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# New York City Building Permit Report

**July 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 **12,498 building permits** this month across all five boroughs. Of these, **9,646 (77.2%)** were initial filings — new work starting fresh — while the remainder were renewals of existing permits. General construction led all work types with **3,183 permits**, followed by plumbing at **1,635** and mechanical systems at **1,159**. Solar installations continue to be a growing category with **750 permits** this month.

Work Type	Permits	Share
General Construction	3,183	25.5%
Plumbing	1,635	13.1%
Mechanical Systems	1,159	9.3%
Sidewalk Shed	898	7.2%
Structural	893	7.1%
Solar	750	6.0%
Construction Fence	591	4.7%
Sprinklers	574	4.6%

## Activity by Borough

**Manhattan** led all five boroughs this month with **4,699 permits** (37.6% 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	4,699	37.6%
Brooklyn	3,345	26.8%
Queens	2,312	18.5%
Bronx	1,142	9.1%
Staten Island	1,000	8.0%

## Project Valuation

The combined estimated job cost of all permitted work this month totaled **\$3142.1M**, with an average declared job cost of **\$287,365**. 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 **684 permits** (5.5% 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	684	5.5%
Upper East Side-Carnegie Hill	468	3.7%
Midtown South-Flatiron-Union Square	306	2.4%
Upper West Side (Central)	247	2.0%
East Midtown-Turtle Bay	231	1.8%
Chelsea-Hudson Yards	215	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 **1,244 permits** (10.0%). The table below shows the six most active districts.

Council District	Permits	Share
District 4	1,244	10.0%
District 3	825	6.6%
District 1	554	4.4%
District 6	543	4.3%
District 2	529	4.2%
District 39	445	3.6%

## Get the Full List

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