

New York City Timeline – 1960s and 1970s

1963



Construction completed on Cross Bronx Expressway, which cuts through the South Bronx

1964



Race riots erupt in several neighborhoods after police kill a 15-year-old boy in Harlem

1966



12-day transit strike stops buses and subways for millions of commuters

1968



Sanitation strike causes garbage to pile up on streets for 9 days

1968



Tension between teachers' union and minority communities leads to teachers' strike

1973



Arab oil embargo leads to recession and gasoline shortages

1974



Inflation tops 10% nationwide

1975



Knapp Commission investigates police corruption in NYPD

1975



City faces bankruptcy; President Ford refuses to fund bailout

1977



City-wide blackout leads to widespread looting and vandalism, especially in poor neighborhoods

1970s



New York State passes harsh drug laws; crime and incarceration rates soar

1970s



Mass transit system falls into disrepair