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New York City Building Permit Report

March 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 **13,961 building permits** this month across all five boroughs. Of these, **9,144 (65.5%)** were initial filings — new work starting fresh — while the remainder were renewals of existing permits. General construction led all work types with **3,684 permits**, followed by plumbing at **1,659** and mechanical systems at **1,394**. Solar installations continue to be a growing category with **421 permits** this month.

Work Type	Permits	Share
General Construction	3,684	26.4%
Plumbing	1,659	11.9%
Mechanical Systems	1,394	10.0%
Sidewalk Shed	1,328	9.5%
Structural	1,117	8.0%
Construction Fence	789	5.7%
Sprinklers	612	4.4%
Foundation	542	3.9%

Activity by Borough

Manhattan led all five boroughs this month with **5,320 permits** (38.1% 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	5,320	38.1%
Brooklyn	3,556	25.5%
Queens	2,936	21.0%
Bronx	1,290	9.2%
Staten Island	859	6.2%

Project Valuation

The combined estimated job cost of all permitted work this month totaled **\$4434.3M**, with an average declared job cost of **\$369,498**. 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 **750 permits** (5.4% 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	750	5.4%
Upper East Side-Carnegie Hill	477	3.4%
Midtown South-Flatiron-Union Square	342	2.4%
East Midtown-Turtle Bay	319	2.3%
Chelsea-Hudson Yards	285	2.0%
West Village	254	1.8%

Activity by Council District

NYC's 51 council districts provide a granular geographic breakdown of permit activity. **District 4.0** led this month with **1,512 permits** (10.8%). The table below shows the six most active districts.

Council District	Permits	Share
District 4	1,512	10.8%
District 3	994	7.1%
District 1	665	4.8%
District 39	526	3.8%
District 6	522	3.7%
District 2	510	3.7%

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