# **QUEENS 2021 YEAR-END SALES REPORT**

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# **NEW REPORT FEATURE**

To help digest the reports at a glance, we've introduced pricing and volume icons for each asset class. The colors represent the following trends:

- Green means performance has improved
- Gray means performance is unchanged
- Purple means performance has dipped

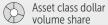


volume

Y-O-Y \$/(B)SF price change



Transaction count







# 2021 YEAR-END OVERVIEW



**537** Transaction Volume

676 Property Volume 53% increase compared to 2020

The Queens investment sales market in 2021 displayed several signs of recovery from the Covid-19 pandemic. Borough-wide dollar volume increased by 46% to \$3.5 billion and transaction volume was up by 52% to 537 compared to 2020. While dollar volume was down 14% compared to the pre-pandemic levels of 2019, the number of transactions interestingly increased by 8%, showing that investor confidence is very high. This can be attributed to a mix of drop in pricing for multifamily and smaller deals taking place. The fundamentals of the recovery from the pandemic are in full swing with almost 85% of NYC adults vaccinated, vacancy continuously decreasing on a monthly basis, and Queens continuing to become a major haven for businesses.

#### MULTIFAMILY











## • Multifamily transactions contributed 44% of the borough's transaction volume but only 23% of the dollar volume. Most of the attention from investors was on the smaller mixed-use assets which made up 53% of multifamily transactions. The small mixed-use properties outperformed the pre-Covid levels of 2019

- While pricing increased in 2021, the effects of HSTPA 2019 are evident by the significant discount of \$286 per square foot versus \$343 in 2019 in multifamily assets with at least 10 residential units
- Local Law 97 will be a consideration for multifamily investors of 25,000 square feet and up in the years to come and will have an impact on pricing

## IND / WH / STO









• The top transaction in the borough was a 130,000 square foot warehouse in Maspeth for \$132 million. The fully leased, lastmile distribution center sold for a staggering \$1,015 per gross square foot and \$587 per lot square foot

# **DEVELOPMENT**









- Development was ultimately the top performer in terms of dollar volume in Queens, with 24% of the market
- Three of the top five transactions in the borough were development sites: a last mile logistics site for \$128.5 million, a fully Affordable Housing development in Far Rockaway for \$90.4 million, and a residential site in Long Island City for \$88.5 million
- Affordable New York is due to sunset in June 2022 and developers are seizing opportunities to capitalize on the current tax exemption

#### COMMERCIAL









- The commercial sector saw three-digit percentage increases for dollar, transaction and property volume versus 2020. In addition, it outperformed pre-pandemic numbers of 2019
- The four hotel sales of 2021 attributed \$158 million (23% of commercial dollar volume) while only three sales took place in 2019 and 2020 totalling only \$71 million.
- Pricing saw a 20% increase over 2019 with a focus on smaller mom-and-pop retail. There were 83 transactions below \$5 million in 2021 while there were only 43 in 2020 and 57 in 2019

New York City appears to be on the cusp of a significant jump in investment property sales activity. Challenges remain, especially with respect to the threat of persistent inflation, the market's response to inevitable interest rate hikes and regulatory uncertainty. The upcoming expiration of the Affordable New York tax abatement program and the potential enactment of Good Cause Eviction legislation may have a significant impact on pricing.

At the same time, many are surprised at just how quickly New York real estate fundamentals have recovered from the pandemic. Investors are once again underwriting with proformas, not just in place cash flow. Recent re-zonings in Soho and Gowanus may mark the beginning of more pro-development policies coming out of City Hall. Debt will remain historically cheap even after interest rate hikes.

Lastly, there are a lot of owners interested in selling properties who understandably held off on marketing their properties until the pandemic receded and showed meaningful improvement. As several recent sales indicate, those owners will be selling into a much more confident market that is flush with capital.

We're confident the City's real estate market is poised to build on the strength seen in the second half of 2021, leading to many more transactions in 2022 and beyond.









# **REAL ESTATE TIMELINE / PRICING METRICS**

\$286

\$ / SF - Multifamily\*\*

\$226,938 \$ / Unit - Multifamily\*\*

5.40% Cap Rate - Multifamily\*\* 10.93 GRM - Multifamily\*\*

**\$217** \$ / BSF - Development\* **\$693** \$ / SF - Commercial

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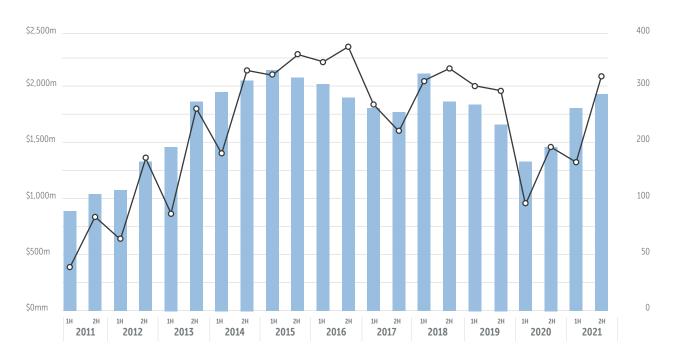
2021 Property Value Metrics

## **QUEENS 2011 - 2021 REAL ESTATE TIMELINE**

Transaction Volume 

| Dollar Volume 

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# PROPERTY VALUE METRIC COMPARISON (2016-2021)

INDICATOR	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
\$/SF - Multifamily**	\$346	\$371	\$365	\$343	\$246	\$286
\$/Unit - Multifamily**	\$283,588	\$282,834	\$294,798	\$276,261	\$213,813	\$226,938
Cap Rate - Multifamily**	4.27%	4.25%	4.31%	4.46%	5.46%	5.40%
GRM - Multifamily**	15.44	15.31	15.71	14.67	10.35	10.93
\$/BSF - Development*	\$185	\$212	\$211	\$208	\$222	\$217
\$/SF - Commercial	\$536	\$537	\$714	\$577	\$680	\$693

\*reflects transactions of vacant land or equivalent development sites \*\*reflects multifamily transactions of 10+ residential units



# **OBSERVATIONS BY PRODUCT TYPE**

	PROPERTY TYPE	2021	% CHANGE	2020	% CHANGE	2019
	TYPE	2021	'21 - '20	2020	'21 - '19	2019
	Multifamily	\$806,109,096	68%	\$480,419,118	-27%	\$1,098,809,656
	MF-MU 10+ resi units	\$472,160,809	83%	\$258,542,000	-39%	\$776,300,345
ш	MF-MU 6-9 resi units	\$122,577,561	63%	\$75,127,026	-17%	\$147,811,682
S	MF-MU Small	\$211,370,726	44%	\$146,750,092	21%	\$174,697,629
0	Commercial	\$688,828,170	187%	\$240,410,660	57%	\$437,663,542
DOLLAR VOLUME	Ind / WH / Sto*	\$782,710,803	80%	\$435,944,877	-13%	\$900,712,376
0EL	Development	\$850,903,493	28%	\$662,355,929	-9%	\$934,761,816
	Office	\$185,795,896	562%	\$28,055,000	-64%	\$516,667,450
	Special Purpose	\$160,820,350	-69%	\$526,457,830	0%	\$161,356,679
	GRAND TOTAL	\$3,475,167,808	46%	\$2,373,643,414	-14%	\$4,049,971,519
	Multifamily	235	54%	153	11%	211
ш	MF-MU 10+ resi units	40	54%	26	0%	40
₩ O:	MF-MU 6-9 resi units	71	69%	42	-4%	74
[ N	MF-MU Small	124	46%	85	28%	97
TRANSACTION VOLUME	Commercial	119	120%	54	45%	82
Ĕ	Ind / WH / Sto*	82	46%	56	5%	78
NSA	Development	61	-3%	63	-38%	98
₽¥.	Office	16	167%	6	23%	13
•	Special Purpose	24	14%	21	71%	14
	GRAND TOTAL	537	52%	353	8%	496
	Multifamily	259	44%	180	4%	248
	MF-MU 10+ resi units	52	16%	45	-24%	68
¥	MF-MU 6-9 resi units	76	65%	46	-3%	78
] []	MF-MU Small	131	47%	89	28%	102
>	Commercial	155	138%	65	53%	101
ERT	Ind / WH / Sto*	106	51%	70	-3%	109
PROPERTY VOLUME	Development	103	27%	81	-26%	139
풉	Office	27	125%	12	50%	18
	Special Purpose	26	-21%	33	-24%	34
	GRAND TOTAL	676	53%	441	4%	649

# DOLLAR VOLUME COMPARISON BY PROPERTY TYPE



# TRANSACTION VOLUME COMPARISON BY PROPERTY TYPE

44%	Multifamily
23%	Commercial
15%	Ind / WH / Sto*
11%	Development
3%	Office
4%	Special Purpose



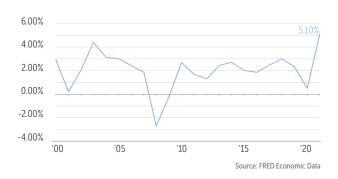
\*Ind / Wh / Sto: Industrial / Warehouse / Self Storage

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# MACRO-ECONOMIC OVERVIEW & MARKET FUNDAMENTALS

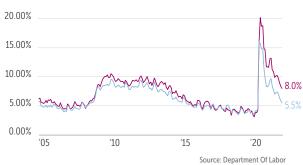
## % Change in Real Gross Domestic Product:

Change in GDP as of 3Q 2021: 5.10%



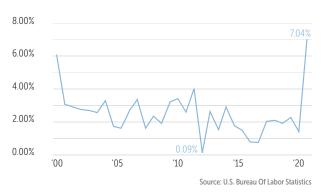
## **Unemployment:**

NYS: 5.50% | NYC: 8.00% as of November 2021
Unemployment Rate History | NYS (Seasonally Adjusted) & NYC (Not Seasonally Adjusted)



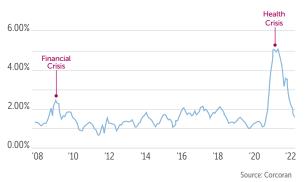
## Consumer Price Index (CPI):

National CPI Growth - December Y-O-Y



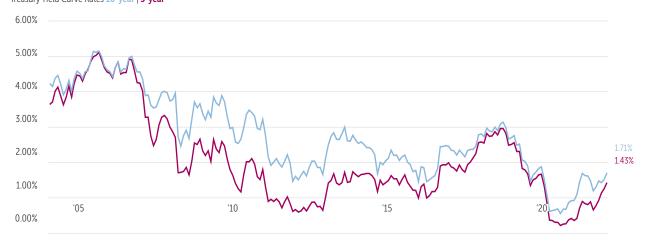
# Rental Market / Vacancy:

Manhattan Residential Rental Vacancy 2008-2021



## Financing:

**10-Year: 1.71% | 5-Year: 1.43% |** as of January 2022 Treasury Yield Curve Rates **10-year | 5-year** 



Source: U.S. Department Of The Treasury



# **FEATURED TRANSACTIONS**

Maspeth

50-35 56th Road

Long Island City

39-04 Northern Blvd & 40-30 Northern Blvd

Long Island City 43-10 23rd Street

The Arker Companies Far **Rockaway Development** Portfolio

Edgemere

Briarwood

80-08/81-01 135th Street



Property Type: Warehouse Sale Amount: \$132,000,000 Sale Amount: \$128,500,000 Sale Amount: \$92,500,000

\$/SF: **\$1,015** 

Harrison

Newark-IRONBOUND

Sale Date: 12/28/2021



Property Type: **Development** Property Type: **Office** 

\$/BSF: **\$185** 

Sale Date: **11/16/2021** 



\$/SF: **\$612** 

Sale Date: **12/17/2021** 

Botanical Garden



Property Type: **Development** Property Type: **Multifamily** Sale Amount: **\$90,400,000** 

\$/BSF: **\$77** 

Sale Date: **11/18/2021** 



Sale Amount: \$87,200,000

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S/SF: **\$228** 

Sands Point Manorhaven

Sale Date: 12/28/2021

# QUEENS PROPERTY SALES HEAT MAP 2021 BY ZIP CODE

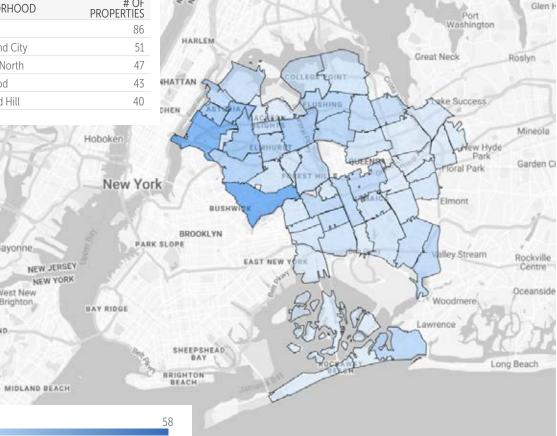
## TOP 5 NEIGHBORHOODS BY PROPERTY VOLUME

	NEIGHBORHOOD	# OF PROPERTIES
1.	Astoria	86
2.	Long Island City	51
3.	Flushing-North	47
4.	Ridgewood	43
5.	Richmond Hill	40

Bayonne

West New

Brighton



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MID ISLAND

STATEN ISLAND

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Aug 6, 2021

# Q2 2021 Numbers Affirm New York City's Multifamily Comeback

There was a major uptick across indicators in Q2 2021 as the city recorded 74 transactions comprising 118 properties for a total \$1.24 billion in dollar volume.



| Aug 26, 2021

# Manhattan's Recovery Is Defined By A Flight To Quality

As New York begins to embrace the pandemic recovery, workers head back to the office and students refill classrooms, Manhattan's investment sales numbers show a complex market but one that is in the middle of a robust recovery marked by a flight to quality.



| Sep 27, 2021

# Affordable Housing Drives The Bronx And Northern Manhattan's Investment Sales Market

While the Bronx has lately seen a huge resurgence of interest in industrial properties and Northern Manhattan has a growing life sciences industry, affordable multifamily is still the leading bellwether for the investment sales markets in these boroughs.



Oct 27, 2021

# **Small Deals Are Attracting Big Money In NYC**

While the overall multifamily volume of transactions in New York City has been slow, one segment in particular is showing explosive growth.



Nov 4, 2021

# NYC's Q3 Numbers Show Increasing Clarity For Multifamily Investors

New York City's multifamily market continued along the promising trajectory indicated by 2021's first half. Q3 2021 showed increases of 20% in building volume and 6% in dollar volume despite five fewer transactions overall at 85 across 199 properties.



Nov 18, 2021

# What You Need To Know About CPACE Financing

If you own property in New York City larger than 25,000 square feet, then you need to meet Local Law 97 benchmarks soon as a result of the Climate Mobilization Act.



Dec 16, 2021

# Why Life Sciences Will Drive Robust Office Growth In New York City

Recent office development and leasing activity momentum suggests New York is poised to rise up the rankings—and the Life Sciences segment diversification is changing the dynamics of the city's commercial market.



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#### **OUR METHODOLOGY**

#### Data collection:

- Property transfers are collected through ACRIS and Property Shark each week, vetted by the research team, and cross-checked with news articles.
- Information obtained from third-party sites such as Costar and LoopNet, along with news articles from sites such as The Real Deal.
- Information from appraisers and brokers on sales not yet publicized.

#### Criteria:

- Minimum sales price of \$1mm
- Does not include city transactions, internal sales, notes & ground leases

#### **Projections:**

- Sales are averaged on a per-day basis throughout the year and projected as such
- The assumed ACRIS transfer lag time is 30 days -if final data collection is December 31st, we are projecting the sales that will eventually surface from December 17th-31st.

#### **Location Definitions:**

- Manhattan South of East 96<sup>th</sup> Street and South of West 110<sup>th</sup> Street
- Northern Manhattan North of East 96th Street, North of West 110th Street
- The Bronx Bronx Borough
- Brooklyn Brooklyn Borough
- Queens Queens Borough



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