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New York City Residential Market Report

First Quarter 2006


## A Rejuvenated Market

At $\$ 1,258,420$, the average price for a Manhattan apartment was $8 \%$ higher than a year ago, and $15 \%$ higher than the prior quarter. After falling during the last two quarters of 2005, the average price is now just under the record level set in 2005's second quarter. The median price of $\$ 740,000$ during the quarter was also the highest since the second quarter of 2005 , and was $6 \%$ higher than a year ago. For the first time, the average price per square foot for sales reached $\$ 1,000$. This figure is up $12 \%$ from the first quarter of 2005.

After falling below $\$ 1$ million last quarter, the average price for cooperative apartments jumped to $\$ 1,159,130$ in the first quarter. This was $10 \%$ higher than a year ago, and $26 \%$ higher than the prior quarter. All sizes of co-ops posted double-digit gains in their average price over the past year. The median price of $\$ 677,000$ for co-ops was a new high, and was $9 \%$ higher than a year ago.

In the condominium market prices averaged $\$ 1,384,932$ in the first quarter, virtually unchanged from a year ago. Growth in the average price was tempered by a $9 \%$ decline in the average size of condos sold, as there were fewer sales of luxury units in new developments than a year ago. On a per square foot basis, the average price was $5 \%$ higher than 2005's first quarter. The largest price gains were seen in three-bedrooms, whose average price of $\$ 3,316,851$ was $25 \%$ higher than a year ago.

After stagnating at the end of 2005, price growth has once again picked up. With interest rates still low, job growth continuing, a growing economy and now a record $\$ 21.5$ billion in Wall Street bonuses the fundamentals of the real estate market remain strong. Recent increases in both the number of available apartments and time on the market has yet to show any significant effect on prices.

Transaction data for this market report is provided by ValuExchange, a proprietary database that contains data from all Terra Holdings companies and is the largest known survey of the New York City residential market. This report is based on 2,115 reported Manhattan apartment sales.

Manhattan Cooperatives and Condominiums

The average sale price for all apartments of $\$ 1,258,420$ during the first quarter was $8 \%$ higher than a year ago, and 15\% higher than the prior quarter. For the first time, the average price per square foot for apartments reached \$1,000.

Average and Median Sale Price


Average Sale Price

|  | 4+Bedroom | 3-Bedroom | 2-Bedroom | 1-Bedroom | Studio | All |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 1st Q 06 | $\$ 6,605,273$ | $\$ 3,142,949$ | $\$ 1,396,168$ | $\$ 678,226$ | $\$ 402,953$ | $\$ 1,258,420$ |
| 4th Q 05 | $\$ 4,515,920$ | $\$ 2,676,760$ | $\$ 1,475,322$ | $\$ 660,373$ | $\$ 378,361$ | $\$ 1,089,946$ |
| 3rd Q 05 | $\$ 5,125,885$ | $\$ 2,832,187$ | $\$ 1,368,859$ | $\$ 649,268$ | $\$ 403,490$ | $\$ 1,138,683$ |
| 2nd Q 05 | $\$ 7,255,023$ | $\$ 2,995,571$ | $\$ 1,421,521$ | $\$ 638,163$ | $\$ 352,270$ | $\$ 1,276,964$ |
| 1st Q 05 | $\$ 6,628,993$ | $\$ 2,717,187$ | $\$ 1,315,528$ | $\$ 581,623$ | $\$ 326,734$ | $\$ 1,169,458$ |

Average Price Per Square Foot

|  | 4+Bedroom | 3-Bedroom | 2-Bedroom | 1-Bedroom | Studio | All |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1st Q 06 | $\$ 1,615$ | $\$ 1,337$ | $\$ 1,022$ | $\$ 904$ | $\$ 905$ | $\$ 1,000$ |
| 4th Q 05 | $\$ 1,363$ | $\$ 1,214$ | $\$ 1,110$ | $\$ 892$ | $\$ 846$ | $\$ 979$ |
| 3rd Q 05 | $\$ 1,573$ | $\$ 1,209$ | $\$ 1,031$ | $\$ 879$ | $\$ 879$ | $\$ 969$ |
| 2nd Q 05 | $\$ 1,595$ | $\$ 1,285$ | $\$ 1,032$ | $\$ 842$ | $\$ 796$ | $\$ 962$ |
| 1st Q 05 | $\$ 1,344$ | $\$ 1,158$ | $\$ 952$ | $\$ 787$ | $\$ 731$ | $\$ 891$ |

Average Price Per Room

|  | 4+Bedroom | 3-Bedroom | 2-Bedroom | 1-Bedroom | Studio | All |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :---: |
| 1st Q 06 | $\$ 678,997$ | $\$ 460,246$ | $\$ 302,584$ | $\$ 216,228$ | $\$ 191,573$ | $\$ 275,053$ |
| 4th Q 05 | $\$ 490,062$ | $\$ 412,341$ | $\$ 320,772$ | $\$ 207,682$ | $\$ 179,384$ | $\$ 257,774$ |
| 3rd Q 05 | $\$ 590,407$ | $\$ 431,969$ | $\$ 299,867$ | $\$ 205,231$ | $\$ 189,883$ | $\$ 261,260$ |
| 2nd Q 05 | $\$ 727,330$ | $\$ 447,941$ | $\$ 308,585$ | $\$ 199,247$ | $\$ 166,555$ | $\$ 270,323$ |
| 1st Q 05 | $\$ 657,597$ | $\$ 419,253$ | $\$ 283,152$ | $\$ 182,645$ | $\$ 150,978$ | $\$ 247,783$ |

Manhattan Cooperative Apartments

The average co-op price of \$1,159, 130 during the first quarter was $10 \%$ higher than a year ago, as all sizes of apartments showed significant price gains.

## Average and Median Sale Price



## Average Sale Price

|  | 4+Bedroom | 3-Bedroom | 2-Bedroom | 1-Bedroom | Studio | All |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1st Q 06 | $\$ 5,885,127$ | $\$ 3,098,147$ | $\$ 1,363,909$ | $\$ 622,519$ | $\$ 353,137$ | $\$ 1,159,130$ |
| 4th Q 05 | $\$ 3,889,000$ | $\$ 2,309,711$ | $\$ 1,261,933$ | $\$ 578,350$ | $\$ 340,981$ | $\$ 921,791$ |
| 3rd Q 05 | $\$ 5,432,808$ | $\$ 2,899,599$ | $\$ 1,275,852$ | $\$ 582,494$ | $\$ 352,809$ | $\$ 1,044,318$ |
| 2nd Q 05 | $\$ 7,365,740$ | $\$ 3,104,997$ | $\$ 1,274,995$ | $\$ 562,270$ | $\$ 315,508$ | $\$ 1,170,117$ |
| 1st Q 05 | $\$ 5,027,016$ | $\$ 2,784,150$ | $\$ 1,242,479$ | $\$ 528,926$ | $\$ 299,947$ | $\$ 1,053,222$ |

Average Price Per Room

|  | 4+Bedroom | 3-Bedroom | 2-Bedroom | 1-Bedroom | Studio | All |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1st Q 06 | $\$ 534,765$ | $\$ 421,589$ | $\$ 282,292$ | $\$ 196,890$ | $\$ 168,055$ | $\$ 245,903$ |
| 4th Q 05 | $\$ 428,651$ | $\$ 344,459$ | $\$ 261,378$ | $\$ 182,330$ | $\$ 161,256$ | $\$ 217,248$ |
| 3rd Q 05 | $\$ 562,866$ | $\$ 410,309$ | $\$ 271,650$ | $\$ 183,020$ | $\$ 163,715$ | $\$ 232,301$ |
| 2nd Q 05 | $\$ 595,778$ | $\$ 419,048$ | $\$ 260,510$ | $\$ 174,415$ | $\$ 149,955$ | $\$ 231,539$ |
| 1st Q 05 | $\$ 580,265$ | $\$ 401,875$ | $\$ 255,531$ | $\$ 163,895$ | $\$ 137,267$ | $\$ 218,747$ |

## Manhattan Condominium Apartments

While the average price for condos was unchanged from 2005's first quarter, this is primarily due
to a $9 \%$ decline in the average size of units sold.

On a per square foot
basis the average condo price was up 5\% during this time.

Average and Median Sale Price


Average Sale Price

|  | 4+Bedroom | 3-Bedroom | 2-Bedroom | 1-Bedroom | Studio | All |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1st Q 06 | $\$ 7,300,586$ | $\$ 3,316,851$ | $\$ 1,429,517$ | $\$ 753,936$ | $\$ 472,466$ | $\$ 1,384,932$ |
| 4th Q 05 | $\$ 5,656,107$ | $\$ 3,202,206$ | $\$ 1,732,571$ | $\$ 786,639$ | $\$ 448,286$ | $\$ 1,333,348$ |
| 3rd Q 05 | $\$ 5,026,723$ | $\$ 2,804,108$ | $\$ 1,488,602$ | $\$ 758,352$ | $\$ 482,462$ | $\$ 1,278,297$ |
| 2nd Q 05 | $\$ 7,122,163$ | $\$ 2,920,487$ | $\$ 1,570,887$ | $\$ 734,381$ | $\$ 412,872$ | $\$ 1,416,920$ |
| 1st Q 05 | $\$ 6,960,182$ | $\$ 2,653,699$ | $\$ 1,430,289$ | $\$ 673,297$ | $\$ 406,403$ | $\$ 1,387,593$ |

Average Price Per Square Foot

|  | 4+Bedroom | 3-Bedroom | 2-Bedroom | 1-Bedroom | Studio | All |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1st Q 06 | $\$ 1,740$ | $\$ 1,509$ | $\$ 1,066$ | $\$ 993$ | $\$ 998$ | $\$ 1,088$ |
| 4th Q 05 | $\$ 1,462$ | $\$ 1,386$ | $\$ 1,250$ | $\$ 1,026$ | $\$ 953$ | $\$ 1,125$ |
| 3rd Q 05 | $\$ 1,657$ | $\$ 1,295$ | $\$ 1,126$ | $\$ 994$ | $\$ 994$ | $\$ 1,085$ |
| 2nd Q 05 | $\$ 1,850$ | $\$ 1,346$ | $\$ 1,137$ | $\$ 949$ | $\$ 893$ | $\$ 1,081$ |
| 1st Q 05 | $\$ 1,783$ | $\$ 1,304$ | $\$ 1,061$ | $\$ 896$ | $\$ 871$ | $\$ 1,040$ |



Generally 59th to 96th Street, Fifth Avenue to the East River

East Side prices rose sharply over the past year, led by a $26 \%$ gain in the average price for two-bedroom apartments
to \$1,639,523.

|  |  | 4+Bedroom | 3-Bedroom | 2-Bedroom | 1-Bedroom | Studio |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Percent <br> of Sales | 1st Q 05 | $5 \%$ | $15 \%$ | $32 \%$ | $35 \%$ | $13 \%$ |
| 1st Q 06 | $7 \%$ | $13 \%$ | $32 \%$ | $37 \%$ | $11 \%$ |  |
| Average <br> Price | 1st Q 05 | $\$ 6,557,500$ | $\$ 3,185,781$ | $\$ 1,297,086$ | $\$ 558,148$ | $\$ 318,176$ |
|  | 1st Q 06 | $\$ 7,043,778$ | $\$ 3,702,545$ | $\$ 1,639,523$ | $\$ 668,624$ | $\$ 367,730$ |
|  | $\%$ Change | $7 \%$ | $16 \%$ | $26 \%$ | $20 \%$ | $16 \%$ |

## Cooperative

Average Price Per Room

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## Condominium

Average Price Per Square Foot



Generally 59th to 110th Street, Hudson River to West of Fifth Avenue

The average price per room for a co-op on the West Side rose $9 \%$ over the past year for both prewar and postwar units.

|  |  | 3+Bedroom | 2-Bedroom | 1-Bedroom | Studio |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Percent <br> of Sales | 1st Q 05 | $16 \%$ | $33 \%$ | $40 \%$ | $11 \%$ |
| Average <br> Price | 1st Q 06 Q 05 | $15 \%$ | $36 \%$ | $37 \%$ | $12 \%$ |
|  | 1st Q 06 | $\$ 3,940,398$ | $\$ 1,368,548$ | $\$ 594,084$ | $\$ 332,250$ |
|  | \% Change | $-10 \%$ | $\$ 1,344,020$ | $\$ 688,718$ | $\$ 414,815$ |
|  |  |  | $-2 \%$ | $16 \%$ | $25 \%$ |

Cooperative
Average Price Per Room

$1 Q 05 \square 1 Q 06 \square$

Condominium

Average Price Per Square Foot


Midtown East 34th to 58th Street, Fifth Avenue to the East River

## Condominium

Average Price Per Square Foot

| $\$ 1,200$ |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $\$ 966$ | $\$ 1,127$ |  |
| $\$ 1,000$ |  |  |
| $\$ 800$ |  |  |
| $\$ 600$ |  |  |
| $\$ 200$ | $1 Q 00$ | $1 Q 06$ |

$1205 \square 1006 \square$

## Cooperative

Average Price Per Room


## In the Midtown East market, the average price per square foot for condo sales rose $17 \%$ over the past year to $\$ 1,127$.

Midtown West 34th to 58th Street, Hudson River to West of Fifth Avenue

## Cooperative

Average Price Per Room


## Condominium

Average Price Per Square Foot


[^0]South of 34th Street

Downtown pricing gains were led by co-ops, whose
average price per room was up $16 \%$ for postwar and $13 \%$ for prewar units over the past year.

|  |  | 3+Bedroom | 2-Bedroom | 1-Bedroom | Studio |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Percent <br> of Sales | 1st Q 05 | $9 \%$ | $24 \%$ | $52 \%$ | $15 \%$ |
| Average <br> Price | 1st Q 06 | $6 \%$ | $26 \%$ | $51 \%$ | $17 \%$ |
|  | 1st Q 06 | $\$ 2,146,362$ | $\$ 1,216,474$ | $\$ 613,550$ | $\$ 320,157$ |
|  | \% Change | $11 \%$ | $\$ 2,389,484$ | $4 \%$ | $\$ 676,649$ |

Cooperative
Average Price Per Room


## Condominium

Average Price Per Square Foot


## Manhattan Lofts

Average Price Per Square Foot
The average price per square foot for lofts of \$1,077 during the first quarter set a new record, and was $21 \%$ higher than a year ago.

Townhouse prices averaged \$1,388 per square foot, $18 \%$ higher than a year ago.


## Manhattan Townhouses

Average Price Per Square Foot


## Brooklyn Heights and Park Slope

Cooperatives and Condominiums
As more studio and one-bedroom units sold than a year ago, the overall average price fell slightly in Brooklyn Heights and Park Slope.

The average price per square foot for townhouses in this area rose $16 \%$ during this time to $\$ 623$.

|  |  | 2-Bedroom | 1-Bedroom | Studio | All |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Average | 1st Q 05 | $\$ 692,815$ | $\$ 414,703$ | $\$ 259,063$ | $\$ 620,380$ |
| Price | 1st Q 06 | $\$ 689,168$ | $\$ 472,200$ | $\$ 306,545$ | $\$ 599,517$ |
|  | \% Change | $-1 \%$ | $14 \%$ | $18 \%$ | $-3 \%$ |

## Townhouses

Average Price Per Square Foot


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