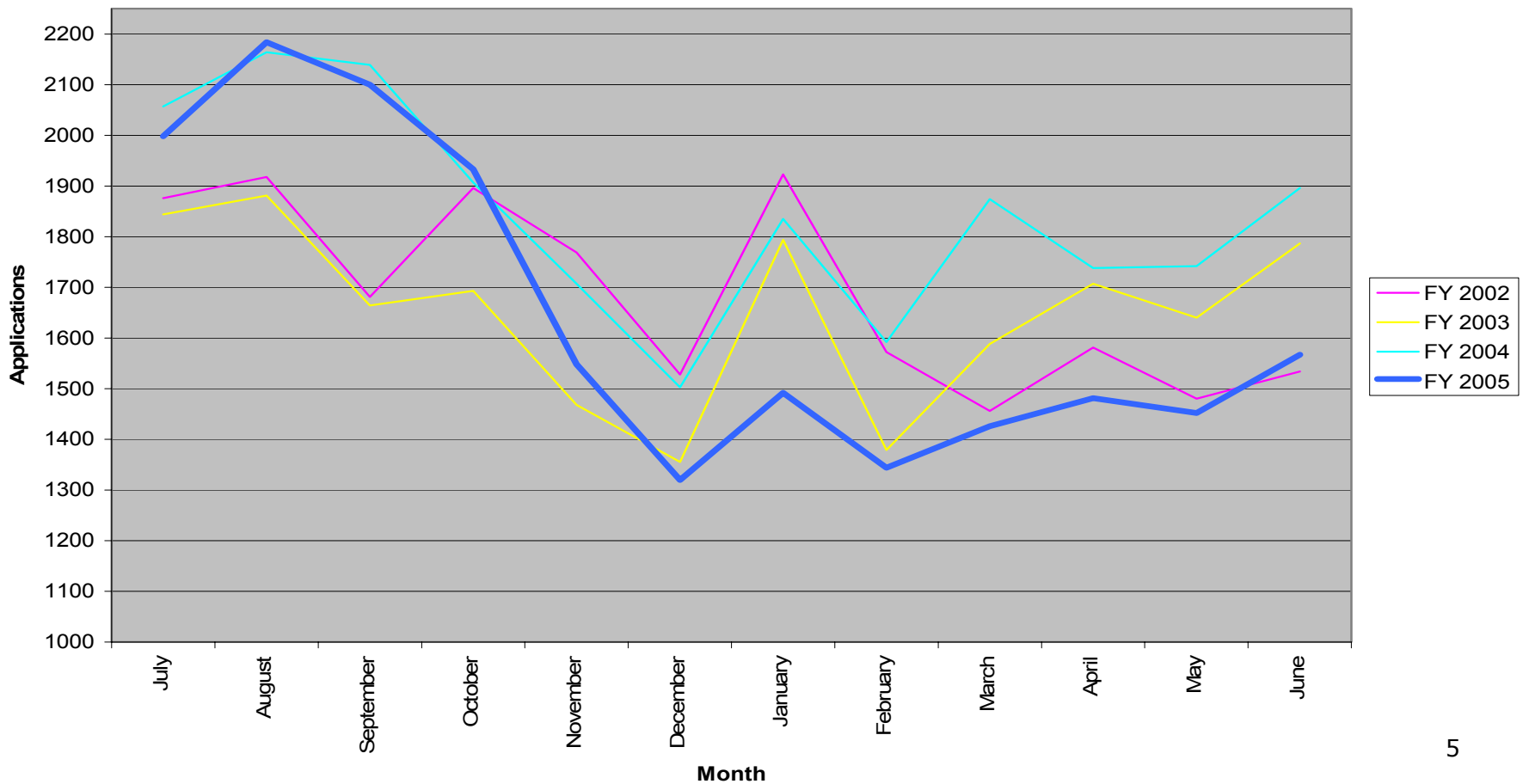
Housing Stability Plus

HSP Shelter Supplement/ Maximum Shelter Allowance

Family Size	Apartment Size	PA Shelter Allowance	HSP Shelter Supplement	Maximum Rent Amount
1	0 BR	\$277	\$488	\$765
2	1 BR	\$283	\$537	\$820
3	2 BR	\$400	\$525	\$925
4	2BR	\$450	\$475	\$925
5	3BR	\$501	\$675	\$1,176
6	3BR	\$524	\$652	\$1,176
7	4BR	\$546	\$851	\$1,397

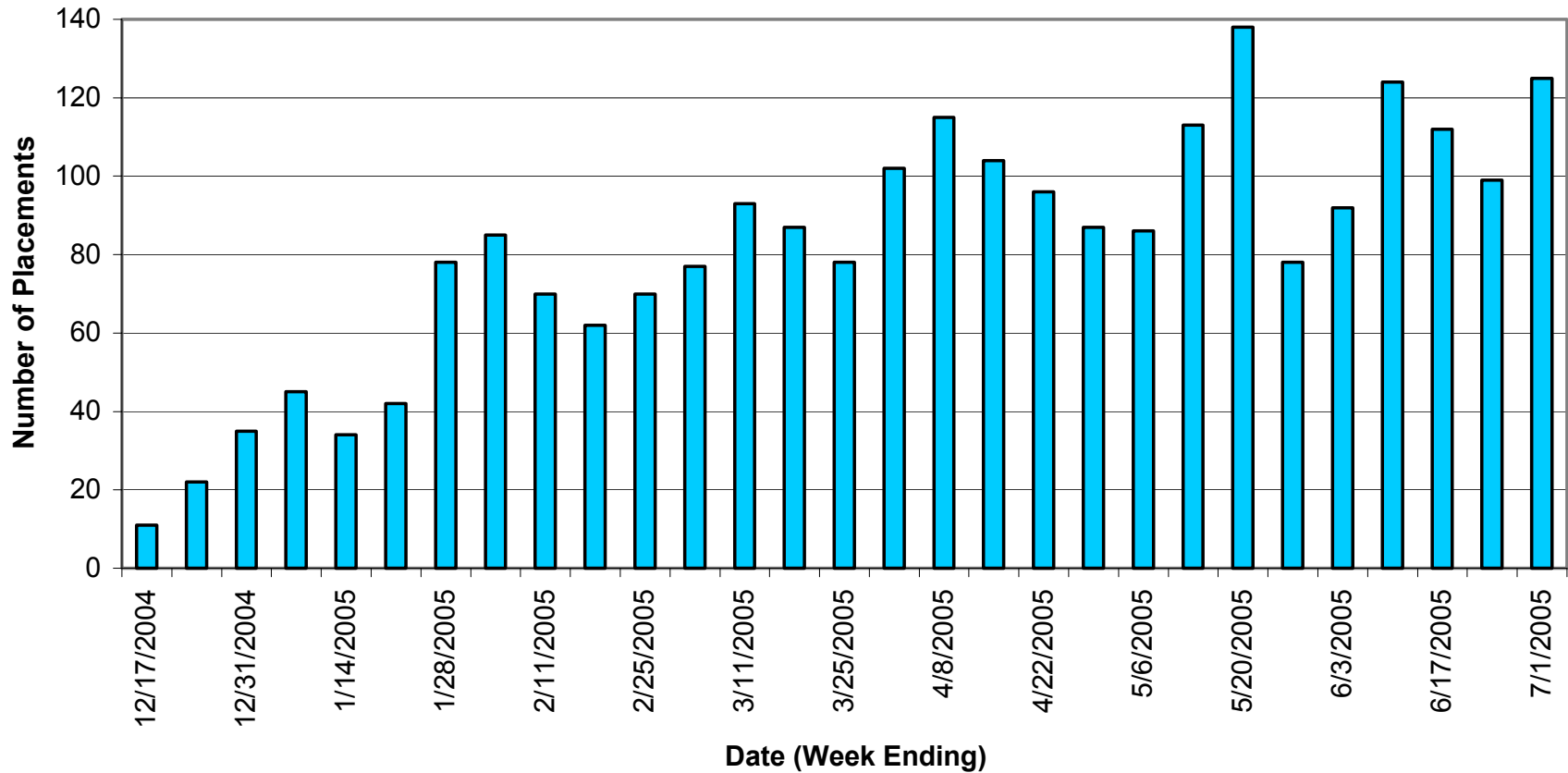
Family Shelter Population Applications

Unduplicated Monthly Family Applicants



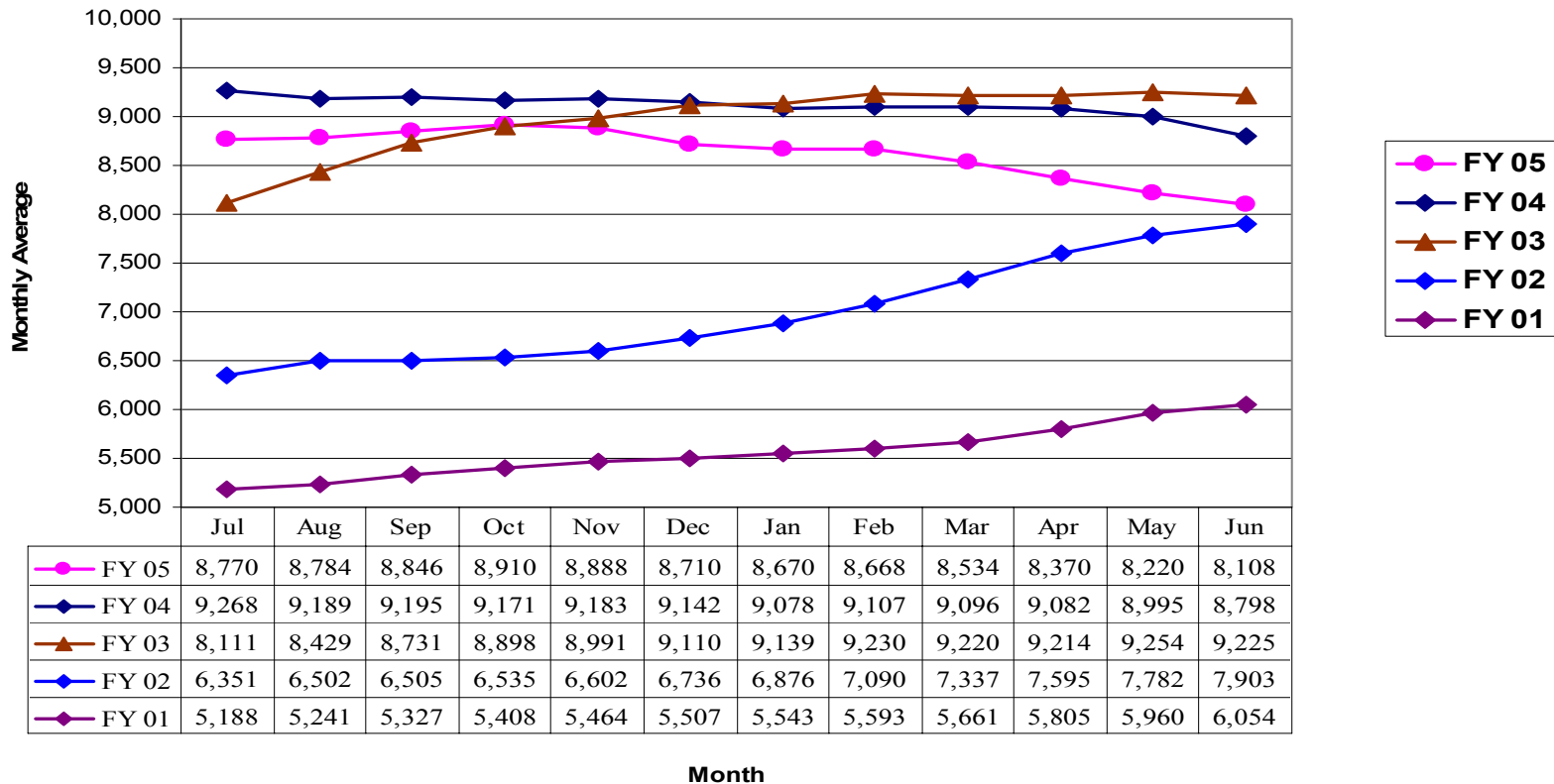
HSP Placements

HSP Family Placements Since Inception



Family Shelter Census

Families in Shelter*



*Includes Families with Children and Adult Couples

Funding

- ❑ State waiver allowed access to TANF funds
- ❑ Shared between City, State, and Federal depending on client's TANF Status
- ❑ NYC portion varies between 25 and 50 percent

Policy Implications

- ❑ Compliance with Public Assistance
 - Early Response Team
 - Aftercare

- ❑ Self-Sufficiency
 - Employment
 - Work Support Proposal
 - Aftercare

- ❑ Ineligible Populations
 - Employed
 - SSI