

# New municipal ID inspires brisk trot, if not a stampede

*With 3,500 enrolled, borough brings up the rear in demand for popular card*

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More than 3,500 Staten Islanders have enrolled for the city's municipal identification card aimed at undocumented immigrants.

IDNYC is available to anyone with an address in the five boroughs. But the program is particularly intended to improve the lives of undocumented immigrants, the homeless, seniors, elderly and others without government-issued identification.

The Island, the borough with the smallest population, also saw the least number of IDNYC enrollments dating to the program's launch, on Jan. 12, through Monday, according to city figures released on Thursday. There have been more than 101,000 enrollments across the five boroughs.

Cardholders are eligible for free memberships at numerous cultural institutions, including Snug Harbor Cultural Center and Botanical Garden, the Children's



**Luis Gordillo, an Ecuadoran carpenter, waits in line at Make the Road New York in Queens to apply for the ID, which is a boon to immigrants and the homeless.** (ASSOCIATED PRESS/KATHY WILLENS)

Museum, Historic Richmond Town, the Staten Island Museum and the Zoo.

The card proved more popular than city officials anticipated, prompting complaints.

More processing centers were added, hours were extended and the city switched

to an appointment-based system. An additional \$5 million was allocated to IDNYC this fiscal year to increase staffing in order to address the high demand.

Through Monday, more than 350,000 New Yorkers had scheduled appointments for the card.