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New York City Building Permit Report

May 2024

Monthly analysis of permit volume, work types, borough activity,
and project values sourced from NYC DOB NOW public permit records.

Total Permits

New Filings

Est. Job Value

General Construction

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Permit Volume Overview

NYC DOB NOW issued **9,598 building permits** this month across all five boroughs. Of these, **8,982 (93.6%)** were initial filings — new work starting fresh — while the remainder were renewals of existing permits. General construction led all work types with **2,415 permits**, followed by plumbing at **1,260** and mechanical systems at **861**. Solar installations continue to be a growing category with **865 permits** this month.

Work Type	Permits	Share
General Construction	2,415	25.2%
Plumbing	1,260	13.1%
Solar	865	9.0%
Mechanical Systems	861	9.0%
Sidewalk Shed	696	7.3%
Structural	575	6.0%
Suspended Scaffold	517	5.4%
Sprinklers	465	4.8%

Activity by Borough

Manhattan led all five boroughs this month with **3,756 permits** (39.1% of citywide total). NYC's permit activity is spread across a uniquely diverse construction landscape — from high-rise commercial towers in Manhattan to residential conversions and new construction in the outer boroughs.

Borough	Permits	Share
Manhattan	3,756	39.1%
Brooklyn	2,325	24.2%
Queens	2,017	21.0%
Bronx	847	8.8%
Staten Island	653	6.8%

Project Valuation

The combined estimated job cost of all permitted work this month totaled **\$1332.3M**, with an average declared job cost of **\$159,924**. New York City consistently ranks as the highest-cost construction market in the United States, driven by dense urban conditions, labor costs, and complex logistics. These figures represent applicant-declared valuations at the time of permit filing and span residential, commercial, and infrastructure work.

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Avg. Job Cost

Top Neighborhoods

Midtown-Times Square was the most active neighborhood this month with **579 permits** (6.0% of citywide total). The table below lists the six most active Neighborhood Tabulation Areas (NTAs) — NYC's standard geographic unit below the borough level — giving contractors a precise view of where work is concentrated.

Neighborhood (NTA)	Permits	Share
Midtown-Times Square	579	6.0%
Upper East Side-Carnegie Hill	301	3.1%
Midtown South-Flatiron-Union Square	282	2.9%
East Midtown-Turtle Bay	215	2.2%
Upper West Side (Central)	196	2.0%
Chelsea-Hudson Yards	194	2.0%

Activity by Council District

NYC's 51 council districts provide a granular geographic breakdown of permit activity. **District 4.0** led this month with **1,016 permits** (10.6%). The table below shows the six most active districts.

Council District	Permits	Share
District 4	1,016	10.6%
District 3	657	6.8%
District 1	500	5.2%
District 2	470	4.9%
District 6	357	3.7%
District 33	316	3.3%

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