

# MANHATTAN & BROOKLYN RENTALS

**MARCH-2014** 

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#### **MANHATTAN**

- Manhattan median rental price stabilized after six consecutive monthly declines The year-over-year change in median rental price was up 0.2% to \$3,200, a nominal gain. This marked the first increase seen since last August. Month-over-month median rental price has largely moved "sideways" since last summer. The remaining rental price indicators also showed stability. Average rental price increased 1% to \$3,968 and average rental price per square foot edged up 0.8% to \$51.30 from the same month last year. A rise in median rental price was seen in smaller apartments, as studios and 1-bedrooms increased 2.5% and 1.6% respectively, while median rent for 2-bedrooms and 3-bedrooms decreased 2.1% and 4.7% respectively.
- Vacancy rates and uses of concessions edged higher yet days on market declined The market share of apartments rented with a landlord concession expanded to 9.4% from 4.6% in the same month last year. The average size of a concession continued to hold firm at one month's rent or the equivalent. In contrast, properties were rented 4 days faster and listing discount slipped to 2.4% from 3.5% last year.
- The Manhattan vacancy rate increased Along with the modest rise in the number of new rentals and expanded use of concessions, there was a slight uptick in the vacancy rate, rising to 1.68% from 1.46% in the same month last year.

Manhattan Rental Market	MAR-14	%Chg (мо)	FEB-14	%Chg (YR)	MAR-13
Average Rental Price	\$3,968	0.9%	\$3,932	1.0%	\$3,930
Rental Price per Square Foot	\$51.30	3.2%	\$49.70	0.8%	\$50.89
Median Rental Price	\$3,200	3.2%	\$3,100	0.2%	\$3,195
Number of New Rentals	3,897	22.1%	3,192	5.4%	3,697
Days on Market (From Original List Date)	50	-5.7%	53	-7.4%	54
Listing Discount (From Original List Price)	2.4%		3.5%		3.5%
Listing Inventory	5,422	3.9%	5,218	-1.0%	5,479
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Average Rental Price	\$3,936	0.9%	\$3,902	0.6%	\$3,914
Rental Price per Square Foot	\$50.89	3.2%	\$49.32	0.4%	\$50.69
Median Rental Price	\$3,174	3.2%	\$3,077	-0.3%	\$3,182
Number of New Rentals w/Concessions (%)	9.4%		9.1%		4.6%
Free Rent/Owner Paid (Mos)	1.0	0.0%	1.0	0.0%	1.0
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Manhattan Vacancy Rate	MAR-14	FEB-14	MAR-13
Manhattan	1.68%	1.87%	1.46%
Downtown	2.00%	2.00%	1.32%
East Side	1.20%	2.03%	1.15%
West Side	2.16%	2.09%	1.76%
Uptown	0.89%	0.98%	1.95%

Manhattan Median Rental Price by Property Type	MAR-14	%Chg (мо)	FEB-14	%Chg (YR)	MAR-13
Doorman	\$3,675	2.2%	\$3,595	1.8%	\$3,610
Non-Doorman	\$2,615	1.0%	\$2,590	-1.8%	\$2,663
Loft	\$5,195	-3.8%	\$5,400	26.5%	\$4,108
Luxury [Top 10%]	\$8,262	-3.9%	\$8,595	2.0%	\$8,101
Super-Luxury [Top 5%]	\$11,831	-3.4%	\$12,243	6.1%	\$11,150
New Development	\$4,114	28.6%	\$3,200	-2.0%	\$4,200
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# Manhattan rental market by **SIZE**

### **DOWNTOWN** -

- New rental activity expanded, reflecting softer rents The number of new rentals expanded 9.8% to 1,813 from the same month last year. All size categories posted similar year-over-year gains in new rentals despite weaker rental price trends.
- Median rental price slipped from prior year levels, the only region to fall Median rental price declined 1.9% to \$3,430 from the same month last year. The studio, 1-bedroom and 2-bedroom markets showed 0%, 0% and -9.1% changes in median rental prices respectively over the same period. The 3-bedroom market was the outlier with a 13.3% increase in median rent to \$6,795 from the same month last year.
- The downtown vacancy rate increased from prior year levels The vacancy rate expanded to 2% from 1.32% in the same month last year.

Downtown Studio	MAR-14	%Chg (мо)	FEB-14	%Chg (YR)	MAR-13
Average Rental Price	\$2,736	2.9%	\$2,659	-3.7%	\$2,842
Rental Price per Square Foot	\$58.27	1.3%	\$57.55	0.6%	\$57.92
Median Rental Price	\$2,650	4.5%	\$2,537	0.0%	\$2,650
Number of New Rentals	485	39.4%	348	11.5%	435
Downtown 1-Bedroom	MAR-14	%Chg (MO)	FEB-14	%Chg (YR)	MAR-13
Average Rental Price	\$3,678	-0.6%	\$3,702	-1.9%	\$3,751
Rental Price per Square Foot	\$55.30	-1.2%	\$55.98	-3.3%	\$57.17
Median Rental Price	\$3,500	0.5%	\$3,482	0.0%	\$3,500
Number of New Rentals	814	33.4%	610	8.2%	752
Downtown 2-Bedroom	MAR-14	%Chg (мо)	FEB-14	%Chg (YR)	MAR-13
Average Rental Price	\$5,521	-1.1%	\$5,583	-4.4%	\$5,773
Rental Price per Square Foot	\$54.16	4.4%	\$51.90	-2.1%	\$55.30
Rental Price per Square Foot Median Rental Price	\$54.16 \$4,995	4.4% 0.0%	\$51.90 \$4,995	-2.1% -9.1%	\$55.30 \$5,495
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Median Rental Price	\$4,995	0.0%	\$4,995	-9.1%	\$5,495
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# EAST SIDE -

- Resistance to current rent levels was mixed The number of new rentals in the region jumped 19.2% to 1,219 in comparison to the same month last year, but most of the gains were found in the middle of the market. The 1-bedroom and 2-bedroom segments jumped 30.6% and 27.7% respectively from the same period last year.
- Modest price growth from prior year levels The median rental price expanded 7% to \$2,995 from the same period last year with single digit price growth occurring in the majority of the region. Studio, 1-bedroom and 2-bedroom median rents grew 5.5%, 1.4% and 3% respectively from the same period last year.
- The vacancy rate edged higher The vacancy rate for the East Side registered a nominal increase to 1.2% from 1.15% in the same period last year.

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East Side Studio	MAR-14	%Chg (MO)	FEB-14	%Chg (YR)	MAR-13
Average Rental Price	\$2,227	2.0%	\$2,184	4.1%	\$2,140
Rental Price per Square Foot	\$52.49	-0.5%	\$52.74	6.1%	\$49.46
Median Rental Price	\$2,125	1.2%	\$2,100	5.5%	\$2,014
Number of New Rentals	294	28.4%	229	-1.3%	298
East Side 1-Bedroom	MAR-14	%Chg (мо)	FEB-14	%Chg (YR)	MAR-13
Average Rental Price	\$3,135	3.0%	\$3,043	2.8%	\$3,051
Rental Price per Square Foot	\$50.08	2.0%	\$49.08	1.9%	\$49.14
Median Rental Price	\$3,000	4.7%	\$2,865	1.4%	\$2,960
Number of New Rentals	589	40.9%	418	30.6%	451
East Side 2-Bedroom	MAR-14	%Chg (мо)	FEB-14	%Chg (YR)	MAR-13
Average Rental Price	\$5,164	-1.1%	\$5,220	0.9%	\$5,116
Rental Price per Square Foot	\$52.21	-3.2%	\$53.93	-0.2%	\$52.30
Median Rental Price	\$4,791	1.9%	\$4,700	3.0%	\$4,650
Number of New Rentals	272	34.0%	203	27.7%	213
East Side 3+ Bedroom	MAR-14	%Chg (мо)	FEB-14	%Chg (YR)	MAR-13
Average Rental Price	\$13,380	27.9%	\$10,461	26.2%	\$10,600
Rental Price per Square Foot	\$68.16	20.6%	\$56.53	1.8%	\$66.97
Median Rental Price	\$10,500	33.0%	\$7,895	22.4%	\$8,575
Number of New Rentals	64	10.3%	58	4.9%	61

MAR-13

\$2,308

\$55.90

\$2,285

%Chg (YR)

-0.3%

-9.1%

-1.7%

West Side Studio

Average Rental Price

Median Rental Price

Rental Price per Square Foot

# Manhattan rental market by **SIZE**

### WEST SIDE -

- The number of new rentals showed across the board declines The weakest of the four regions on a price trend basis, the number of new rentals fell 25.3% to 593 from the same month last year. All size categories reflected similar double digit declines in new rental activity over the same period as mixed rental price trends reduced the resistance to current rental price levels.
- Rental price trends were mixed from prior year levels Median rental price for the region increased 4.7% from the same month last year. The center of the market, namely 1-bedrooms and 2-bedrooms, edged higher with a 1.4% and 10.2% increase respectively over the same period. The studio and 3-bedroom markets slipped 1.7% and 6.8% over the same period.
- West Side continued to have the highest vacancy rate of the four regions The vacancy rate rose to 2.16% from 1.76% in the same month last year.

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Number of New Rentals	119	-17.4%	144	-29.6%	169
West Side 1-Bedroom	MAR-14	%Chg (MO)	FEB-14	%Chg (YR)	MAR-13
Average Rental Price	\$3,323	4.4%	\$3,183	0.6%	\$3,304
Rental Price per Square Foot	\$53.99	4.1%	\$51.84	-0.5%	\$54.28
Median Rental Price	\$3,295	8.0%	\$3,050	1.4%	\$3,250
Number of New Rentals	266	-16.1%	317	-27.7%	368
West Side 2-Bedroom	MAR-14	%Chg (MO)	FEB-14	%Chg (YR)	MAR-13
Average Rental Price	\$5,798	3.9%	\$5,578	15.7%	\$5,011
Rental Price per Square Foot	\$59.75	3.6%	\$57.68	12.9%	\$52.91
Median Rental Price	\$5,283	5.4%	\$5,012	10.2%	\$4,793
Number of New Rentals	154	-3.1%	159	-18.9%	190
West Side 3+ Bedroom	MAR-14	%Chg (MO)	FEB-14	%Chg (YR)	MAR-13
Average Rental Price	\$10,497	10.7%	\$9,481	-7.8%	\$11,380
Rental Price per Square Foot	\$63.49	-0.3%	\$63.66	2.7%	\$61.80
Median Rental Price	\$9,325	15.7%	\$8,060	-6.8%	\$10,000
Number of New Rentals	54	-6.9%	58	-19.4%	67

%Chg (MO)

-0.8%

-0.8%

2.1%

FEB-14

\$2,319

\$51.23

\$2,200

MAR-14

\$2,301

\$50.81

\$2,246

## **UPTOWN**-

- New rentals posted double digit gains over prior year results All size categories showed a sharp gain in the number of new rentals as compared to the same period last year, but without a real pattern. Studios and 3-bedrooms posted the largest gains, rising 26.1% and 41.7% respectively over the same month last year.
- All size categories showed yearover-year rise in median rental price Median rental price for the region increased 9.5% to \$2,013 from the same period last year. Size categories, namely number of rentals, showed the largest gains.
- The Uptown vacancy rate remains below the one percent threshold Uptown average vacancy declined to 0.89% from 1.95% in the same month last year and third consecutive year-overyear monthly decline.

Uptown Studio	MAR-14	%Chg (MO)	FEB-14	%Chg (YR)	MAR-13
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Average Rental Price	\$1,577	-0.6%	\$1,586	9.7%	\$1,438
Rental Price per Square Foot	\$43.82	10.6%	\$39.61	34.9%	\$32.49
Median Rental Price	\$1,550	3.3%	\$1,500	10.2%	\$1,407
Number of New Rentals	29	-14.7%	34	26.1%	23
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Uptown 1-Bedroom		%Chg (мо)	FEB-14	%Chg (YR)	MAR-13
Average Rental Price	\$1,857	-0.1%	\$1,859	6.2%	\$1,748
Rental Price per Square Foot	\$31.43	3.4%	\$30.39	3.7%	\$30.31
Median Rental Price	\$1,776	-1.3%	\$1,800	7.6%	\$1,650
Number of New Rentals	108	2.9%	105	12.5%	96
Uptown 2-Bedroom	MAR-14	%Chg (мо)	FEB-14	%Chg (YR)	MAR-13
Average Rental Price	\$2,346	1.5%	\$2,311	-1.3%	\$2,378
Rental Price per Square Foot	\$29.14	2.2%	\$28.50	5.7%	\$27.57
Median Rental Price	\$2,200	0.0%	\$2,200	2.2%	\$2,153
Number of New Rentals	101	24.7%	81	17.4%	86
Uptown 3+ Bedroom	MAR-14	%Chg (MO)	FEB-14	%Chg (YR)	MAR-13
Average Rental Price	\$3,221	-1.1%	\$3,258	8.4%	\$2,971
Rental Price per Square Foot	\$29.00	-6.1%	\$30.87	0.3%	\$28.90
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Median Rental Price	\$3,298	16.3%	\$2,000	13.5%	\$2,905

# Brooklyn rental market by **SIZE**

### **BROOKLYN**

- Median rental price reaches record Median rental price jumped 13.3% to \$2,900 from the same month last year. This marked the highest level reached since January 2008 when this metric was first recorded. This gain marks the tenth consecutive month of a year-over-year increase in median rental price and the largest rise of 2014. Average rental price increased 9.5% to a record \$3,254 over the same period. Average rental price per square foot increased 11.1% to \$39.46 over the same period.
- Resistance to record rents
   was evidenced by surge in new
   rentals The number of new rentals
   more than doubled to 854 from the
   prior year period as tenants sought out
   greater affordability at the time of lease
   renewal.
- Marketing times have trended lower since the beginning of the year Days on market fell 43.4% to 43 days from the same month last year, and was 8 days faster than at the end of 2013. Listing discount fell by more than half to 3% from March of 2013.
- Price and the number of new rentals were up across all size categories The resistance to rising rents at time of renewal, as measured through the number of new rentals, was up sharply in all size categories. While median rental prices were up in all market segments, the weakest gains were seen in the 2-bedroom market with a 1.9% rise over the prior year level.

Brooklyn Rental Market	MAR-14	%Chg (мо)	FEB-14	%Chg (YR)	MAR-13
Average Rental Price	\$3,254	2.4%	\$3,178	9.5%	\$2,971
Rental Price per Square Foot	\$39.46	3.5%	\$38.12	11.1%	\$35.51
Median Rental Price	\$2,900	0.3%	\$2,890	13.3%	\$2,560
Number of New Rentals	854	117.9%	392	174.6%	311
Days on Market (From Original List Date)	43	2.4%	42	-43.4%	76
Listing Discount (From Original List Price)	3.0%		3.0%		6.3%
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Brooklyn Studio Rental Matrix	MAR-14	%Chg (мо)	FEB-14	%Chg (YR)	MAR-13
Average Rental Price	\$2,222	-3.4%	\$2,300	0.6%	\$2,209
Rental Price per Square Foot	\$46.06	-11.4%	\$51.97	4.2%	\$44.22
Median Rental Price	\$2,175	-3.8%	\$2,260	5.7%	\$2,057
Number of New Rentals	85	117.9%	39	97.7%	43

Brooklyn 1-Bedroom Rental Matrix	MAR-14	%Chg (MO)	FEB-14	%Chg (YR)	MAR-13
Average Rental Price	\$2,795	2.0%	\$2,741	10.4%	\$2,532
Rental Price per Square Foot	\$41.64	3.6%	\$40.18	17.1%	\$35.57
Median Rental Price	\$2,747	3.7%	\$2,650	15.5%	\$2,378
Number of New Rentals	368	125.8%	163	162.9%	140

Brooklyn 2-Bedroom Rental Matrix	MAR-14	%Chg (MO)	FEB-14	%Chg (YR)	MAR-13
Average Rental Price	\$3,556	0.9%	\$3,523	6.7%	\$3,334
Rental Price per Square Foot	\$40.48	-0.8%	\$40.79	15.5%	\$35.05
Median Rental Price	\$3,261	3.4%	\$3,155	1.9%	\$3,201
Number of New Rentals	307	124.1%	137	230.1%	93

3+-Bedroom Rental Matrix	MAR-14	%Chg (мо)	FEB-14	%Chg (YR)	MAR-13
Average Rental Price	\$5,001	16.8%	\$4,281	6.5%	\$4,697
Rental Price per Square Foot	\$36.98	10.4%	\$33.51	8.6%	\$34.04
Median Rental Price	\$4,450	20.3%	\$3,700	27.1%	\$3,500
Number of New Rentals	94	77.4%	53	168.6%	35



Note: The Brooklyn rental market analysis is comprised of transactions in the north and northwest regions of the borough.

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