New York City Rent Guidelines Board

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Introduction

Section 26-510 (b)(iii) of the Rent Stabilization Law requires the NYC Rent Guidelines Board (RGB) to consider the "costs and availability of financing (including effective rates of interest)" in its deliberations. To assist the Board in meeting this obligation, each winter the RGB research staff surveys lending institutions that underwrite mortgages for multifamily rent stabilized properties in New York City. (See Appendix 6 for a reproduction of the survey.) The survey provides details about New York City's multifamily lending market during the 2017 calendar year as well as the first few months of 2018.

The survey is organized into three sections: financing availability and terms for rent stabilized buildings; underwriting criteria; and additional mortgage questions, including vacancy and collection losses, operating and maintenance expenses, and portfolio performance information. In addition to the survey analysis, rent stabilized building sales data, obtained from the NYC Department of Finance, is also examined.

Overview

This year's Mortgage Survey found that interest rates rose but service fees remained unchanged. In addition, collection losses continued to decline, falling to a record low; maximum loan-to-value ratios fell slightly; and underwriting criteria remained similar. Furthermore, our analysis of rent stabilized building sales data found that sales volume declined Citywide between 2016 and 2017.

This report will more fully detail this data, beginning with a discussion of the characteristics of all of this year's survey respondents, followed by a longitudinal analysis of those responding both last and this year. Further, it will examine rent stabilized building sales data by volume and price.

Survey Respondents

Twelve financial institutions responded to this year's survey, one fewer than last year. This year's respondents include a variety of traditional lending institutions, such as savings and commercial banks, as well as non-traditional lenders.

Institutions holding deposits insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC) supply details about their holdings on a quarterly basis, including their multifamily real estate holdings, which vary considerably among the respondents. Nine surveyed lenders report their multifamily real

What's New

- ◆ Average interest rates for new multifamily mortgages increased 57 basis points, to 4.83%.
- ◆ Vacancy and collection losses decreased 0.09 percentage points, to 2.83%, the lowest level recorded by this survey.
- ◆ Average service fees for new loans remained unchanged, at 0.44 points.
- ◆ Average maximum loan-to-value ratios fell 0.16 percentage points, to 73.5%.
- ◆ In 2017, 793 buildings containing rent stabilized units were sold Citywide, a 32% decline from the prior year.

estate holdings to the FDIC, with values ranging between $16.5 million and $26.6 billion.[1] Five of this year's respondents reported multifamily holdings of over one billion dollars, while three institutions held less than $100 million. The multifamily real estate portfolio of our survey respondents averaged $5.1 billion, up 2.5% from the prior year.

Mortgage Survey Analysis

Financing Availability and Terms

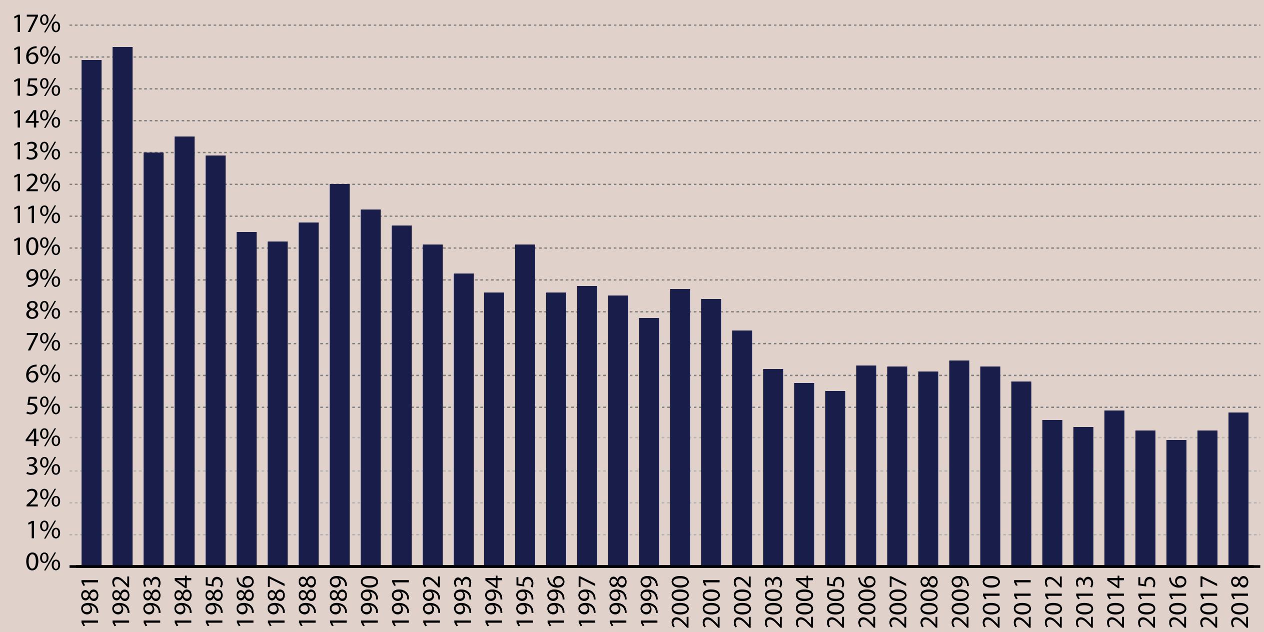
As of February 2018, the average interest rate for new multifamily mortgages was 4.83%, a 57 basis points (or 13%) increase from the previous February, the second consecutive year of an increase, following a survey record low two years ago (see graph on this page and Appendix 1). Likewise, the average interest rate reported by lenders for the 2017 calendar year was 4.43%, an eight basis points (or 2%) increase from 2016.

Average interest rates increased during the year among the institutions surveyed, mirroring interest rate increases by the Federal Reserve (The Fed). The Discount Rate — the interest rate at which depository institutions borrow from the Federal Reserve Bank of New York — rose 25 basis points on three occasions in 2017 (March, June and December), as well as in March 2018, and the Federal Funds Rate — the interest rate at which depository institutions lend balances at the Federal Reserve to other depository institutions — similarly rose 25 basis points in each of those aforementioned months.[2] The Fed is expected to continue to increase interest rates again in 2018 and 2019, based on their confidence in the growth of the U.S. economy.[3]

Points charged for new loans remained near a record low this year. Among survey respondents, they ranged between zero and one, with five surveyed lenders charging no points on new loans. The average service fee charged on new loans by lenders was 0.44 points, the same as last year, and little changed from

Average Interest Rates for New Loans to Rent Stabilized Buildings, 1981-2018

Multifamily Mortgage Interest Rates Increase For Second Consecutive Year



Source: NYC Rent Guidelines Board, Annual Mortgage Surveys.

the record low average of 0.42 two years ago. Average fees reported in the survey have remained around or below one point for two decades (see graph on the next page).

Surveyed lenders, for the most part, remained flexible in the loan maturity terms they offered their borrowers. Since survey respondents typically offer a wide range of terms rather than a single number, it is not possible to provide an average for the range of terms offered by institutions, but they remained similar to those offered in recent years. Mortgage terms reported by respondents fell within a wide 5- to 40-year range. This continued mortgage term flexibility over recent years is in great contrast to terms reported in the surveys of the early- to mid-1990s, when close to half of respondents offered maximum loan maturities of just five years.

The average volume of new mortgage originations in our survey fell from 105 last year to an average of 43 new loans per institution financed this year, in part due to the absence of one larger lender from this year's survey. However, the average number of refinanced loans increased this year, rising from 43 last year to 53 this year, a 22% increase. Overall loan volume is well below the peak year of 2004, when our survey reported an average of 160 new loans per institution. This year, 42% of lenders reported no change in new loan volume, while a third reported an increase in loan volume, and the remaining quarter reported a decline.

Underwriting Criteria

The survey asked lenders for their typical underwriting standards when approving new and refinanced mortgages to rent stabilized building owners. Lenders this year, on average, reported lending standards similar to last year. For all institutions, the typical maximum Loan-to-Value (LTV) ratio — the maximum dollar amount respondents were willing to lend based on a building's value — ranged from 60% to 82.5%. This year's average, 73.5%, was little changed from last year's 73.7% (see graph on page 7).

Another important lending criterion is the debt service ratio — an investor's ability to cover mortgage payments using its net operating income (NOI). The higher the debt service coverage requirements, the less money a lender is willing to loan given constant net income. The debt service ratio (or NOI divided by the debt service) remained virtually unchanged, with an average debt service requirement of 1.23, versus 1.22 last year. Because the average debt service ratio remained about the same, lenders have maintained the amount of money they are willing to lend in relation to the net operating income of buildings (see Appendix 2). Overall, debt service coverage at all institutions ranged between 1.20 and 1.25, and only one surveyed lender reported adjusting its underwriting standards over the past year.

Lenders also noted additional standards they use when evaluating loan applications. The most commonly cited standard is good building

Terms and Definitions

Actual LTV - the typical loan-to-value ratio of buildings in lenders' portfolios

Basis Points - a common unit of measure for interest rates and other percentages in finance. One basis point is equal to 1/100th of 1%, or 0.01 percentage point

Debt Service - the repayment of loan principal and interest

Debt Service Ratio - net operating income divided by the debt service; measures the risk associated with a loan; the higher the ratio, the less money an institution is willing to lend

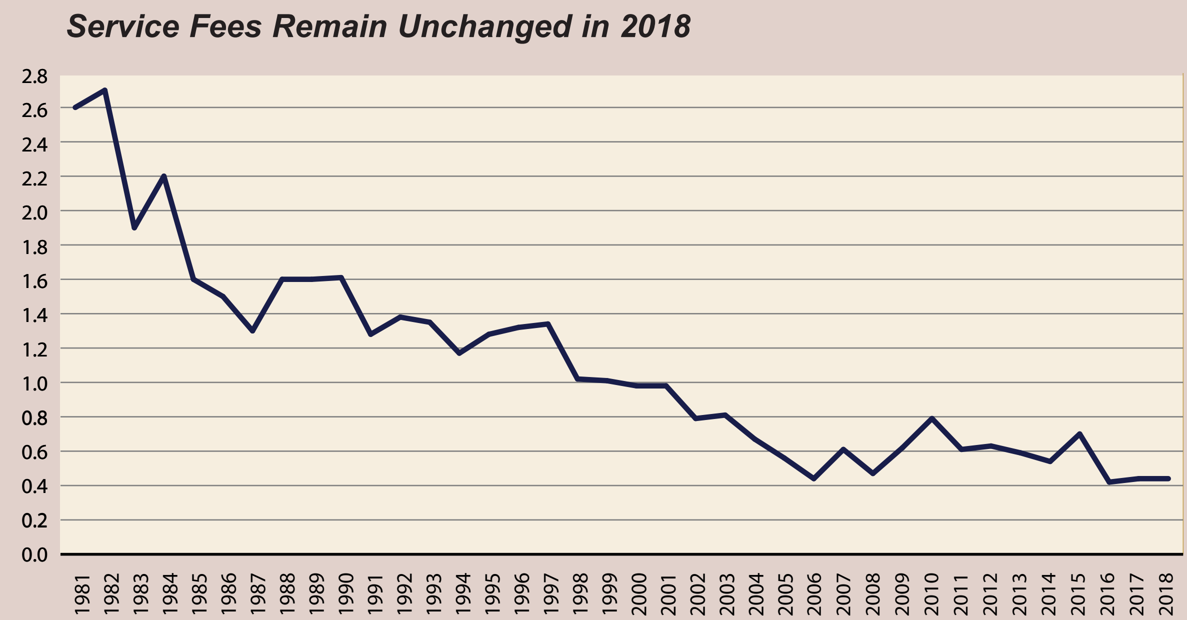
Loan-to-Value Ratio (LTV) - the dollar amount institutions are willing to lend based on a building's value; the lower the LTV, the lower the risk to the lender

Maximum LTV - the loan-to-value ratio set by the lenders as part of their underwriting criteria

Points - up-front service fees charged by lenders as a direct cost to the borrowers

Terms - the amount of time the borrower has to repay the loan; generally, the term should not exceed the remaining economic life of the building

Service Fees for New Loans to Rent Stabilized Buildings, 1981-2018



Source: NYC Rent Guidelines Board, Annual Mortgage Surveys.

maintenance, with a third of lenders indicating that it is an important consideration when reviewing a loan application.

The survey asked lenders whether their lending standards differ for rent stabilized buildings versus non-stabilized multifamily properties. Respondents were asked whether their new financing rates; refinancing rates; loan-to-value ratios; and debt service coverage requirements for rent stabilized properties were higher, lower, or the same as for other properties. While the majority of lenders reported no difference, one lender reported higher financing and refinancing rates; and another lender reported more conservative debt service coverage for stabilized buildings. By contrast, one lender reported more favorable financing and refinancing rates; two lenders reported better LTV ratios; and another two lenders reported more lenient debt service coverage requirements for stabilized buildings in their portfolios.

Non-Performing Loans & Foreclosures

The number of lenders reporting that they had non-performing loans declined this year, from four last year to one this year. These loans made up 0.005% of the lender's portfolio this year. In addition, the same lender also reported foreclosures this year (compared to two lenders last year), making up 0.002% of their portfolio.

Characteristics of Rent Stabilized Buildings

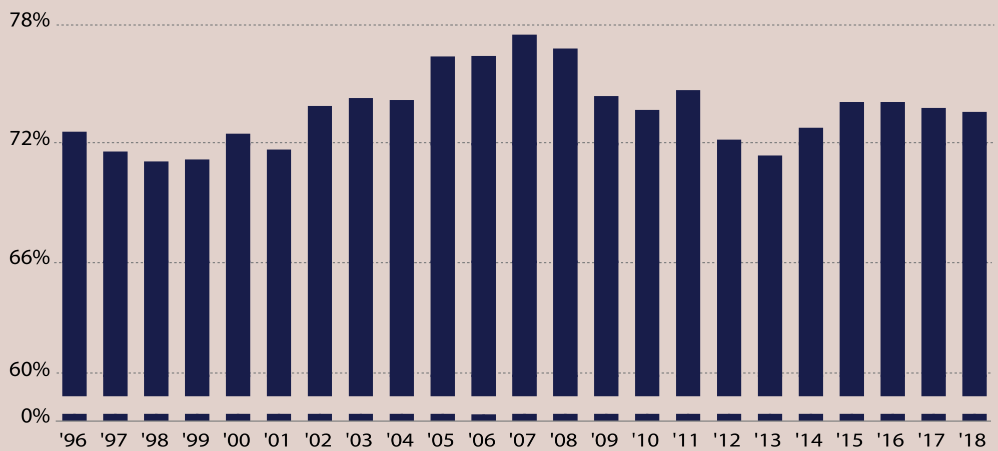
The size of buildings in surveyed lenders' portfolios varies widely. The most commonly reported building size is 50-99 units, with half of all lenders reporting this size as typical, while a quarter report that their typical building is 1-10 units.

Average vacancy and collection (V&C) losses decreased for the seventh time in the last eight years, down from 2.92% last year to 2.83% this year, the lowest level in the history of the Mortgage Survey Report (see graph on page 8). Among all the lenders, reported V&C losses ranged from less than 1% to no more than 5%.

Average operating and maintenance (O&M) expenses and average rents among buildings in lenders' portfolios changed in opposite directions this year. Average rent per unit per month rose 7.1%, to $1,281 this year, while expenses fell 8.4%, to $598 this

1996-2018 Average Loan-to-Value Standards

Maximum Loan-to-Value Ratios Decline



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year (see Appendix 2). Because average rent increased and costs declined, the average O&M cost-to-rent ratio fell from 53.2% last year to 46.7% this year.

The NYC Rent Guidelines Board, in our annual *Income and Expense (I&E) Study*, examines the average O&M cost-to-rent ratio as well.[4] However, its findings should not be compared to the cost-to-rent ratio reported in the *Mortgage Survey Report* because the sources are very different, and the data studied in each report are from different time periods. In the *2018 I&E Study*, which reported on data from calendar year 2016, the average O&M cost-to-rent ratio was 71.8%.[5]

The survey asks lenders whether they retain their mortgages or sell them in secondary markets. All but three lenders reported retaining all their mortgages, about the same proportion as last year.

Lenders are asked whether the rent stabilized buildings that are offered mortgage financing contain commercial space. This information is useful to help understand the extent to which owners earn income from sources other than residential tenants. All but one surveyed lender this year reported that buildings in their portfolio contain commercial space, though the average number varies depending on the lender. On average, lenders report that 35% of their portfolios contain commercial space, about the same as last year.

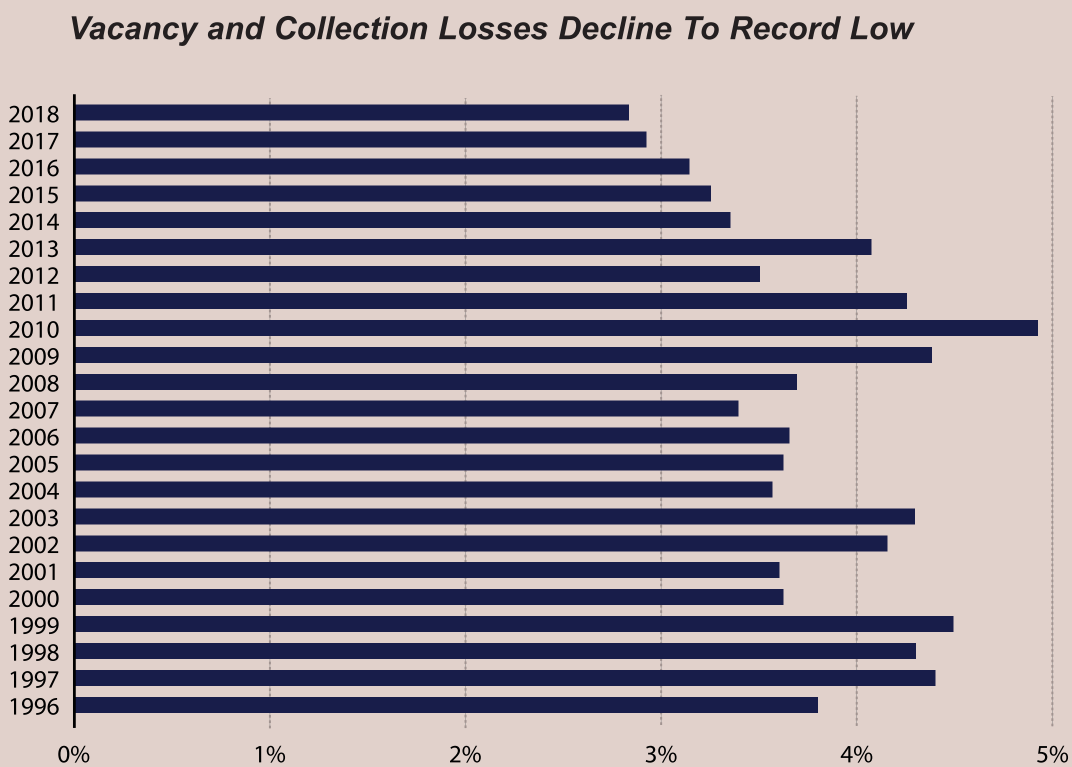
Loan Expectations

The survey asks lenders about the performance of their portfolios, compared with expectations at the time of initial loan origination, regarding net operating income (NOI); debt service coverage; and O&M expenses. A majority of lenders reported that their expectations had been met or exceeded in all areas among their rent stabilized portfolio. Specifically, at least 83% said this year that their expectations were equaled or exceeded among all three categories, an increase from the prior year, when at least two-thirds said the same thing.

Longitudinal Analysis

Information regarding rent stabilized buildings can also be examined longitudinally to more accurately assess changes in the lending market, since many respondents reply to the Mortgage Survey in at least two successive years. This longitudinal comparison helps to clarify whether changes highlighted in the

Average Vacancy and Collection Losses, 1996-2018



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primary mortgage survey analysis reflect actual variations in the lending market or simply the presence of a different group of lenders from year to year. Among the 12 respondents that completed the survey this year, all also responded last year. The 12 lenders that make up the longitudinal group, and their responses from both this year and last year, are compared in this section to illustrate changes between the two years.

Financing Availability and Terms

Because all lenders responded in both years, this year's longitudinal analysis reveals findings that in many cases are similar to this year's main survey analysis. The average interest rate among the longitudinal group for new loans, as of February 2018, was 4.83%, an increase from a year earlier, when the average interest rate was 4.36% for new financing (see Appendix 3).

Among the longitudinal group, average points offered by lenders declined from last year, falling from 0.48 to 0.44.

Underwriting Criteria and Loan Performance

The average maximum loan-to-value (LTV) ratio remained unchanged this year, holding at 73.5% among the longitudinal group. The average debt service ratio rose slightly, up from 1.22 last year to 1.23 this year (see Appendix 4). And like the main mortgage survey analysis, vacancy and collection (V&C) losses among the longitudinal group declined, to 2.83% this year, from 3.13% last year.

Looking at the rate of delinquencies among the longitudinal group, only one lender reported non-performing loans, down from four last year. Similarly,

Selected 2018 Mortgage Survey Data Compared to 2017 Mortgage Survey Data

Average Interest Rates, Loan Volume, Points, Loan-to-Value Ratios, Debt Service Coverage, and Vacancy & Collection Losses

(Averages)	NF Interest Rate	NF Loan Volume	RF Loan Volume	NF Points	Max LTV Ratio	Debt Service Ratio	V&C Losses
2018 Mortgage Survey Data	4.83%	43	53	0.44	73.5%	1.23	2.83%
2017 Mortgage Survey Data	4.26%	105	43	0.44	73.7%	1.22	2.92%

NF= New Financing RF= Refinancing LTV=Loan-to-Value V&C=Vacancy and Collection

Source: NYC Rent Guidelines Board, Annual Mortgage Surveys

only one lender reported foreclosures this year, while two lenders reported foreclosures the previous year.

Sales Data Analysis

The NYC Department of Finance collects and provides public property sales information online. Utilizing this data, this report examines sales data from 2017, and compares it with the prior year. This year's sales data analysis includes buildings listed as sold in 2017 in the Department of Finance database. These are matched to buildings that have filed NYS Homes and Community Renewal (HCR) building registrations; have not converted to co-op/condo; and have sold for at least $1,000.

Building Sales Volume

In 2017, 793 buildings containing rent stabilized units were sold in New York City, down 32% from the prior year. Each borough saw sales volume decline, though at differing proportions. In Manhattan, sales fell the most, falling 43%; while in the Bronx, sales declined 33%; in Queens, they were down 24%; and in Brooklyn, sales fell the least, declining 23%. As in prior years, Staten Island was not included in this analysis because there were too few rent stabilized building sales to meaningfully measure change from year to year.[6] (See the table below for a numerical breakdown in the change in the number of buildings sold in each borough and Citywide.)

Among the smallest rent stabilized buildings sold in 2017, containing 6-10 residential units, sales volume was down 18% Citywide, but the decline varied by borough. Sales among 6-10 unit buildings fell the most in the Bronx, down 31%, and fell the least in Queens, down 13%. In between were Brooklyn, down 15%, and Manhattan, down 26%.

Comparison of Building Sales in 2016 vs. 2017

Sales Volume Decline Varies by Borough

	2016	2017	Change
Bronx	234	156	-33.3%
Brooklyn	378	292	-22.8%
Manhattan	407	233	-42.8%
Queens	148	112	-24.3%
Citywide	**1,167**	**793**	**-32.0%**

Note: Citywide figures exclude Staten Island

Source: NYC Department of Finance

Rent Stabilized Building Sales, 2003-2017

Citywide Building Sales Declined From Prior Year

Source: NYC Department of Finance
Note: Figures exclude Staten Island

Sales volume among 11-19 unit buildings also declined, falling 36% Citywide. In Manhattan, sales fell by almost half, declining 49%; followed by the Bronx, declining 23%; and Brooklyn, down 21%. (There were too few 11-19 unit building sales in Queens to analyze.)

Among 20-99 unit buildings, sales volume also declined Citywide, falling 41%. By borough, sales of 20-99 unit buildings in Brooklyn fell the most, down 46%; followed by Manhattan, down 42%; the Bronx, down 38%; and Queens, down 33%.

Among the largest buildings, which contain 100 or more units, sales volume Citywide decreased 62%. Unfortunately, we are unable to analyze sales data by borough because of the small number of buildings sold. However, these buildings sales are included in the totals by borough and Citywide.[7]

Building sales data show that, since 2003, sales volume reached a peak in 2005, but by 2009, sales Citywide were at their lowest level of the fifteen-year period for which we have data. Between 2009 and 2015, sales volume Citywide increased every year but one. However, over the last two years, sales have fallen to their lowest level since 2011. See the graph on this page and Appendix 7 for annual sales volume Citywide.

Building Sales Prices

We also examine 2017 sales prices Citywide and by borough. However, in reporting sales prices, we are not able to take into consideration the condition of the building or the neighborhood where each building is sold, factors important in determining the sales price.

Examining rent stabilized building sales prices for all sizes of buildings, the median Citywide sales price was $3.8 million in 2017. The highest median sales price was in Manhattan ($8.3 million); followed by the Bronx ($4,215,500); Brooklyn ($2.1 million); and Queens ($1,725,000).

Examining the smallest buildings (containing 6-10 residential units), the median sales price Citywide was $1,585,392. By borough, prices were highest in Manhattan, at $5,525,000; followed by Brooklyn, at

$1,575,000; Queens, at $1,450,000 and the Bronx, at $1,190,000.

Among 11-19 unit buildings, the median Citywide price was $3,675,000. By borough, sales prices were again highest in Manhattan, at $7,595,000; followed by Brooklyn, at $3,275,000; and the Bronx, at $2,645,000. (There were too few 11-19 unit building sales in Queens to analyze.)

Buildings with 20-99 units sold Citywide at a median price of $9 million. By borough, these buildings sold for the most in Manhattan, at a median price of $12 million; followed by Queens, at $11,546,512; Brooklyn, at $7.5 million; and the Bronx, at $5,887,500.

Among the largest buildings, which contain 100 or more units, buildings Citywide sold for a median price of $35 million. However, as previously mentioned, too few buildings containing 100 or more residential units were sold to accurately report borough building prices in more detail. See Appendix 8 for a breakdown of median sales prices in each borough among different sized buildings.

Summary

In conclusion, while interest rates rose and service fees remained unchanged, vacancy and collection losses fell to their lowest level in this survey's history. In addition, the number of rent stabilized buildings sold declined from the prior year. ❐

Endnotes

1. Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC) website: https://fdic.gov

2. Federal Reserve Board website: https://www.federalreserve.gov/monetarypolicy/openmarket.htm and https://www.frbdiscountwindow.org

3. "Fed Raises Interest Rates for Sixth Time Since Financial Crisis," by Jim Tankersley, New York Times. March 21, 2018.

4. The per unit, per month O&M expense and rent figures reported in the Mortgage Survey reflect a very small, non-random sample of the City's regulated stock and are included for informational purposes only. The rent and expense figures in the NYC Rent Guidelines Board's *Income and Expense Study* are derived from a substantially larger number of stabilized buildings and can be viewed as more authoritative.

5. The O&M cost-to-rent ratio from the 2018 Mortgage Survey reflects estimates by lenders of expenses and rents for rent stabilized buildings as of approximately February 2018. The average ratio is calculated from just nine respondents. By comparison, the latest available O&M cost-to-rent ratio from the *Income and Expense (I&E) Study*, in which average rent was $1,371 and average unaudited cost was $985, reflects rents and expenses reported by owners for calendar year 2016. Average monthly costs per unit in the Mortgage Survey this year are lower than those reported in the I&E. This is due to differences in the two data sources: Lenders' estimated average of buildings in an institution's portfolio vs. a weighted average of a large number of owner-reported data; the large variance between the two sample sizes; and the difference between the buildings studied in each analysis. (Buildings required to file Real Property Income and Expense (RPIE) forms must generally have an assessed value greater than $40,000 and eleven or more units, while the Mortgage Survey does not exclude these buildings).

6. The data reflect sales of buildings that had been registered with the New York State Homes and Community Renewal (HCR) as containing rent stabilized units in 2016, the most recent year for which comprehensive registration records are available. It excludes those buildings where the sales price was listed as less than $1,000. It also excludes those buildings listed as co-ops/condos. Furthermore, all of Staten Island is excluded from all analyses due to the small number of eligible buildings sold.

7. All 100+ unit building borough categories are excluded due to the small number of buildings sold. However, while these categories are not discussed, these buildings are included in the overall statistics and analyses.

Appendices

1. Mortgage Interest Rates and Terms, 2018

Lending Institution	Rate (%)	Points	Term (yrs)	Type	New Volume	Refin Volume
5	NR	0.75	Ω	both	10	10
17	6.00%	1.00	5 + 5 yrs	NR	50	5
28	4.50%	0.00	NR	both	50	50
30	4.75%	0.25	110-210 BPS	both	4	79
35	3.75%	0.00	5/5/5 based on amort	adj	28	12
37	5.85%	1.00	10 yrs	fixed	0	4
107	4.19%	0.00	5, 7 and 10 yrs	fixed	250	301
117	3.75%	0.00	Ω	fixed	67	150
209	5.00%	1.00	5 year CMT + 2.5%	fixed	2	0
301	4.13%	0.25	Ω	fixed	8	2
401	5.69%	0.00	Ω	fixed	41	9
402	5.50%	1.00	10 year	adj	10	10
AVERAGE	**4.83%**	**0.44**	**†**	**†**	**43**	**53**

Adj adjustable rate mortgage   **†** No average computed   **NR** no response   **BPS** Basis Points
CMT Constant Maturity Treasury

Ω #5 = 1.75-2.25% over swaps   #117 = 5 years; 1.50 over swaps
#301 = 5 yr-1.30 bps; 7 yr-1.40 bps; 10 yr-1.50 bps   #401 = 30-40 years; commitment fee: 75 bps

Note: Averages for interest rates and points are calculated by using the midpoint when a range of values is given by the lending institution.

Source: 2018 NYC Rent Guidelines Board Mortgage Survey

2. Typical Lending Portfolio Characteristics of Rent Stabilized Buildings, 2018

Lending Institution	Maximum Loan-to-Value Standard	Debt Service Coverage	Vacancy & Collection Losses	Typical Building Size	Average Monthly O&M Cost/Unit	Average Monthly Rent/Unit
5	75%	1.20	2%	50-99	$700	$1,500
17	75%	1.20	5%	20-49	$475	$1,106
28	80%	1.25	2%	50-99	NR	$1,750
30	80%	1.20	5%	11-19	$585	NR
35	65%	1.25	3%	1-10	$400	$1,075
37	65%	1.20	3%	1-10	$682	$1,188
107	80%	1.20	0.5%	50-99	NR	NR
117	75%	1.25	4%	50-99	$725	$1,200
209	75%	1.25	3%	50-99	NR	NR
301	60%	7.5% DY	3%	50-99	NR	NR
401	83%	NR	3%	100+	$620	$1,230
402	70%	1.25	0.5%	1-10	NR	$1,200
AVERAGE	**73.5%**	**1.23**	**2.83%**	**†**	**$598**	**$1,281**

NR no response   **DY** Debt Yield   **†** No average computed.

Notes: Average loan-to-value (LTV) and debt service coverage ratios are calculated using the midpoint when a range was given by the lending institution. Debt Yield refers to Net Operating Income (NOI) divided by the first mortgage debt (loan) amount, times 100.

Source: 2018 NYC Rent Guidelines Board Mortgage Survey

3. Interest Rates and Terms for New Financing, Longitudinal Study, 2017-2018

Lending Inst.	Interest Rates 2018	Interest Rates 2017	Points 2018	Points 2017	Term 2018	Term 2017	Type 2018	Type 2017
5	NR	4.00%	0.75	0.50	Ω	◆	both	fixed
17	6.00%	NR	1.00	NR	5 + 5 yrs	NR	NR	NR
28	4.50%	4.00%	0.00	0.00	NR	NR	both	both
30	4.75%	4.00%	0.25	1.25	110-210 BPS	◆	both	both
35	3.75%	4.75%	0.00	0.00	5/5/5 based on amort	NR	adj	fixed
37	5.85%	5.75%	1.00	1.00	10 yrs	10 yrs	fixed	fixed
107	4.19%	3.75%	0.00	0.00	5, 7 and 10 yrs	◆	fixed	adj
117	3.75%	3.00%	0.00	0.00	Ω	◆	fixed	fixed
209	5.00%	4.50%	1.00	1.00	5 year CMT + 2.5%	◆	fixed	fixed
301	4.13%	4.00%	0.25	0.50	Ω	175	fixed	fixed
401	5.69%	5.25%	0.00	0.00	Ω	30-35 yrs	fixed	fixed
402	5.50%	5.00%	1.00	1.00	10 year	NR	adj	adj
AVERAGE	**4.83%**	**4.36%**	**0.44**	**0.48**	**†**	**†**	**†**	**†**

NR no response † No average computed **Adj** = adjustable rate mortgage **BPS** Basis Points

Ω #5 = 1.75-2.25% over swaps #117 = 5 years; 1.50 over swaps
#301 = 5 yr-1.30 bps; 7 yr-1.40 bps; 10 yr-1.50 bps #401 = 30-40 years; commitment fee: 75 bps

◆ #5 = 5-10 yr, 2-2.5% over swaps #30 = Adjustable: 4.6 4.65 4.7 / Fixed 4.5 4.6 4.65 #107 = 5, 7 year product
#117 = 5 yr: spread over swap rates 3.625 note commitment fee amt; 7 yr: 3.875; 10 yr: 4.25
#209 = 275 bps over 5 yr US Treasury

Note: Averages for interest rates and points are calculated by using the midpoint when a range of values is given by the lending institution.

Source: 2017 and 2018 NYC Rent Guidelines Board Mortgage Surveys

4. Lending Standards and Vacancy & Collection Losses, Longitudinal Study, 2017-2018

Lending Inst.	Max Loan-to-Value 2018	Max Loan-to-Value 2017	Debt Service Coverage 2018	Debt Service Coverage 2017	V&C Losses 2018	V&C Losses 2017
5	75%	75%	1.20	7.5% DY	2%	3%
17	75%	80%	1.20	1.25	5%	5%
28	80%	80%	1.25	1.25	2%	3%
30	80%	80%	1.20	1.20	5%	3%
35	65%	65%	1.25	1.25	3%	4%
37	65%	65%	1.20	1.20	3%	3%
107	80%	75%	1.20	1.20	0.5%	0.5%
117	75%	75%	1.25	1.25	4%	4%
209	75%	70%	1.25	1.30	3%	4%
301	60%	65%	7.5% DY	8% DY	3%	2%
401	83%	83%	NR	115	3%	3%
402	70%	70%	1.25	1.15	0.5%	3%
AVERAGE	**73.5%**	**73.5%**	**1.23**	**1.22**	**2.83%**	**3.13%**

NR no response **DY** Debt Yield

Notes: Average loan-to-value and debt service coverage ratios are calculated using the midpoint when a range is given by the lending institution. Debt Yield refers to Net Operating Income (NOI) divided by the first mortgage debt (loan) amount, times 100.

Source: 2017 and 2018 NYC Rent Guidelines Board Mortgage Surveys

5. Retrospective of New York City's Housing Market, 1982-2018

Year	Interest Rates for New Mortgages	Permits for New Housing Units in NYC and northern suburbs	Permits for New Housing Units in NYC only
1982	16.3%	11,598 **b**	7,649
1983	13.0%	17,249 **b**	11,795
1984	13.5%	15,961	11,566
1985	12.9%	25,504	20,332
1986	10.5%	15,298	9,782
1987	10.2%	18,659	13,764
1988	10.8%	13,486	9,897
1989	12.0%	13,896	11,546
1990	11.2%	9,076	6,858
1991	10.7%	6,406	4,699
1992	10.1%	5,694	3,882
1993	9.2%	7,314	5,173
1994	8.6%	6,553	4,010
1995	10.1%	7,296	5,135
1996	8.6%	11,457	8,652
1997	8.8%	11,619	8,987
1998	8.5%	13,532	10,387
1999	7.8%	15,326	12,421
2000	8.7%	18,077	15,050
2001	8.4%	19,636	16,856
2002	7.4%	21,423	18,500
2003	6.2%	23,778	21,218
2004	5.8%	27,695	25,208
2005	5.5%	33,606	31,599
2006	6.3%	32,609	30,927
2007	6.3%	34,514	31,902
2008	6.1%	34,715	33,911
2009	6.5%	6,665	6,057
2010	6.3%	7,406	6,727
2011	5.8%	10,326	8,936
2012	4.6%	11,170	10,334
2013	4.4%	18,963	17,995
2014	4.9%	21,580	20,428
2015	4.3%	57,559	56,183
2016	4.0%	18,116 ◆	16,280 ◆
2017	4.3%	24,054 Ø	22,131 Ø
2018	4.8%	*	*

b Prior to 1984, Bergen Co., NJ permit figures are included.

Ø Figures are preliminary.

◆ This figure has been revised from the preliminary figure reported last year to reflect the final adjusted count.

*Permit data for 2018 will be available in next year's *Mortgage Survey Report*.

Notes: Interest rate data was collected in January-February and represents a 12-month average of the preceding year. Permit data is for the entire 12-month period of the shown year. The northern suburbs include Putnam, Rockland, and Westchester counties. Sources: NYC Rent Guidelines Board, Annual Mortgage Surveys; U.S. Bureau of the Census, Manufacturing & Construction Division, Residential Construction Branch.

6. 2018 Survey of Mortgage Financing for Multifamily Properties

I. Financing Availability and Terms for Multifamily Buildings

1a. Do you currently offer **new permanent financing** (*i.e.*, loans secured by a property not previously mortgaged by your institution) for *rent stabilized buildings?*

❑ **Yes** *(Indicate typical terms and conditions at right.)*

❑ **No**

Interest rate : ___________ % (current) ___________ % (2017 average)

Points : __________

Terms: Current 5, 7 and 10 yr spreads over swap rates and note commitment fee amount:

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Type: Fixed / Adjustable *(circle one)*

Special conditions: ____________________________

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1b. How many loans were made by your institution in 2017 for new permanent financing of *rent stabilized buildings?*

Number of loans: ______________________

2. How many loans did your institution **refinance** in 2017 for *rent stabilized buildings?*

Number of loans: ______________________

3a. In the past year, has the **total volume of new and refinanced loans** underwritten by your institution changed significantly (by at least 5%)?

❑ Yes, we have experienced a significant _____________ (increase / decrease) of about _______ %.

❑ No, it is about the same. *(Please skip Question 3b).*

3b. If **loan volume** has changed significantly, is the change attributable to:

(Please check and fill in all applicable choices.)

❑ A significant __________________ (increase / decrease) in the volume of loan **applications** of about _____ %.

❑ A significant __________________ (increase / decrease) in the rate of application **approvals** of about _____ %.

Are there any **trends** related to financing availability and terms on which you wish to comment?

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II. Underwriting Criteria for Rent Stabilized Buildings

4a. What **standards** does your institution employ when assessing loan applications for *rent stabilized buildings?*

		N.A.
Maximum LTV:	__________________	❑
Minimum DSCR or Debt Yield:	__________________	❑

4b. Please provide any **other standards** your institution employs when assessing loan applications. If you do not employ the standard given, place an "X" in the "N.A." column.

(Indicate an ***average, minimum, or maximum*** *criteria.)*

		N.A.
Number of Units in Building:	__________	❑
Building Age:	____________________	❑
Borrower Lives in Building:	___________	❑
Overall Building Maintenance:	___________	❑
Co-op / Condo Conversion Potential:	___________	❑
Other *(Please Specify)*:	________________	❑

5. Did your institution change its **underwriting practices** for financing or refinancing *rent stabilized buildings* over the past year?

❑ Yes.

❑ No. *(If no, please skip to Question 7).*

6. Yes, we changed our **underwriting practices** for *rent stabilized buildings* to:

(Please check and fill in all applicable choices.)

❑ Use ________ (more / less) stringent approvals.

❑ Require _________ (higher / lower) fees (i.e., points or fees).

❑ _________________ (Increase / Decrease) loan-to-value ratio.

❑ _________________ (Increase / Decrease) monitoring requirements.

❑ ____________________ (Discontinue / Reduce / Expand) lending to rent stabilized buildings.

❑ Other : ______________________________

III. Additional Mortgage Questions

7. How many **dwelling units** are contained in the average *rent stabilized building* financed by your institution? *(Please check only one.)*

❑ 1 -10 ❑ 11 - 19 ❑ 20 - 49
❑ 50 - 99 ❑ 100 or more

8. Which of the following best describes the average **vacancy and collection loss** for *rent stabilized buildings* during the past year? *(Please check only one.)*

❑ < 1% ❑ 1% ❑ 2%
❑ 3% ❑ 4% ❑ 5%
❑ 6% ❑ 7% ❑ > 7%

9. Approximately what percentage of your loans to *rent stabilized buildings* are **currently non-performing**?

❑ None
❑ Approximately ________ %.

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10. Approximately what percentage of your loans to *rent stabilized buildings* are **currently in foreclosure**?

❑ None
❑ Approximately ________ %.

11a. Does your institution **retain the mortgages** you offer or do you sell any to secondary markets?

❑ We retain all the mortgages sold. *(If so, please skip to question 12.)*
❑ We sell all our mortgages to secondary markets.
❑ We sell ____% of our mortgages to secondary markets.

11b. To whom do you **sell your mortgages**? *(Please check all that apply)*

❑ Fannie Mae
❑ Freddie Mac
❑ Other: ____________________________

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12. In your sector, who are your **major competitors** in multi-family lending?

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13. Do the mortgages offered to *rent stabilized buildings* include any **commercial space**?

❑ No
❑ Yes. Approximately what percentage of buildings in your portfolio have commercial space? ________%

14. What is your best estimate of average **operating and maintenance costs** per unit per month in the *rent stabilized buildings* financed by your institution?

$ _________________ ***per unit per month***

(Include the following operating and maintenance costs in your estimate: Real Estate & Other Taxes, Labor, Fuel, Utilities, Contractor Services, Administration — including Legal, Management and other costs — Insurance, Parts & Supplies, and Replacement Costs.)

15. What is your best estimate of **average rent per unit per month** in the *rent stabilized buildings* financed by your institution?

$ _________________ ***per unit per month***

16. Do any of your **lending or underwriting standards differ** for *rent stabilized buildings* as opposed to non-stabilized multifamily properties? *(Please check all that apply)*

New Financing Rates:	❑ Higher	❑ Lower	❑ Same
Refinancing Rates:	❑ Higher	❑ Lower	❑ Same
LTV Ratio:	❑ Higher	❑ Lower	❑ Same
Debt Service Coverage:	❑ Higher	❑ Lower	❑ Same

17. On average, how does your portfolio of *rent stabilized buildings* **perform** as compared with expectations at the time of the initial loan originations? *(Please check all that apply)*

Net Operating Income:	❑ Better	❑ Worse	❑ Same
Debt Service Coverage:	❑ Better	❑ Worse	❑ Same
O&M Expenses:	❑ Better	❑ Worse	❑ Same

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18. Please estimate the **average mortgage loan payment per unit per month** for a typical building in your portfolio:

$ __________.

19. Are there any **additional trends** relating to underwriting criteria, non-performing loans & foreclosure, or the mortgage market in general on which you wish to comment?

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Thank you for taking the time to complete the survey. If you have any questions, please contact RGB Research Director Brian Hoberman at (212) 669-7484 or bhoberman@nycrgb.org.

Findings will be published in the 2018 *Mortgage Survey Report*, which is scheduled to be released by the end of March.

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7. Rent Stabilized Building Sales Volume, Citywide and by Borough, and Percent Change, 2006-2017

	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
Citywide*	**1,433**	**1,474**	**1,021**	**521**	**541**	**709**	**1,135**	**1,431**	**1,356**	**1,361**	**1,167**	**793**
% Change from Prior Yr	***-***	***2.9%***	***-30.7%***	***-49.0%***	***3.8%***	***31.1%***	***60.1%***	***26.1%***	***-5.2%***	***0.4%***	***-14.3%***	***-32.0%***
Bronx	224	319	171	100	131	130	204	245	302	262	234	156
% Change from Prior Yr	*-*	*42.4%*	*-46.4%*	*-41.5%*	*31.0%*	*-0.8%*	*56.9%*	*20.1%*	*23.3%*	*-13.2%*	*-10.7%*	*-33.3%*
Brooklyn	593	520	426	199	185	258	396	472	494	499	378	292
% Change from Prior Yr	*-*	*-12.3%*	*-18.1%*	*-53.3%*	*-7.0%*	*39.5%*	*53.5%*	*19.2%*	*4.7%*	*1.0%*	*-24.2%*	*-22.8%*
Manhattan	403	470	243	146	144	225	419	466	393	438	407	233
% Change from Prior Yr	*-*	*16.6%*	*-48.3%*	*-39.9%*	*-1.4%*	*56.3%*	*86.2%*	*11.2%*	*-15.7%*	*11.5%*	*-7.1%*	*-42.8%*
Queens	213	165	181	76	81	96	116	248	167	162	148	112
% Change from Prior Yr	*-*	*-22.5%*	*9.7%*	*-58.0%*	*6.6%*	*18.5%*	*20.8%*	*113.8%*	*-32.7%*	*-3.0%*	*-8.6%*	*-24.3%*

*Note: Staten Island buildings are excluded due to the small number of rent stabilized buildings sold.

Source: NYC Department of Finance

8. Rent Stabilized Building Median Sales Price and Sales Volume, by Borough and Building Size, and Percent Change in Sales, 2016-2017

	2016 Median Sale Price	2017 Median Sale Price	2016 # of Sales	2017 # of Sales	Change in Sales from 2016-17
Citywide					
All buildings*	$4,500,000	$3,800,000	1,167	793	-32.0%
6-10 units	$1,748,205	$1,585,392	458	374	-18.3%
11-19 units	$3,831,250	$3,675,000	192	122	-36.5%
20-99 units	$8,250,000	$9,000,000	475	281	-40.8%
100+ units	$41,862,500	$35,000,000	42	16	-61.9%
Bronx					
All buildings*	$3,562,500	$4,215,500	234	156	-33.3%
6-10 units	$1,050,000	$1,190,000	59	41	-30.5%
11-19 units	$2,152,274	$2,645,000	40	31	-22.5%
20-99 units	$5,497,559	$5,887,500	130	81	-37.7%
Brooklyn					
All buildings*	$2,600,000	$2,100,000	378	292	-22.8%
6-10 units	$1,800,000	$1,575,000	233	199	-14.6%
11-19 units	$3,500,000	$3,275,000	48	38	-20.8%
20-99 units	$8,400,000	$7,500,000	94	51	-45.7%
Manhattan					
All buildings*	$8,000,000	$8,300,000	407	233	-42.8%
6-10 units	$5,050,000	$5,525,000	86	64	-25.6%
11-19 units	$6,270,000	$7,595,000	89	45	-49.4%
20-99 units	$9,850,000	$12,000,000	205	118	-42.4%
Queens					
All buildings*	$2,150,000	$1,725,000	148	112	-24.3%
6-10 units	$1,350,000	$1,450,000	80	70	-12.5%
11-19 units	-	-	-	-	-
20-99 units	$11,813,642	$11,546,512	46	31	-32.6%

Note: All Staten Island buildings; Queens 11-19 unit buildings; and all 100+ unit buildings in individual boroughs, are excluded due to the small number of buildings sold.

* "All buildings" totals include buildings with 100 or more units. Therefore, these figures may not equal the sum of their subsets. In addition, Citywide figures do not contain Staten Island building sales.

Source: NYC Department of Finance