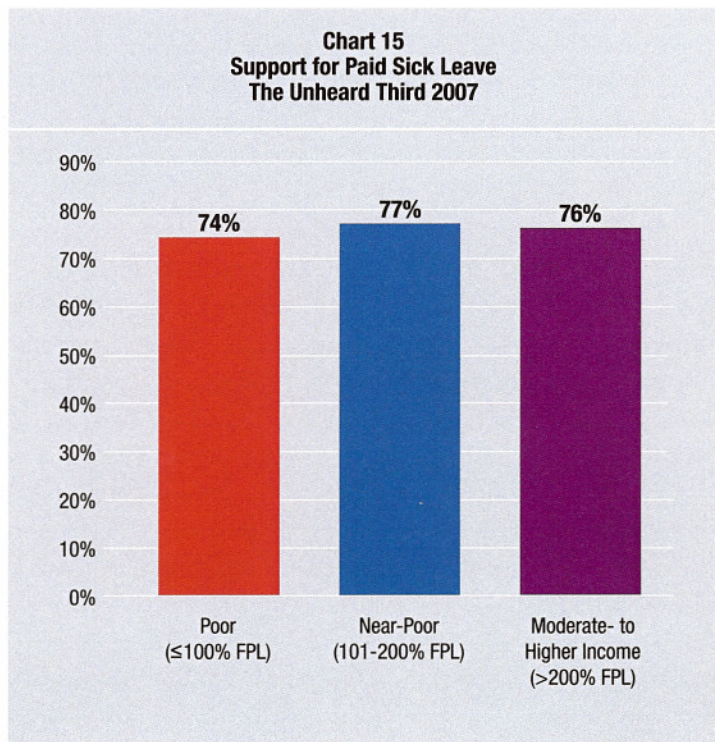


## New Yorkers at Every Income Level Support Paid Sick Leave.

New Yorkers across income strongly support a paid sick leave law in New York City. In *The Unheard Third 2007*, New Yorkers were asked which of the following two statements comes closer to their view:<sup>15</sup>

- Some people say there should be a law that requires employers to give full-time workers at least seven days of paid sick leave annually so workers don't have to choose between losing their pay or going to work sick, sending sick children to school or leaving them alone.
- Other people say that in this economy, a law that requires employers to give full-time workers at least seven days of paid sick leave will open up the door for abuse by employees and will also be an unfair burden on some businesses, particularly small businesses, forcing them to cut jobs or increase prices.

Chart 15 below shows that approximately three-quarters of all New Yorkers support requiring employers to give full-time workers at least seven days of paid sick leave annually.



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Support for paid sick leave is robust across income. Regardless of their own personal situations, New Yorkers recognize the need for this common-sense policy. In addition, New Yorkers across the political spectrum—including Independents and Republicans—support paid sick leave, as Chart 16 below shows. Nearly 9 in 10 (88 percent) working moms support establishing a paid sick leave law.

**Chart 16**  
**Support for New York City Paid Sick Leave Law**  
**Selected Demographics, The Unheard Third 2007**

Demographic	Support for New York City Paid Sick Leave Law
Public School Parents	77%
Democrats	79%
Independents	80%
Republicans	60%
Working Women	80%
Working Mothers with Children under 18	88%