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New York City Building Permit Report

May 2025

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 **11,497 building permits** this month across all five boroughs. Of these, **9,009 (78.4%)** were initial filings — new work starting fresh — while the remainder were renewals of existing permits. General construction led all work types with **2,873 permits**, followed by plumbing at **1,466** and mechanical systems at **1,040**. Solar installations continue to be a growing category with **633 permits** this month.

Work Type	Permits	Share
General Construction	2,873	25.0%
Plumbing	1,466	12.8%
Mechanical Systems	1,040	9.0%
Sidewalk Shed	873	7.6%
Structural	873	7.6%
Solar	633	5.5%
Construction Fence	632	5.5%
Sprinklers	597	5.2%

Activity by Borough

Manhattan led all five boroughs this month with **4,265 permits** (37.1% 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	4,265	37.1%
Brooklyn	2,984	26.0%
Queens	2,314	20.1%
Bronx	1,190	10.4%
Staten Island	744	6.5%

Project Valuation

The combined estimated job cost of all permitted work this month totaled **\$2333.9M**, with an average declared job cost of **\$232,623**. 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.

\$2333.9M

Total Est. Job Value

\$232,623

Avg. Job Cost

Top Neighborhoods

Midtown-Times Square was the most active neighborhood this month with **577 permits** (5.0% 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	577	5.0%
Upper East Side-Carnegie Hill	413	3.6%
Midtown South-Flatiron-Union Square	297	2.6%
East Midtown-Turtle Bay	246	2.1%
Chelsea-Hudson Yards	206	1.8%
SoHo-Little Italy-Hudson Square	195	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 **1,184 permits** (10.3%). The table below shows the six most active districts.

Council District	Permits	Share
District 4	1,184	10.3%
District 3	790	6.9%
District 1	555	4.8%
District 2	491	4.3%
District 33	370	3.2%
District 39	357	3.1%

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