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This report follows conditions in the Manhattan rental market during September - as well as throughout the third quarter of the year. In addition, we track average and median rents for 14 neighborhoods in the borough of Brooklyn over the same period.

When looking at the most recent data for September, we found that rents climbed month-over-month in Manhattan, while they declined in Brooklyn. Meanwhile, landlords reduced their use of concessions slightly. This, coupled with the seasonal fall decrease in demand, caused the Manhattan vacancy rate to climb to the highest level since April.

Despite recent rent declines in Brooklyn, overall pricing is trending up.

In September 2018, Manhattan rents rose by a statistically insignificant amount for studio apartments when compared to August, while they rose 3% for one-bedroom homes. Pricing for two- and three-bedroom units increased 6% and 4% respectively. Meanwhile, year-over-year, rents were up 2% for studios, while rents climbed by 3%, 9% and 5% for one-, two- and three-bedroom apartments.

From August to September, rents for Brooklyn studios declined 2%, while they were down less than 1% for one-bedroom homes. Two- and three-bedroom units experienced price drops of 2% and 4%, respectively. Compared to last year however, rents have climbed. September rents for studios in the borough were up 2%. For one-bedrooms, pricing was up 3%. During the same period, two-bedroom rents increased 4% – and rents for three-bedroom homes rose a substantial 10%.

In September, the Manhattan vacancy rate rose to the highest level in 5 months...

Month-over-month, Manhattan's vacancy rate climbed from 1.29% in August - to 1.36% in September. In fact, there were more available apartments on the market in September than at any time since April, when the rate reached 1.44%. Apartment seekers remain extremely price-sensitive, so this increase in available units is likely a reaction – at least in part - to ascending rents. However, Manhattan's vacancy rate is lower this September when compared to last. In September 2017, 1.94% of apartments were vacant.

While the use of move-in incentives ticked downward.

The percentage of leases that included a move-in incentive was 27% in September 2018, down slightly from 28% in August. Year-over-year, their prevalence is also down – as they were found on 37% of leases in September 2017. Despite the declines, they continue to be a significant marketing tool – especially in luxury rental developments.

Quarterly trends continue to reflect an improved market for landlords in the longer term.

Rents in Manhattan and Brooklyn climbed across the board, both quarter-over-quarter and year-over-year.

The Manhattan vacancy rate rose slightly to 1.35% during Q3 – from 1.34% in Q2. However, it's lower than Q3 2017's rate of 1.95%. Despite the recent uptick, there are still fewer available choices for tenants than last year.

During Q3 as a whole, 27% of tenants received a landlord inventive, up from 24% last quarter. On the other hand, their use is down compared to Q3 2017 – when 37% of new leases included a concession.

Our September results show that even small increases in asking rents have an impact on demand – and tenants comparison-shop between buildings and neighborhoods like never before. The rise of car and bike sharing services, as well as the expanded ferry system, has caused many New Yorkers to consider more affordable areas that were once off the beaten path. In the rental market, the old adage of 'location, location, location' – has been replaced with 'price, price, price.'

Gary Malin, President, Citi Habitats

When examining our report, please keep the following in mind:

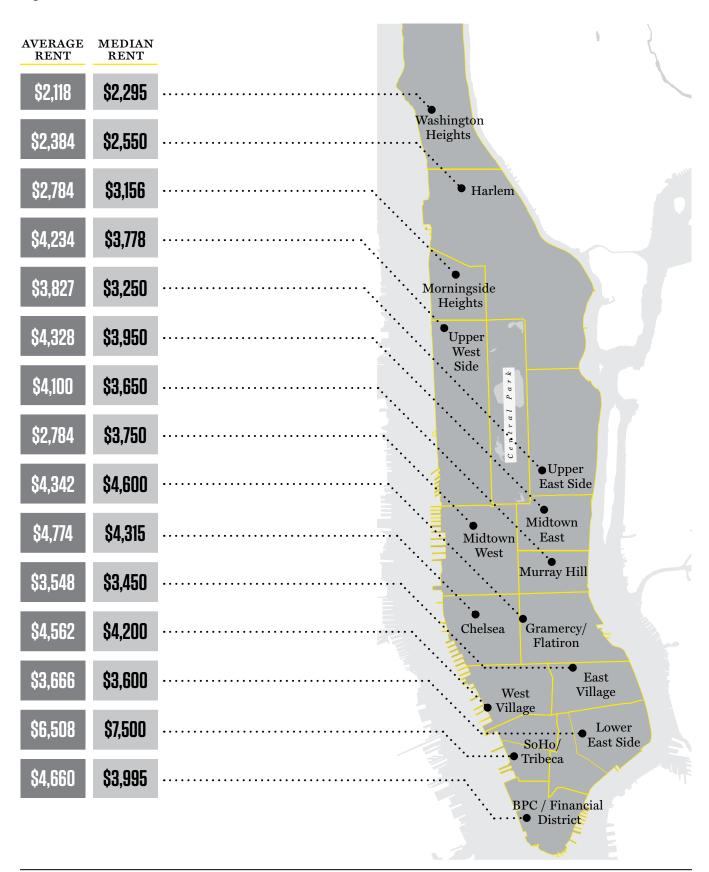
^{1.} The statistics in the letter above, and in the report that follows, are based on Citi Habitats' closed rental transactions, current rental listings in the firm's database and company research.

^{2.} Average rents cited in this report are, for the most part, gross rents, not net effective rents, and do not include landlord incentives, unless the face rent reported on the lease was the net-effective amount.

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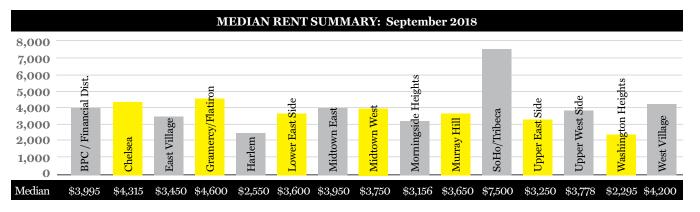
AVERAGE RENT SUMMARY: September 2018					
Location	Studio	1BR	2BR	3BR	
BPC / Financial Dist.	\$2,993	3,945	5,710	5,990	
Chelsea	\$2,613	3,688	5,800	6,995	
East Village	\$2,645	3,036	3,939	4,570	
Gramercy/Flatiron	\$2,905	3,331	4,887	6,245	
Harlem	\$1,805	2,213	2,667	2,850	
Lower East Side	\$2,000	3,812	4,256	4,595	
Midtown East	\$2,432	3,227	4,452	7,200	
Midtown West	\$2,618	3,283	3,930	6,081	
Morningside Heights	\$2,170	2,795	3,040	3,130	
Murray Hill	\$2,500	4,009	4,244	5,648	
Soho/Tribeca	\$3,180	4,525	8,875	9,453	
Upper East Side	\$2,094	2,785	3,388	7,040	
Upper West Side	\$2,346	2,892	4,740	6,958	
Washington Heights	\$1,570	1,782	2,300	2,820	
West Village	\$2,900	4,223	4,625	6,500	
Average: September	\$2,451	3,303	4,457	5,738	
Average: August	\$2,447	3,210	4,205	5,525	
% Change	0%	3%	6%	4%	

AVERAGE VACANCY RATE: September 2018				
Location	Vacancy Rate			
BPC / Financial Dist.	1.36%			
Chelsea	1.16%			
East Village	1.97%			
Gramercy	1.38%			
Midtown East	1.93%			
Midtown West	1.44%			
Murray Hill	1.41%			
Soho/Tribeca	1.16%			
Upper East Side	1.03%			
Upper West Side	1.06%			
West Village	1.35%			
Average: September	1.36%			
Average: August	1.29%			
Difference	0.03			

% OF TRANSACTIONS WITH A CONCESSION SEPTEMBER 2018

OVERALL BLENDED AVERAGES: September 2018					
BLDG Classification	Studio	1BR	2BR	3BR	
New Development w/ DM*	\$3,609	4,877	8,313	17,781	
Doorman	\$3,016	4,195	6,883	12,183	
Elevator**	\$2,620	3,454	4,901	8,016	
Walkup***	\$2,199	2,796	3,819	5,282	



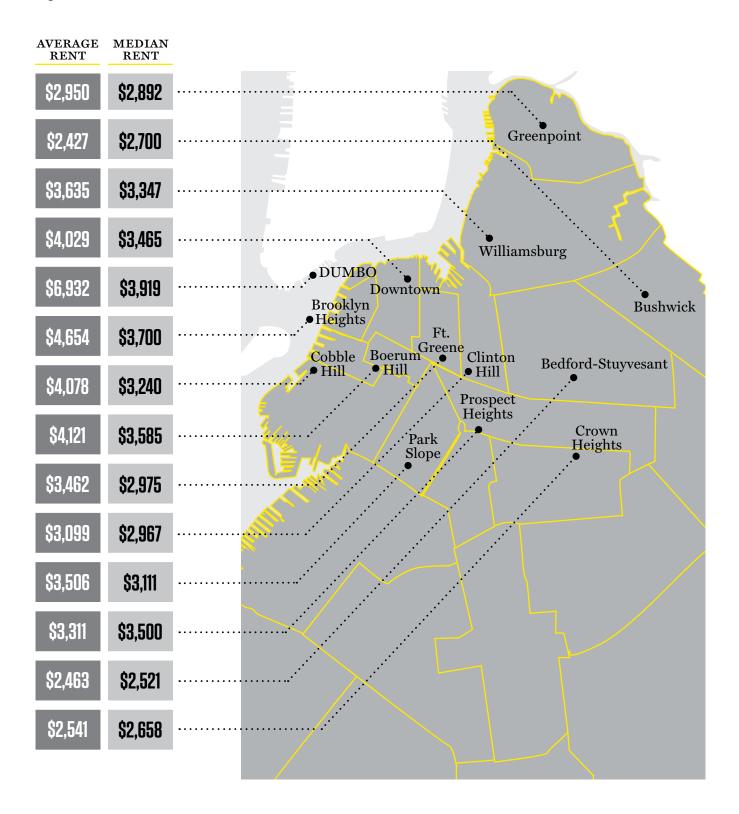


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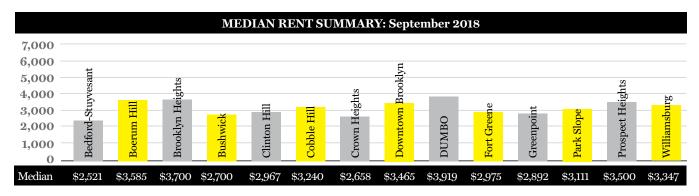


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Location	Studio	1BR	2BR	3BR	
Bedford-Stuyvesant	\$1,994	2,245	2,489	3,124	
Boerum Hill	\$2,494	3,080	4,445	6,467	
Brooklyn Heights	\$2,569	3,478	4,848	7,721	
Bushwick	\$1,925	2,353	2,536	2,894	
Clinton Hill	\$2,253	2,568	3,387	4,187	
Cobble Hill	\$2,065	2,757	3,698	7,792	
Crown Heights	\$2,190	2,272	2,706	2,998	
Downtown Brooklyn	\$2,813	3,459	4,871	4,973	
DUMBO	\$3,276	4,043	6,157	14,250	
Fort Greene	\$2,433	3,073	4,165	4,176	
Greenpoint	\$2,255	2,677	3,188	3,678	
Park Slope	\$2,285	2,856	3,520	5,362	
Prospect Heights	\$1,700	2,495	3,716	5,333	
Williamsburg	\$2,591	3,083	4,041	4,826	
Average: September	\$2,346	2,888	3,841	5,556	
Average: August	\$2,391	2,902	3,923	5,769	
% Change	-2%	-0.5%	-2%	-4%	





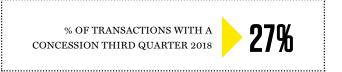
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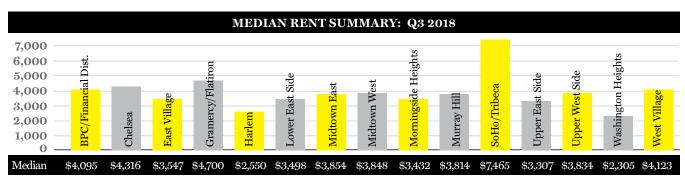
AVERAGE RENT SUMMARY: Q3 2018					
Location	Studio	1BR	2BR	3BR	
BPC/Financial Dist.	\$3,106	4,173	6,223	6,042	
Chelsea	\$2,491	3,603	5,335	6,423	
East Village	\$2,499	3,009	3,647	4,663	
Gramercy/Flatiron	\$2,989	3,515	5,036	6,425	
Harlem	\$1,856	2,157	2,622	3,238	
Lower East Side	\$2,029	3,382	3,685	4,902	
Midtown East	\$2,423	3,416	5,028	7,040	
Midtown West	\$2,572	3,224	4,066	6,081	
Morningside Heights	\$2,123	2,431	2,858	3,183	
Murray Hill	\$2,628	3,894	4,182	5,589	
Soho/Tribeca	\$2,864	4,407	7,648	7,754	
Upper East Side	\$2,143	2,828	3,379	6,157	
Upper West Side	\$2,337	2,912	4,313	7,798	
Washington Heights	\$1,503	1,806	2,284	2,763	
West Village	\$2,955	4,110	4,575	6,453	
Average: Q3/18	\$2,435	3,258	4,325	5,634	
Average: Q2/18	\$2,343	3,197	3,976	5,370	
% Change	2.5%	2.2%	6.3%	3.6%	
Average: Q3/17	\$2,362	3,190	4,038	5,410	
% Change: Q3-17/18	3.1%	2.1%	7.1%	4.1%	

AVERAGE VACANCY RATE: Q3 2018				
Location	Vacancy Rate			
BPC/Financial Dist.	1.30%			
Chelsea	1.15%			
East Village	1.94%			
Gramercy	1.19%			
Midtown East	1.72%			
Midtown West	1.35%			
Murray Hill	1.34%			
Soho/Tribeca	1.17%			
Upper East Side	1.16%			
Upper West Side	1.20%			
West Village	1.33%			
Average: Q3/18	1.35%			
Average: Q2/18	1.34%			
Difference	0.01			
Average: Q3/17	1.78%			
Difference: Q3-17/18	-0.43			



OVERALL BLENDED AVERAGES: Q3 2018					
BLDG Classification	Studio	1BR	2BR	3BR	
New Development w/ DM*	\$3,636	4,866	8,564	16,384	
Doorman	\$3,018	4,220	6,961	12,425	
Elevator**	\$2,594	3,498	5,019	8,219	
Walkup***	\$2,278	2,808	3,868	5,270	





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Location	Studio	1BR	2BR	3BR	
Bedford-Stuyvesant	\$1,966	2,207	2,492	3,080	
Boerum Hill	\$2,484	3,151	4,585	6,389	
Brooklyn Heights	\$2,517	3,293	5,044	8,208	
Bushwick	\$2,171	2,352	2,555	2,923	
Clinton Hill	\$2,356	2,644	3,457	3,857	
Cobble Hill	\$2,036	2,828	3,842	7,624	
Crown Heights	\$2,090	2,368	2,720	3,011	
Downtown Brooklyn	\$2,859	3,550	4,910	5,862	
DUMBO	\$3,088	4,222	6,134	13,458	
Fort Greene	\$2,533	3,059	4,025	4,636	
Greenpoint	\$2,303	2,741	3,225	3,912	
Park Slope	\$2,239	2,767	3,644	5,472	
Prospect Heights	\$1,854	2,562	3,801	4,992	
Williamsburg	\$2,619	3,086	3,848	4,917	
Average: Q3/18	\$2,365	2,916	3,877	5,596	
Average: Q2/18	\$2,327	2,864	3,693	5,118	
% Change	3.3%	3.2%	4.2%	10.0%	
Average: Q3/17	\$2,289	2,827	3,721	5,087	
% Change: Q3-17/18	1.7%	1.8%	5.0%	9.3%	

