

Market Intelligence Report

May 2026

Monthly analysis of new construction, addition/conversion, and major-project building permit leads, declared value, and borough-level activity sourced from NYC Department of Buildings public permit records.

1584

Total Permit
Leads

143

New
Construction

\$1367.9M

Total Declared
Value

Manhattan

Leading
Borough

Permit Lead Overview

New York City generated 1584 qualified building permit leads this month. Addition and conversion work led activity with 1047 permits (66.1%), major projects accounted for 394 permits (24.9%), and new construction added 143 permits (9.0%). This dataset reflects BCAR DATA's curated lead list scope, drawn from the NYC DOB permit feed.

Lead Type	Count	Share
Addition / Conversion	1047	66.1%
Major Project	394	24.9%
New Construction	143	9.0%

Work Type Breakdown

General Construction filings dominated work type volume at 1067 permits, followed by Structural work at 232 and Foundation work at 151. Earth Work and Support of Excavation filings totaled 117, often signaling early-stage groundwork ahead of vertical construction.

Work Type	Count	Share
General Construction	1067	67.4%
Structural	232	14.6%
Foundation	151	9.5%
Earth Work	89	5.6%
Support of Excavation	28	1.8%
Standpipe	17	1.1%

Declared value: This month's permits carry a combined estimated job cost of \$1367.9M, with a median project value of \$216,353. 66.5% of filings were Initial Permits, indicating new project starts rather than renewals.

Activity by Borough

Manhattan led the city this month with 541 permits (34.2%) and \$751.7M in combined declared value — disproportionate to its permit-volume share, reflecting larger average project size. Use this breakdown to prioritize outreach by borough.

Borough	Permits	Declared Value
Manhattan	541	\$751,650,821
Queens	472	\$283,304,396
Brooklyn	389	\$198,648,316
Bronx	126	\$115,418,504
Staten Island	56	\$18,835,135

Top ZIP Codes & Council Districts

ZIP 11422 led all ZIP codes with 41 permits this month. At the council district level, District 4 saw the most activity with 148 permits — a useful signal for targeting canvassing and outreach efforts geographically.

Top ZIP Codes	Top Council Districts
11422 — 41 permits	District 4 — 148 permits
11362 — 34 permits	District 3 — 99 permits
10011 — 33 permits	District 1 — 77 permits
10019 — 32 permits	District 19 — 72 permits
11355 — 30 permits	District 23 — 64 permits

Get the Full List

This report summarizes New York City's permit lead landscape for May 2026. BCAR DATA's monthly lead lists give you the actual permit records — property address, borough, permit type, declared value, and owner/applicant details — delivered straight to your inbox every month.

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