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The Manhattan apartment market stayed hot in the third quarter, with closings at their highest level in eight years. The average apartment price was 11% lower than a year ago, but that is due to a rash of super luxury closings at 220 Central Park South inflating the third quarter of 2020's figure.

If we look at just resale apartments, the average price rose sharply for both co-ops (+17%) and condos (+15%) compared to a year ago. After bottoming at the beginning of 2021, prices have started to come back in a big way. Both the average and median resale apartment prices are now at their highest levels since 2019's second quarter, which was aided by a rush of luxury closings due to pending transfer and mansion tax changes.

Contract signings have remained strong since the spring, which has driven inventory down to the point where many neighborhoods in Manhattan can be characterized as a seller's market. Buyers can still find value, but the dramatic decline in both time on the market and negotiability make it clear that the fire sale has long ended.

The Manhattan real estate market has made an unbelievable comeback in the past year, which may surprise the naysayers out there. But those of us who live and work here never had any doubts.



Q3 2021 Manhattan All Cooperatives and Condominiums*

Average and Median Sales Price

Manhattan apartment prices averaged \$1,898,525 in the third quarter, 11% less than a year ago. That decline is misleading however, as the 3Q20 figure was greatly inflated by an extraordinary number of ultra-luxury new development closings, many of which were at 220 Central Park South. There were 10 closings for over \$30 million at 220 CPS—including a \$99.9 million one—a year ago, something unprecedented in this market. This is also the reason the average condominium price fell sharply compared to the third quarter of 2020.

If we look at the median apartment price, which measures the middle of the market, we see a 7% increase from a year ago to \$1,150,000. The number of closings rose to 4,490, their highest level since 2013's third quarter.

Average and Median Sales Price



Cooperative Average and Median Sales Price



Number of Closings



Condominium Average and Median Sales Price



* Includes new development and resale apartments. 3Q21 data is preliminary and subject to revision in future reports. Data from the prior four quarters has been revised to include sales recorded after our initial reports were released.

Q3 2021 Manhattan New Developments

Average and Median Sales Price

Since 220 CPS dominated the data a year ago, it's not surprising that the average new development closing price fell sharply compared to the third quarter of 2020. You also have to remember that virtually all the closings from a year ago had their contracts signed before the COVID-19 pandemic, and are therefore from a much different market. South of 14th Street accounted for 33.5% of new development closings last quarter, by far the most of any market.



Average Price Per Square Foot



Sales by Area

3Q20

3Q21



Q3 2021 Manhattan Resale Cooperatives and Condominiums

Average and Median Sales Price

Both the average and median resale apartment prices hit their highest levels since 2019's second quarter. At \$1,724,750, the average resale price was 17% higher than a year ago, while the median price rose 9% to \$999,250.



Cooperative Average Sales Price

The average resale co-op price was higher than a year ago for all sizes of apartments except studios. The luxury market has come back in a big way, as the average price for three-bedroom and larger co-ops was 24% higher than a year ago.

	Studio	1-Bedroom	2-Bedroom	3+Bedroom	All
3rd Q 20	\$473,161	\$718,453	\$1,343,872	\$2,759,335	\$1,147,839
4th Q 20	\$489,081	\$707,793	\$1,304,146	\$2,854,757	\$1,201,262
1st Q 21	\$437,623	\$706,299	\$1,318,723	\$2,862,497	\$1,187,924
2nd Q 21	\$451,659	\$724,612	\$1,313,471	\$2,971,931	\$1,281,523
3rd Q 21	\$450,254	\$742,282	\$1,400,321	\$3,416,680	\$1,345,225

Condominium Average Sales Price

Studios were also the only condo size category with a lower average resale price than during 2020's third quarter. Like co-ops, condo pricing gains were led by three-bedroom and larger units, which saw an 11% increase in their average price over the past year.

	Studio	1-Bedroom	2-Bedroom	3+Bedroom	All
3rd Q 20	\$676,182	\$986,634	\$1,931,296	\$4,800,766	\$2,061,895
4th Q 20	\$649,617	\$957,113	\$1,745,611	\$4,565,429	\$2,059,238
1st Q 21	\$587,503	\$946,749	\$1,846,938	\$3,924,246	\$1,858,596
2nd Q 21	\$593,698	\$1,034,526	\$1,834,832	\$5,710,682	\$2,259,250
3rd Q 21	\$617,596	\$1,047,345	\$1,957,861	\$5,332,794	\$2,380,760

Q3 2021 Manhattan Resale Cooperatives and Condominiums

The 25% decline in time on the market from a year ago is a clear indicator of how hot the market has become in a very short time. You can also see it in the fact that sellers received 97.4% of their last asking price, the highest percentage in almost four years.

Average Days on the Market





Selling vs. Last Asking Price

Lofts

Loft prices posted strong gains compared to a year ago, with the average price per square foot rising 15% to \$1,636.



Average and Median Sales Price Per Square Foot

Q3 2021 Percentage of Resales in Manhattan



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West Side

East Side

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Midtown

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34th Street to 14th Street pages 14-15



Downtown

South of 14th Street pages 16-17

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Resale Apartments

Generally 59th St. to 96th St., Fifth Ave. to the East River

The average price per room rose $9^{\circ/}$ for prewar co-ops compared to a year ago.

Condo prices averaged 4% more per square foot than during 2020's third quarter.





		Studio	1-Bedroom	2-Bedroom	3+Bedroom
Percent	3rd Q 20	10%	32%	35%	24%
of Sales	3rd Q 21	11%	32%	32%	24%
Median Price	3rd Q 20	\$405,000	\$750,000	\$1,430,000	\$2,547,500
	3rd Q 21	\$423,750	\$707,500	\$1,388,000	\$2,735,116
	% Change	5%	-6%	-3%	7%

Average price per room



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Resale Apartments

Generally 59th St. to 110th St., Hudson River to West of Fifth Ave.

Both prewar and postwar co-ops posted big gains in their average price per room over the past year.

At \$1,544, the average price per square foot for condos was $5^{\circ\!\!/}$ higher than a year ago.





		Studio	1-Bedroom	2-Bedroom	3+Bedroom
Percent	3rd Q 20	17%	36%	29%	17%
of Sales	3rd Q 21	10%	34%	31%	25%
Median Price	3rd Q 20	\$490,000	\$748,750	\$1,461,250	\$2,700,000
	3rd Q 21	\$470,000	\$765,000	\$1,430,500	\$2,750,000
	% Change	-4%	2%	-2%	2%

Average price per room



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Resale Apartments

34th St to 59th St, East River to the Hudson River

The median resale price was down compared to 3Q20 for most sizes of apartments.

Condo prices did average 5° more per square foot than a year ago.





		Studio	1-Bedroom	2-Bedroom	3+Bedroom
Percent of Sales	3rd Q 20	21%	44%	28%	7%
	3rd Q 21	22%	40%	26%	12%
Median Price	3rd Q 20	\$402,500	\$746,250	\$1,210,000	\$2,440,000
	3rd Q 21	\$410,000	\$725,000	\$1,200,000	\$2,215,000
	% Change	2%	-3%	-1%	-9%

Average price per room



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Resale Apartments

34th St. to 14th St.

While the median resale price fell 26% from a year ago for three-bedroom and larger apartments, last year's figure was based on only eight closings and must be viewed with caution.

The average condo price per square foot jumped 14% over the past year to \$1,647.



Q3 2021 Downtown **Resale Apartments** 34th St. to 14th St.



		Studio	1-Bedroom	2-Bedroom	3+Bedroom
Percent of Sales	3rd Q 20	23%	40%	32%	6%
	3rd Q 21	22%	45%	24%	10%
Median Price	3rd Q 20	\$585,000	\$785,000	\$1,537,500	\$4,310,000
	3rd Q 21	\$527,500	\$897,500	\$1,950,000	\$3,200,000
	% Change	-10%	14%	27%	-26%

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Resale Apartments

South of 14th St.

Co-op prices rose sharply compared to 3Q20, with the average price per room up 18% for prewar, and 10% for postwar apartments.

Condo prices averaged 7% more per square foot than during 2020's third quarter.



Q3 2021 Downtown **Resale Apartments** South of 14th St.



		Studio	1-Bedroom	2-Bedroom	3+Bedroom
Percent	3rd Q 20	17%	42%	31%	11%
of Sales	3rd Q 21	13%	38%	34%	16%
Median Price	3rd Q 20	\$610,000	\$830,000	\$1,800,000	\$3,825,000
	3rd Q 21	\$565,000	\$875,000	\$1,757,500	\$4,080,000
	% Change	-7%	5%	-2%	7%

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Resale Apartments

Generally North of 96th Street on the East Side, and 110th St. on the West Side

While the median resale price rose 44¹/₂ compared to a year ago for three-bedroom and larger apartments, the small number of closings in 2020's third quarter makes this gain less meaningful.

At \$960 per square foot, condo prices were 7% higher than a year ago.





		Studio	1-Bedroom	2-Bedroom	3+Bedroom
Percent of Sales	3rd Q 20	7%	35%	39%	19%
	3rd Q 21	5%	33%	40%	22%
Median Price	3rd Q 20	\$320,000	\$407,500	\$702,500	\$775,000
	3rd Q 21	\$287,000	\$460,000	\$654,000	\$1,119,000
	% Change	-10%	13%	-7%	44%

Average price per room



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