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# New York City Building Permit Report

**January 2026**

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 **11,031 building permits** this month across all five boroughs. Of these, **7,944 (72.0%)** were initial filings — new work starting fresh — while the remainder were renewals of existing permits. General construction led all work types with **2,744 permits**, followed by plumbing at **1,552** and mechanical systems at **1,147**. Solar installations continue to be a growing category with **482 permits** this month.

Work Type	Permits	Share
General Construction	2,744	24.9%
Plumbing	1,552	14.1%
Mechanical Systems	1,147	10.4%
Structural	849	7.7%
Sidewalk Shed	785	7.1%
Construction Fence	619	5.6%
Sprinklers	610	5.5%
Solar	482	4.4%

## Activity by Borough

**Manhattan** led all five boroughs this month with **4,065 permits** (36.9% 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	4,065	36.9%
Brooklyn	2,842	25.8%
Queens	2,258	20.5%
Bronx	1,207	10.9%
Staten Island	659	6.0%

## Project Valuation

The combined estimated job cost of all permitted work this month totaled **\$4146.7M**, with an average declared job cost of **\$428,024**. 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

**\$428,024**

Avg. Job Cost

## Top Neighborhoods

**Midtown-Times Square** was the most active neighborhood this month with **584 permits** (5.3% 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	584	5.3%
Upper East Side-Carnegie Hill	333	3.0%
Midtown South-Flatiron-Union Square	271	2.5%
East Midtown-Turtle Bay	237	2.1%
Financial District-Battery Park City	230	2.1%
Chelsea-Hudson Yards	213	1.9%

## Activity by Council District

NYC's 51 council districts provide a granular geographic breakdown of permit activity. **District 4.0** led this month with **1,119 permits** (10.1%). The table below shows the six most active districts.

Council District	Permits	Share
District 4	1,119	10.1%
District 3	720	6.5%
District 1	563	5.1%
District 2	400	3.6%
District 6	363	3.3%
District 33	358	3.2%

## Get the Full List

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