# 2024 LAST WEEK IN RESEARCH

#### LATEST BHS MARKET REPORTS

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# **TOP STORY**

#### JOB GROWTH HIGHER THAN EXPECTED IN NOVEMBER

- Payrolls rose by 227,000 last month, beating the 214,000 Dow Jones estimate.
- Here's a chart of the <u>change in jobs last month by industry</u>.
- Weekly jobless claims rose by 9,000 to 224,000.
- The number of job openings rose to 7.74 million in October.

#### ECONOMIC HEADLINES

- Both the S&P 500 and Nasdaq closed at record highs on Friday.
- U.S. economic activity has expanded slightly in most regions since early October, according to the Federal Reserve.
- Manufacturing activity shrunk less than expected in November.
- Construction spending rose more than expected in October.
- Factory orders <u>rose to \$586.7 billion</u> in October.
- Cyber Monday spending hit a record \$13.3 billion.
- Fed Chair Powell said the country's economic strength gives the Fed the ability to take their time on rate cuts.
- · Economists at Bank of America expect solid economic growth in 2025.
- U.S. steelmakers are pushing President-elect Trump for more tariffs.
- Services sector activity fell in November.
- A World Economic Forum survey found that global business leaders are worried about <u>the risk of recession, labor</u> <u>shortages and rising inflation</u>.
- Unlike many other countries, worker production in the U.S. is on the rise.
- The US trade deficit contracted sharply in October as imports declined by the most since late 2022.

#### HOUSING NEWS

- The average 30-year conforming mortgage rate fell to 6.69%.
- Homebuyer demand for mortgages jumped 6%, as interest rates fell to the lowest level in over a month.
- According to a recent NAR report, debt-to-income ratio is the most common reason for a denied mortgage application.
- Here's a history of multiple listing services courtesy of NAR.
- Here's what the rise of homeowners associations means for buyers.
- These cities have the lowest monthly bills of any major U.S. city.
- The construction industry is facing a <u>double whammy of tariffs and deportations</u>, which could lead to a labor shortage and higher costs for home buyers.
- · Developers are converting shopping malls into apartments.

#### NEW YORK UPDATE

- New York City Mayor Eric Adams wants to reduce or eliminate income taxes for the city's lowest income earners.
- The NYC Council has passed Mayor Adams' "City of Yes" housing plan.
- The Helmsley Building is facing foreclosure.
- The Federal Transit Administration has approved a <u>\$10 billion revamp of the Port Authority Bus Terminal</u>.







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### TOP MANHATTAN CLOSINGS RECORDED LAST WEEK

ТҮРЕ	ADDRESS	UNIT	PRICE	CLOSING DATE
Condo	500 West 18th Street	West_PH36	\$47,000,000	11/25/2024
Condo	500 West 18th Street	PH25A	\$24,755,775	11/26/2024
Condo	500 West 18th Street	West_PH32B	\$22,775,000	11/25/2024
Condo	555 West 22nd Street	21BW	\$14,575,000	11/27/2024
Condo	500 West 18th Street	West_31B	\$12,876,630	11/18/2024

# TOP BROOKLYN CLOSINGS RECORDED LAST WEEK

ТҮРЕ	ADDRESS	UNIT	PRICE	CLOSING DATE
Townhouse	353 Avenue T	Townhouse	\$7,000,000	11/27/2024
Townhouse	138 State Street	Townhouse	\$6,088,500	11/12/2024
Condo	190 West Street	14	\$6,000,000	12/3/2024
Townhouse	288 Garfield Place	Townhouse	\$5,695,000	11/18/2024
Townhouse	1796 East 4th Street	Townhouse	\$5,250,000	11/26/2024

## TOP QUEENS CLOSINGS RECORDED LAST WEEK

ТҮРЕ	ADDRESS	UNIT	PRICE	CLOSING DATE
Townhouse	143-22 84th Road	Townhouse	\$2,500,000	11/26/2024
Со-ор	216-24 12th Avenue	2805	\$1,950,000	11/26/2024
Townhouse	38-30 149th Place	Townhouse	\$1,950,000	11/26/2024
Townhouse	67-26 48th Avenue	Townhouse	\$1,880,000	11/20/2024
Townhouse	218 Hollywood Avenue	Townhouse	\$1,845,000	11/20/2024

## **TOP BRONX CLOSINGS RECORDED LAST WEEK**

ТҮРЕ	ADDRESS	UNIT	PRICE	CLOSING DATE
Townhouse	909 Castle Hill Avenue	Townhouse	\$3,150,000	11/14/2024
Townhouse	151 Park Drive	Townhouse	\$2,820,000	11/21/2024
Townhouse	4667 Grosvenor Avenue	Townhouse	\$2,800,000	11/21/2024
Townhouse	5780 Mosholu Avenue	Townhouse	\$1,450,000	11/15/2024
Townhouse	2184 Muliner Avenue	Townhouse	\$1,250,000	11/21/2024

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