

Mike Bloomberg made New York the safest big city in the nation. In 2013, the City set record lows for murders and shootings, and by building the largest counter-terrorism force of any local police department in the world, the NYPD helped to prevent numerous terrorist plots.

- **COUNTERTERRORISM**

- **After taking office in the wake of the 9/11 attacks, Mike Bloomberg and NYPD Commissioner Ray Kelly created a counterterrorism unit with 1,000 police officers and invested in the most sophisticated and modern counterterrorism tools, which helped to thwart numerous terrorist plots.**

- **CRIME**

- **Under Mayor Bloomberg's leadership, New York City cut crime by more than 32% between 2001 and 2013, far outpacing the nation. As a result, new residents and businesses flocked to areas that were once considered highly dangerous.**

- **GUNS**

- **Mike Bloomberg led the fight against illegal guns in the United States, both as mayor of New York and as the co-founder of the bipartisan coalition Mayors Against Illegal Guns, which joined with Moms Demand Action for Gun Sense in America in April, 2014 to form Everytown for Gun Safety.**

- **FIRE**

- **Mike Bloomberg's investments in the Fire Department helped New York City experience the fewest civilian fire fatalities in an eleven-year period since record keeping began in 1916. Fire and ambulance response times were the fastest in City history.**

Mike Bloomberg made New York City a global leader in fighting climate change and pioneering sustainability measures, while also building hundreds of acres of new parkland and re-opening major areas of the waterfront that had been abandoned by industry decades ago.

- **PARKS**

- **Mike Bloomberg led a major expansion of the City's parks, adding more than 850 acres of new parkland, much of it along the waterfront, and opening new recreational facilities in all five boroughs. At the end of Mayor Bloomberg's term in 2013, 76% of New Yorkers lived within a 10-minute walk of a park or playground.**

- **ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION**

- **Mike Bloomberg made environmental protection a top priority, launching the nation's first local program to reclaim brownfields and restoring 146 acres of wetlands. During his tenure, the City also purchased and preserved nearly 90,000 acres of rural land to protect the quality of its water supply.**

- **TRANSPORTATION**

- **Mike Bloomberg made major investments to improve traffic safety, bringing traffic fatalities in New York City to a historic low; to expand transportation options, including building the first new City-funded subway track in decades; and to strengthen existing infrastructure, including \$5 billion to ensure the City's 787 bridges are in the best condition in generations.**

As an entrepreneur who created an information technology start-up and grew it into a global business with 15,000 employees, Mike Bloomberg positioned New York City to lead the innovation economy of tomorrow. As a result of his leadership, New York City escaped the worst effects of the national economic downturn, and it far outpaced the nation in job growth after the recession.

- **SMALL BUSINESS & ENTREPRENEURS**

- **As a mayor with a background as an entrepreneur, Mike Bloomberg worked hard to make it easier to start and grow a business in New York City – and to connect more people to those jobs. This resulted in major new investment opportunities for small businesses, as well as a record level of job placements during the midst of the national economic recession.**

- **ARTS AND CULTURE**

- **Under Mike Bloomberg, New York City became the largest funder of arts and culture in the United States, with more than \$3 billion invested in the industry between 2002 and 2013. The arts industry helped form the backbone of the City’s economy and supported more than 320,000 jobs across the five boroughs.**

- **Film & TV**

- **A key part of Mike Bloomberg’s strategy to diversify New York City’s economy and make it less dependent on Wall Street was to expand the film and TV industry. For the 2012-2013 season, after major studio expansions, a record 23 primetime episodic shows were filmed in the City, and in 2012, the growing industry employed 130,000 New Yorkers.**

- **TOURISM**

- **In 2006, Mike Bloomberg set a goal of attracting 50 million annual visitors by 2015. In 2011 – four years early – the City reached that goal. In 2013, the City reached a new record high of 54.3 million visitors, who generated an estimated \$59 billion in economic impact and helped support jobs.**

- **TECHNOLOGY & APPLIED SCIENCES**

- **Mike Bloomberg worked to position New York City to become the global capital of technological innovation. From 2007-2012, jobs in the City’s tech sector grew by 74 percent, making the City second only to Silicon Valley in venture capital funding for tech startups. The unprecedented Applied Sciences NYC initiative will mean even more investment and jobs in the years ahead.**

Mike Bloomberg worked to improve life in NYC neighborhoods across the five boroughs. From economic development projects like the Hudson Yards to revitalizing large sections of the waterfront, New Yorkers benefited from new residential, commercial, and industrial development.

- **REVITALIZING NEIGHBORHOODS**

- **Mike Bloomberg brought new life to areas long neglected by the City, including major sections of the waterfront that had been mostly abandoned. From the South Bronx to Coney Island, and from Greenpoint and Williamsburg to Willets Point, the Mayor worked to revitalize communities with new jobs, housing, and parks.**

- **AFFORDABLE HOUSING**

- **As Mayor, Mike Bloomberg created the largest affordable housing program in the country, with 175,000 affordable housing units constructed or preserved between 2002 and 2013. Through innovative policies like “inclusionary zoning,” the Mayor created new incentives for the development of affordable housing.**

- **Landmarks**

- **As Mike Bloomberg worked to grow New York City, he has also made historic preservation a priority. The Landmarks Preservation Commission created and extended 40 historic districts from 2002 to 2013, the most designations of any mayoral administration since the Commission was founded decades ago.**

Mike Bloomberg pioneered bold public health initiatives – and other innovative programs designed to help people take control of their futures – that were copied across the country and around the world.

- **IMPROVING PUBLIC HEALTH**

- Improving the health of all New Yorkers was a top priority for Mike Bloomberg, who quickly became a national leader on public health. After New York City banned smoking in bars and restaurants, cities and states across the nation – and countries around the world - followed suit. Thanks in part to the Mayor's public health initiatives, life expectancy in New York City grew by more than three years.

- **FIGHTING POVERTY**

- Under Mike Bloomberg, New York City's welfare rolls fell 25 percent, and nearly 900,000 people moved from welfare to work. The Mayor created the Center for Economic Opportunity to find new ways to tackle poverty, and in 2012 the Center won the Harvard Innovations in American Government Award.

- **PROTECTING CONSUMERS**

- To help low-income New Yorkers manage and save their money, Mike Bloomberg created the Office of Financial Empowerment, which launched 25 Financial Empowerment Centers across the city. The centers have been replicated by the federal government in cities across the country.

- **SUPPORTING IMMIGRANTS**

- A passionate champion of immigration reform, Mike Bloomberg recognized that fixing our broken immigration policies was essential to our country's future. As Mayor, Mike worked to help immigrant entrepreneurs launch small businesses, and he made City government information available in 170 different languages, via 311.

- **PROMOTING VOLUNTEERISM**

- Since Mike Bloomberg started the NYC Service initiative in 2009, New Yorkers and visitors have volunteered more than 9 million times. The initiative has also engaged 1.6 million of the City's public schoolchildren.

- **CUSTOMER SERVICE**

- Mike Bloomberg brought an innovative approach to all city services, increasing New Yorkers access to information and service through significant investments in technology. Thanks to these improvements, New Yorkers became more connected to city government than ever before.

Mike Bloomberg took over a broken and dysfunctional school system and turned it into a model of reform, raising graduation rates to record highs while also launching efforts to close the racial and ethnic achievement gap that had persisted across the country for far too long.

- **EDUCATION**

- **Under Mike Bloomberg, New York City's public school system underwent a renaissance. High school graduation rates increased 42 percent, and the City opened 654 new schools, including 173 charter schools. Students and their families had more top-quality school options than ever before.**

- **YOUNG MEN'S INITIATIVE**

- **The Young Men's Initiative is a public-private partnership that works with at-risk young men to improve their education, employment and health outcomes. Since the program launched in 2011, the Initiative has helped advance the life and career prospects of thousands of at-risk young men.**