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New York City Residential Market Report

Third Quarter 2005



Sustained Growth

Manhattan apartment prices averaged \$1,138,683 in the third quarter, 12% higher than a year ago. An identical increase was posted in the median price during this time, which reached \$730,000. Although both figures are down from the prior quarter's record levels, all sizes of apartments are selling for higher prices than the same period last year. This same phenomenon, the average price falling from the second to the third quarter, occurred last year and is not an uncommon occurrence. Many third quarter deals are negotiated during the summer, typically a slower time of year in the market and prices can decrease from the spring buying season.

At \$647,000, the median price for a cooperative apartment reached a new record in the third quarter. This figure was 9% higher than a year ago, and 4% higher than the prior quarter. The average price for a co-op of \$1,044,318 was 10% higher than 2004's third quarter. Last quarter we noted that the average price for co-ops had been inflated in part by steep increases in the luxury market. In the third quarter this trend subsided, and thus brought the overall average price down. On a per room basis the average co-op price is up slightly from last quarter, providing further evidence of this effect.

The median price in the condominium market of \$875,000 was 21% higher than during the third quarter of 2004. The average price posted a smaller gain, rising 14% during this time to \$1,278,297. This indicates that the entire market is stronger than the same period last year, and not just being carried by high priced new developments coming on the market. The fact that the increase in the average price per square foot was higher than the average price during this time also provides evidence of this.

As we've noted in previous reports real estate market fundamentals continue to remain strong, as interest rates are holding at historically low levels. The City's economy has grown for seven straight quarters, and unemployment in August reached its lowest level in 17 years. While not as constrained as during the first half of the year, supply remains tight with new listings down in most areas from a year ago.

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 2,380 reported sales.

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Manhattan Cooperatives and Condominiums

The third quarter average sale price of \$1,138,683 was 12% higher than a year ago.
The median price also rose 12% during this time, to \$730,000.



Average S	Average Sale Price									
	4+Bedroom	3-Bedroom	2-Bedroom	1-Bedroom	Studio	All				
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				
4th Q 04	\$4,711,411	\$2,548,310	\$1,164,596	\$551,987	\$326,006	\$1,052,155				
3rd Q 04	\$4,973,265	\$2,309,464	\$1,169,495	\$553,225	\$324,730	\$1,019,078				

Average Price Per Square Foot									
	4+Bedroom	3-Bedroom	2-Bedroom	1-Bedroom	Studio	All			
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			
4th Q 04	\$1,308	\$1,107	\$ 838	\$735	\$698	\$813			
3rd Q 04	\$1,316	\$1,070	\$ 866	\$744	\$697	\$824			

Average Price Per Room									
	4 ⁺ Bedroom	3-Bedroom	2-Bedroom	1-Bedroom	Studio	ALL			
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			
4th Q 04	\$499,396	\$379,118	\$248,042	\$171,890	\$152,195	\$224,962			
3rd Q 04	\$598,423	\$354,625	\$249,201	\$171,885	\$150,376	\$224,535			

Manhattan Cooperative Apartments

At \$647,000, the median price for a co-op set a new record in the third quarter.

Average and Median Sale Price



Average Sale Price

	4+Bedroom	3-Bedroom	2-Bedroom	1-Bedroom	Studio	All
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
4th Q 04	\$4,865,715	\$2,507,697	\$1,125,514	\$499,742	\$295,499	\$1,020,202
3rd Q 04	\$4,533,319	\$2,272,196	\$1,120,269	\$483,163	\$283,958	\$ 950,706

Average Price Per Room

	4+Bedroom	3-Bedroom	2-Bedroom	1-Bedroom	Studio	All
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
4th Q 04	\$504,845	\$353,378	\$232,749	\$154,924	\$137,859	\$209,049
3rd Q 04	\$513,814	\$325,384	\$226,773	\$150,366	\$130,456	\$198,866

Manhattan Condominium Apartments

The condo median price reached \$875,000 in the third quarter, 21% higher than a year ago.

Average and Median Sale Price



Average Sale Price

	4+Bedroom	3-Bedroom	2-Bedroom	1-Bedroom	Studio	All
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
4th Q 04	\$4,541,200	\$2,684,513	\$1,270,479	\$650,404	\$401,385	\$1,132,703
3rd Q 04	\$5,619,304	\$2,402,263	\$1,275,785	\$636,023	\$389,662	\$1,125,474

	4+Bedroom	3-Bedroom	2-Bedroom	1-Bedroom	Studio	All
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
4th Q 04	\$1,413	\$1,226	\$ 957	\$849	\$838	\$ 939
3rd Q 04	\$1,432	\$1,209	\$ 977	\$828	\$812	\$ 927

EAST SIDE

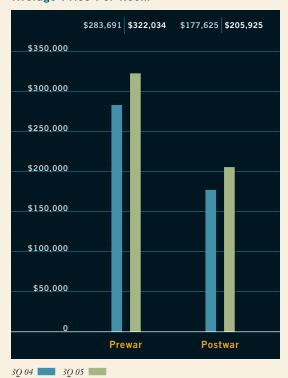
Generally 59th to 96th Street, Fifth Avenue to the East River

On the East Side, the average price for a two-bedroom apartment rose 20% over the past year to \$1,455,693. This was the largest increase of any size category. Also of note was the performance on condos in this market, whose average price per square foot rose 20% during this time to \$1,109.

		4+Bedroom	3-Bedroom	2-Bedroom	1-Bedroom	STUDIO
Percent	3rd Q 04	5%	15%	31%	38%	11%
of Sales	3rd Q 05	5%	16%	30%	37%	12%
Average	3rd Q 04	\$5,325,046	\$2,419,203	\$1,208,278	\$545,800	\$315,454
Price	3rd Q 05	\$5,311,993	\$2,777,786	\$1,455,693	\$602,654	\$369,090
	% Change	0%	15%	20%	10%	17%

Cooperative

Average Price Per Room



Condominium



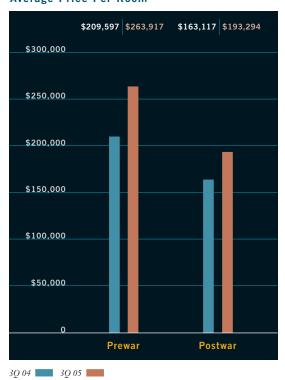
Generally 59th to 110th Street, Hudson River to West of Fifth Avenue

Prices of one-bedroom apartments on the West Side averaged \$697,282 in the third quarter; 27% higher than a year ago. Much of this strength came from the co-op market, as the average price per room rose 26% for prewar and 19% for postwar units.

		4+Bedroom	3-Bedroom	2-Bedroom	1-Bedroom	Studio
Percent	3rd Q 04	3%	12%	36%	37%	12%
of Sales	3rd Q 05	3%	11%	33%	42%	11%
Average	3rd Q 04	\$4,044,167	\$2,441,247	\$1,279,350	\$551,129	\$323,710
Price	3rd Q 05	\$4,984,077	\$2,793,682	\$1,376,605	\$697,282	\$399,889
	% Change	23%	14%	8%	27%	24%

Cooperative

Average Price Per Room



Condominium



Midtown

MIDTOWN EAST 34th to 58th Street, Fifth Avenue to the East River

Cooperative

Average Price Per Room

\$172,286 \$201,221 \$171,117 \$188,854 \$250,000 \$150,000 \$50,000

Prewar

Condominium

Average Price Per Square Foot



Activity at One Beacon
Court continues to
push up the average price
per square foot for
Midtown East condos.
At \$1,125, this figure was
up 35% from the third
quarter of 2004.

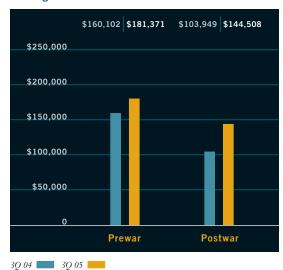
MIDTOWN WEST 34th to 58th Street, Hudson River to West of Fifth Avenue

Postwar

Cooperative

3Q 04 3Q 05

Average Price Per Room



Condominium

Average Price Per Square Foot



The average price per room for postwar co-ops in the Midtown West market of \$144,508 was 39% higher than a year ago.

South of 34th Street

The average price for all sizes of apartments posted double-digit increases from 2004's third quarter. Studios had the largest rise, as their average price of \$430,821 was 33% higher than a year ago. Condos averaged \$1,005 per square foot, which was 22% higher during this time.

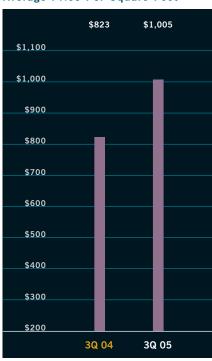
		3+Bedroom	2-Bedroom	1-Bedroom	Studio
Percent	3rd Q 04	8%	26%	45%	21%
of Sales	3rd Q 05	5%	26%	45%	24%
Average	3rd Q 04	\$1,784,259	\$1,035,632	\$536,183	\$322,751
Price	3rd Q 05	\$2,198,797	\$1,200,151	\$644,088	\$430,821
	% Change	23%	16%	20%	33%

Cooperative

Average Price Per Room



Condominium



Manhattan Lofts

Manhattan Townhouses

Loft prices averaged \$1,042 per square foot over the past three months, 27% higher than 2004's third quarter and a new record.

Townhouses now command an average of \$1,349 per square foot, a 29% improvement from a year ago.





Average Price Per Square Foot



Brooklyn Heights and Park Slope

Cooperatives and Condominiums

		2-Bedroom	1-Bedroom	Studio	All
Average	3rd Q 04	\$527,709	\$388,448	\$224,513	\$453,113
Price	3rd Q 05	\$703,677	\$438,452	\$283,263	\$612,367
	% Change	33%	13%	26%	35%

Apartments in Brooklyn Heights and Park Slope sold for an average price of \$612,367 in the third quarter, 35% higher than a year ago. At \$547, the average price per square foot for townhouses in Brooklyn Heights and Park Slope was 21% more than during the third quarter of 2004.

Townhouses





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