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BROOKLYN ABSOLUTELY CRUSHED IT ON MULTIFAMILY CONSTRUCTION IN 2015



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Last year was a big one for residential construction all over the city, with the [Department of Buildings](#) green-lighting construction on **1,998 residential buildings** to bring a total of **over 56,000 new units** to the city's inventory.

That's according to a new report by the [New York Building Congress](#), which analyzed US Census data to get its figures.

Brooklyn stood out for having **nearly half**—46%—of all residential units permitted to be built in all five boroughs. In other words, **more units than Manhattan, Queens and Staten Island combined**.

Another feather in Brooklyn's construction hard hat: The number of units permitted in the borough **more than tripled** in 2015, going from 7,551 in 2014 to more than 26,000.

NYBC president **Richard Anderson** puts that in perspective in the report, noting that in 11 of the previous 15 years, **the entire city** saw fewer new units permitted than Brooklyn saw last year.

The new multifamily construction has several hotspots, including [Williamsburg's waterfront](#) and [Gowanus](#), but nowhere is the pace of new development as intense as in [Downtown Brooklyn](#), where more than double the number of units will soon be added to the borough's inventory since the area's 2004 rezoning.