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# New York City Building Permit Report

**December 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 **8,857 building permits** this month across all five boroughs. Of these, **7,519 (84.9%)** were initial filings — new work starting fresh — while the remainder were renewals of existing permits. General construction led all work types with **2,209 permits**, followed by plumbing at **1,174** and mechanical systems at **896**. Solar installations continue to be a growing category with **767 permits** this month.

Work Type	Permits	Share
General Construction	2,209	24.9%
Plumbing	1,174	13.3%
Mechanical Systems	896	10.1%
Solar	767	8.7%
Structural	589	6.7%
Sidewalk Shed	527	6.0%
Construction Fence	410	4.6%
Sprinklers	404	4.6%

## Activity by Borough

**Manhattan** led all five boroughs this month with **3,254 permits** (36.7% 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	3,254	36.7%
Brooklyn	2,218	25.0%
Queens	1,866	21.1%
Bronx	859	9.7%
Staten Island	660	7.5%

## Project Valuation

The combined estimated job cost of all permitted work this month totaled **\$3614.1M**, with an average declared job cost of **\$459,809**. 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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Total Est. Job Value

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Avg. Job Cost

## Top Neighborhoods

**Midtown-Times Square** was the most active neighborhood this month with **544 permits** (6.1% 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	544	6.1%
Upper East Side-Carnegie Hill	238	2.7%
Midtown South-Flatiron-Union Square	229	2.6%
Chelsea-Hudson Yards	208	2.3%
Upper West Side (Central)	180	2.0%
SoHo-Little Italy-Hudson Square	152	1.7%

## Activity by Council District

NYC's 51 council districts provide a granular geographic breakdown of permit activity. **District 4.0** led this month with **838 permits** (9.5%). The table below shows the six most active districts.

Council District	Permits	Share
District 4	838	9.5%
District 3	647	7.3%
District 1	410	4.6%
District 6	318	3.6%
District 2	308	3.5%
District 33	307	3.5%

## Get the Full List

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