The Corcoran Report

MARCH 2021 | MANHATTAN | RENTAL MARKET

March 2021: Renters take advantage of lowest rents seen in years.

With strong March lease activity, vacancy is slowly creeping down. Active listings remain high, but are down from their post-Covid December peak. Days on market climbed annually but also fell from its January 2021 peak. Price statistics declined by double-digits across-the-board.

Leases Signed.



March surpassed 7,000 reported leases for the second time in over two years. Year-over-year changes were skewed due to last year's market pause. Renters continue to take advantage of low rents to upgrade their apartment to larger space, move to a building offering full amenities and services, or to relocate to a new, more convenient neighborhood. With today's market conditions, the renter can have all of the above improvements within their budget.



Rent Rates _

Median Doorman Non-Doorman	\$3,408 \$2,500	-	-17% -16%	YoY YoY
Average Doorman Non-Doorman	\$2,300 \$4,229 \$2,935		-10% -13% -19%	YoY

Rents fell by double-digits annually in March, marking the 11th consecutive month of year-over-year rent declines in Manhattan. Doorman and full service buildings are achieving a higher median rent vs. non-doorman properties. Larger apartments, multipurpose amenities and front desk services are even more important as the work-from-home trend and flexible work schedules are anticipated to continue throughout most of 2021.

Average Rent by Bedroom _

Studios	\$2,322	-18%	YoY
One Bedrooms	\$3,193	-14%	YoY
Two Bedrooms	\$4,684	-11%	YoY
Three Bedrooms	\$6,737	-17%	YoY

Rents across all types declined on a year-over-year basis. However, March rents for all unit types were higher than their respective low points reached a few months ago. The deep declines in rents has created significant move-up opportunities.



AVERAGE RENT BY BEDROOM

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Active Listings_



Annual increase in inventory is skewed by last year's market pause. At 15,000 listings, the figure is down from the peak of 34,000 in December, having fallen month-over-month for three consecutive months.



Visible Vacancy_____

3.85	%		S. MARCH 2020 EBRUARY 2021
	December 2020	,	
Visible vacancy ir	ı Manhattan sust	ained an all ti	me high of over

Visible vacancy in Manhattan sustained an all time high of over 4% through the last four months of 2020. As leasing activity increased, vacancy has since declined. For the first time in nine months vacancy was below 4%.



VISIBLE VACANCY

Days on Market _____



Marketing time for both Doorman and Non-Doorman apartments grew year-over-year but fell versus the peak reached in January 2021. The annual declines in rents helped to encourage transactions.



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March 2021: Driven by significant declines in average rents across the city, lease activity surged across all neighborhoods.

The large gains in leasing activity was due to last year's market pause coupled with today's value offerings. Visibly vacancy was highest in Midtown East and the East Village/Lower East Side.

Leases Signed by Neighborhood _____

	Mar 2021	Mar 2020	YoY		ANNUA	LCHAN	IGE IN LEA	ASES SIGI	NED	
Upper East Side	1,101	380	190%	Upper East Side						
Upper West Side	968	279	247%	Upper West Side						
Midtown East	422	114	270%	Midtown East						
Midtown West	801	317	153%	Midtown West						
Murray Hill / Kips Bay	573	169	239%	Murray Hill / Kips Bay						
Chelsea / Flatiron	830	191	335%	Chelsea / Flatiron						
Gramercy	182	51	257%	Gramercy						
Greenwich Village / West Village	495	153	224%	Greenwich Village / West Village						
East Village / Lower East Side	517	126	310%	East Village / Lower East Side						
SoHo / TriBeCa	416	71	486%	SoHo / TriBeCa						
Financial District / Battery Park City		150	215%	Financial District / Battery Park City						
Harlem / Morningside Heights	375	187	101%	Harlem / Morningside Heights						
Inwood / Washington Heights	137	92	49%	Inwood / Washington Heights						
				0)%	100%	200%	300%	400%	500%

Average Rent by Neighborhood _____

	Mar 2021	Mar 2020	YoY	YoY	ANNUAL CHANGE IN AVERAGE RENT					т	
Upper East Side	\$3,348	\$3,986	-16%	Upper East Side							
Upper West Side	\$4,064	\$4,440	-8%	Upper West Side							
Midtown East	\$3,402	\$4,052	-16%	Midtown East							
Midtown West	\$3,219	\$4,266	-25%	Midtown West							
Murray Hill / Kips Bay	\$3,051	\$4,182	-27%	Murray Hill / Kips Bay							
Chelsea / Flatiron	\$4,323	\$5,287	-18%	Chelsea / Flatiron							
Gramercy	\$3,239	\$3,948	-18%	Gramercy							
Greenwich Village / West Village	\$4,169	\$4,919	-15%	Greenwich Village / West Village							
East Village / Lower East Side	\$3,314	\$3,726	-11%	East Village / Lower East Side							
SoHo / TriBeCa	\$5,422	\$7,455	-27%	SoHo / TriBeCa							
Financial District / Battery Park City		\$4,643	-19%	Financial District / Battery Park City							
Harlem / Morningside Heights	\$2,693	\$2,904	-7%	Harlem / Morningside Heights							
Inwood / Washington Heights	\$2,077	\$2,221	-6%	Inwood / Washington Heights							
				-30%	-25%	-20%	-15%	-10%	-5%	0%	

Vacancy by Neighborhood _____

	Mar 2021	Mar 2020	YoY	MARCH	2021 VACANCY			
Upper East Side	3.27%	0.85%	2.4%	Upper East Side				
Upper West Side	3.44%	1.28%	2.2%	Upper West Side				
Midtown East	7.88%	1.10%	6.8%	Midtown East				
Midtown West	2.65%	1.29%	1.4%	Midtown West				
Murray Hill / Kips Bay	3.97%	0.89%	3.1%	Murray Hill / Kips Bay				
Chelsea / Flatiron	3.19%	1.20%	2.0%	Chelsea / Flatiron				
Gramercy	3.19%	1.21%	2.0%	Gramercy				
Greenwich Village / West Village	2.85%	1.15%	1.7%	Greenwich Village / West Village				
East Village / Lower East Side	7.33%	1.12%	6.2%	East Village / Lower East Side				
SoHo / TriBeCa	2.99%	0.96%	2.0%	SoHo / TriBeCa				
Financial District / Battery Park City		1.19%	1.9%	Financial District / Battery Park City				
				0%	2% 4%	6%	8%	1

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