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EXPANSION OF PREVAILING WAGE WILL HARM NEW YORK’S MINORITY WORKERS EVEN MORE

March 18, 2020 – New York, NY - Minority construction workers are already feeling the impact as construction sites across the boroughs and the state are being shut down or limiting workers on site. New York’s minority construction workforce fears the consequences of PREVAILING WAGE to private work in New York’s budget.

“95% of open / merit shop workers are minority, local city residents, and they are already facing dire consequences as a result of the COVID-19 virus,” says CWP Director of Advocacy, Clark Peña. “The expansion of prevailing wage to private work in New York will harm their livelihoods even more so, and leave a bleak future to look forward to beyond the present crisis.”

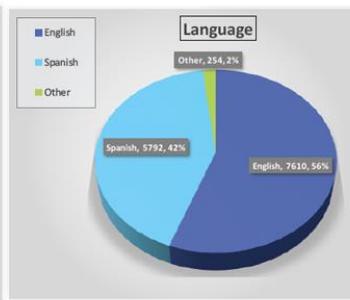
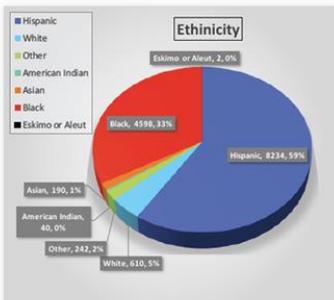
The Construction Workforce Project (CWP) is a New York advocacy group representing New York’s open/merit shop construction workforce. Today, open/merit shop workers are doing more than 80% of private major projects across New York City and the surrounding five boroughs. 95% of the open/merit shop workforce is Black and Latino individuals living in the five boroughs. CWP continues to present factual worker population data that illustrates the clear and present threat that expanding prevailing wage to private construction work would be to the vast majority of New York City’s construction workforce beyond the COVID-19 outbreak.



14,000 Workers = 95% Minority Workers

The following data reflects 130+ Private Major Projects throughout NYC / the Five Boroughs

Worker Boroughs
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Kings County
New York County
Queens County
Richmond County



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10801	10473	10009
10038	10538	10027
07102	10018	11201
10009	10036	07094
10466	10018	11354
10538	10075	11222
11224	10003	11222
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Source: Worksite / Turnstile Data (2019 / 2020)



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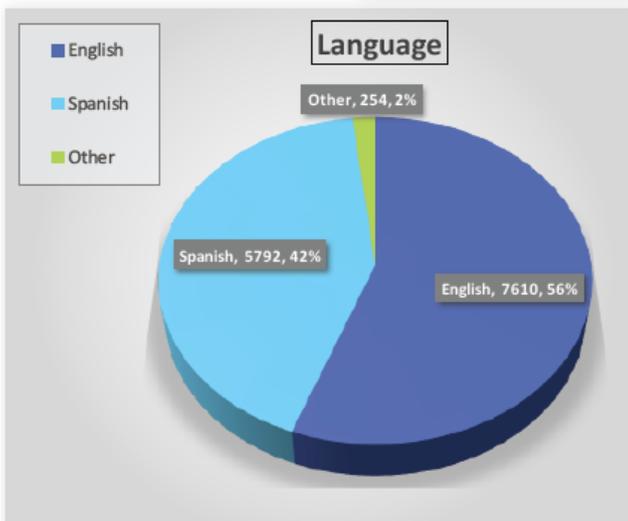
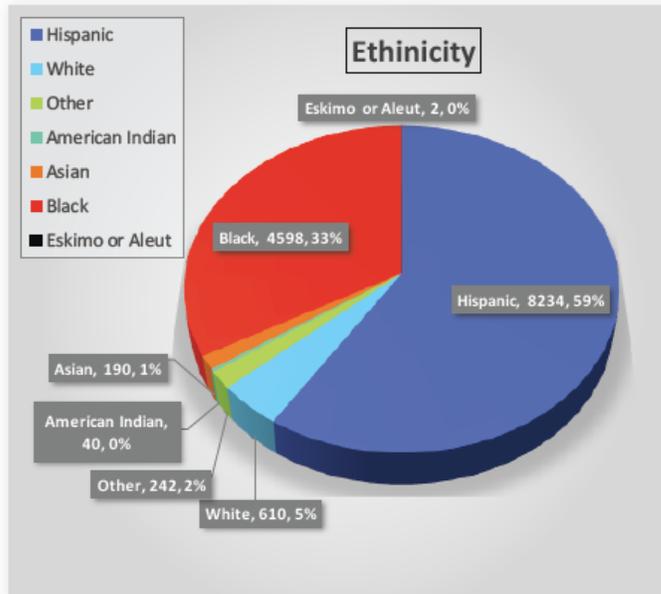
The Construction Workforce Project (CWP) is a 501©3 advocacy organization whose partners are community and faith-based groups, public housing associations, industry leaders and other local stakeholders, who are driven to educate New York City constituents and other elected officials on the benefits of merit shop work for historically underrepresented multi-cultural communities in our region.



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