

## **Abstract**

This study will examine the relationship between the loss of Caribbean culture in Flatbush, Brooklyn and gentrification by measuring the growth of coffee shops. Observing and examining the implementation of coffee shops provides an understanding on consumer habits and economic growth which are essential indicators when researching gentrification. Measuring businesses that are associated with islands of the Caribbean provides a stable understanding and base on the influence Caribbean culture has in Flatbush. A cross sectional study will be used to analyze the representative subset, coffee shops. Using a cross sectional study provides an analysis on observations made when examining the presence and influence of Caribbean Culture in Flatbush. If the study found that the ratio of coffee shops was higher than the number of Caribbean related businesses on a significant number of blocks, then the study would infer that gentrification is resulting in a loss of Caribbean influence on the economic and social level.