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A comprehensive analysis of the residential real estate market in Brooklyn.

## Introduction

Welcome to the Corcoran Report, our comprehensive quarterly examination of the residential real estate market in Brooklyn. The report examines closed transactions during Fourth Quarter 2013 (October 1 through December 31) and compares them to Fourth Quarter 2012 and Third Quarter 2013. Statistics in this report trail actual market conditions by approximately eight to twelve weeks due to the typical lag time between a contract signing and its closing.

2013 has been a banner year for Brooklyn. While the Fourth Quarter's closed sales record did not exceed Fourth Quarter 2012 (a year in which tax incentives propelled sellers to act in unprecedented numbers), Brooklyn nevertheless broke new ground. In Fourth Quarter 2013, prospective buyers kept demand high in numerous market segments, but found themselves frustrated by historic low inventory levels of available apartments. Following a robust Third Quarter, Brooklyn sales activity dropped $29 \%$ and was slightly below the trailing five-year average. Inventory constraints in the condo market played an especially large role in the 8\% year-over-year decline in number of sales.

Thanks to aggressive competition, the market-wide average price per square foot rose to $\$ 689$ this quarter, even with the previous quarter, but a 9\% increase over Fourth Quarter 2012. Buyers of starter homes found this a particularly attractive time to act; fewer sales of residences over $\$ 1,000,000$ coupled with a large influx of sales below $\$ 500,000$, primarily in South Brooklyn, drove the overall median and average sale prices down. The $\$ 575,000$ average price and $\$ 442,000$ median price were the lowest recorded in the borough in the past six quarters.

Despite the market wide median and average dip in price, many submarkets continued to trend upward during Fourth Quarter 2013. Condo sales in Fort Greene and Clinton Hill saw the largest annual gains in all price metrics in the borough. Bedford-Stuyvesant and Crown Heights experienced their largest year-over-year gains in average condo price per square foot in over two years. Persistent demand for residences in Williamsburg and Greenpoint drove their average condo prices higher than was achieved in Brooklyn Heights for the first time in three years.

The few new developments that launched earlier this year have either sold out or are left with very little inventory. Fourth Quarter 2013 had less than half the number of new development closings compared to this time last year. Price per square foot reached $\$ 829$, which was 18\% higher than a year ago and 15\% higher than the pre-downturn peak in Fourth Quarter 2008.

We hope you find this edition of the Corcoran Report useful and informative, and we welcome any questions you may have. For a digital copy of this report and more information on the New York real estate market please visit our website at www.corcoran.com/nyc/Advice.

Sincerely,
Frank Percesepe
Senior Regional Vice President, Brooklyn

## Market-wide

## All Apartments

| $\begin{aligned} & \sim \\ & \frac{\sim}{4} \\ & \sim \\ & \frac{-}{4} \end{aligned}$ |  | Average Sale Price | Median Price | Avg Price per sf |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Q4 2013 | 575K | 442K | 689 |
|  | Change | -13\% | -19\% | -1\% |
|  | Q3 2013 | 662K | 545K | 693 |
|  | Q4 2013 | 575K | 442K | 689 |
|  | Change | -7\% | -11\% | 9\% |
|  | Q4 2012 | 617 K | 499K | 632 |

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Average unit sales

PropertyShark.com's map of Brooklyn plots buildings with sales in the Second Quarter according to their number of sales and average price per square foot.
per square foot (SF):
$\$ 2,000-\$ 2,500 \mathrm{SF}$
$\$ 1,500-\$ 2,000 \mathrm{SF}$ $\$ 1,500-\$ 2,000 \mathrm{SF}$ $\$ 1,250-\$ 1,500$ \$1,250 - $\$ 1,500$ SF
$\$ 1,000-\$ 1,250 ~ S F$ $\$ 1,000-\$ 1,250$ SF
$\$ 750-\$ 1,000 ~ S F$ $\begin{array}{lll}\$ 750 & -\$ 1,000 & \text { SF } \\ \$ 500 & -\$ 750 & \text { SF }\end{array}$ $\begin{array}{rr}\text { Below } & \$ 500 \\ \text { No SF Available }\end{array}$
 per building:


## Resale Market-wide

Average price per square foot grew $10 \%$ from Fourth Quarter 2012, an increase driven primarily from condo resales. After impressive gains in the Brooklyn resale market in Third Quarter 2013 where average price reached a five-year high, the figure declined $14 \%$ to $\$ 516,000$. This was also $2 \%$ below last year's average price, a dip partially due to an uptick in the number of coop sales below $\$ 500,000$ relative to a year ago. Resale condos displayed price gains; average price per square foot reached $\$ 670$, the highest since Third Quarter 2008 and a 14\% improvement from last year.

|  | Average Sale Price |  |  |  | Median Price |  | Avg Price per sf |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| - | Q4 2013 | 516K |  |  | 395K |  | 626 |  |
| ¢ | Change | -14\% |  |  | -17\% |  | -3\% |  |
| $\stackrel{\square}{\square}$ | Q3 2013 | 602K |  |  | 475K |  | 643 |  |
| $\frac{\underset{1}{4}}{4}$ | Q4 2013 | 516K |  |  | 395K |  | 626 |  |
|  | Change | -2\% |  |  | -10\% |  | 10\% |  |
|  | Q4 2012 | 524K |  |  | 439K |  | 568 |  |
| $\backsim$ | Q4 2013 | Average ale Price | Median Price | Avg Price per sf | Average Sale Price |  | Median Price | Avg Price per sf |
| $\bigcirc$ |  | 415K | 316K | 538 | Q4 2013 | 672K | 568K | 670 |
| $\cup$ | Change | -19\% | -12\% | -12\% | Change | -2\% | 0\% | 2\% |
| - | Q3 2013 | 513K | 358K | 608 | Q3 2013 | 685K | 570K | 658 |
| $\cdots$ | Q4 2013 | 415K | 316K | 538 | Q4 2013 | 672K | 568K | 670 |
| $\bigcirc$ | Change | -10\% | -12\% | 0\% | Change | 7\% | 3\% | 14\% |
|  | Q4 2012 | 461K | 359K | 539 | Q4 2012 | 630K | 550K | 588 |

## Historical Sales and Price per Square Foot (All Apartments)

The number of sales in Brooklyn this quarter was nearly level with the average number of sales seen during the past five years, but sales activity was $8 \%$ lower than the same time a year ago. Average price per square foot for condos and coops increased 9\% from last year to \$689 per square foot, slightly below Third Quarter's five-year record price.


## Townhouses

Townhouse averages can be skewed each quarter due to the limited number of sales. Strong sales in the single-family townhouse market this quarter resulted in double-digit increases from both last quarter and last year. Several high priced sales of single-family townhomes in BrookyIn Heights, such as a sale on College Place for $\$ 8,675,000$, skewed the marketwide average price to $\$ 2,308,000$. Despite a strong two- to four-family townhouse market in Bed-Stuy and Crown Heights, median and average prices overall declined relative to both last quarter and last year partially due to lower priced homes in Fort Greene and Clinton Hill.

| $\frac{0}{0}$3$\vdots$1$\frac{1}{y}$$\frac{1}{1}$$\sum$ |  | Single-family |  | Multi-residence |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | Average Price | Median Price | Average Price | Median Price |
|  | Q4 2013 | 2.308 M | 1.775M | 1.383M | 1.235M |
|  | Change | 49\% | 38\% | -13\% | -11\% |
|  | Q3 2013 | 1.553M | 1.285M | 1.587M | 1.395M |
|  | Q4 2013 | 2.308 M | 1.775M | 1.383M | 1.235M |
|  | Change | 20\% | 25\% | -15\% | -11\% |
|  | Q4 2012 | 1.925M | 1.425M | 1.618M | 1.395M |

## Sales by Price Category (All Apartments)

This quarter, the number of sales priced under \$500,000 expanded in market share compared to both last quarter and last year. Market share of residences priced between $\$ 750,000$ and $\$ 1,000,000$ compressed since last quarter, but was level with last year. The market share for sales over \$1,000,000 shrunk to 12\%, the lowest level since First Quarter 2012.


## New Developments

Price per square foot for new development sales in Brooklyn averaged \$829 this quarter, an increase of 18\% from last year and $3 \%$ from last quarter, setting a new five-year record high. Average and median price both saw slight dips from last quarter, but with very limited new product for Brooklyn buyers, both figures continued to ascend by $7 \%$ and $24 \%$ year-over-year, respectively.

| $\begin{aligned} & \frac{0}{2} \\ & \frac{0}{3} \\ & \frac{1}{Q} \\ & \frac{y}{\frac{1}{5}} \\ & \frac{1}{2} \end{aligned}$ |  | Average Sale Price | Median Price | Avg Price per sf |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Q4 2013 | 829K | 759K | 829 |
|  | Change | -5\% | -1\% | 3\% |
|  | Q3 2013 | 877K | 765K | 802 |
|  | Q4 2013 | 829 K | 759K | 829 |
|  | Change | 7\% | 24\% | 18\% |
|  | Q4 2012 | 774K | 612 K | 705 |

## Williamsburg - Greenpoint

Following a strong Third Quarter 2013, average condo sale price increased an additional 8\% to reach $\$ 986,000$, the highest average price seen in over five years in the submarket. The five-year high average sale price of $\$ 935$ per square foot was an increase of $22 \%$ compared to Fourth Quarter 2012 and was also the highest in the borough. Note that there are a statistically insignificant number of co-op sales in the submarket.


| $\begin{aligned} & 0 \\ & 0 \\ & 0 \\ & 0 \\ & 0 \end{aligned}$ |  | Average Sale Price | Median Price | Average Price per SF |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Q4 2013 | 378 K | 378K | N/A |
|  | Change | -64\% | -62\% | N/A |
|  | Q3 2013 | 1.061M | 999K | 785 |
|  | Q4 2013 | 378K | 378K | N/A |
|  | Change | N/A | N/A | N/A |
|  | Q4 2012 | N/A | N/A | N/A |
|  |  | Average Sale Price | Median Price | Average Price per SF |
|  | Q4 2013 | 986K | 849K | 935 |
|  | Change | 8\% | -1\% | 7\% |
|  | Q3 2013 | 914K | 855K | 876 |
|  | Q4 2013 | 986K | 849K | 935 |
|  | Change | 24\% | 25\% | 22\% |
|  | Q4 2012 | 796K | 680K | 768 |


| Number of unit sales | Average unit sales per square foot (SF): |
| :---: | :---: |
| per building: | Above \$2,500 SF |
| Above 20 Units 10 to 20 Units 3 to 9 Units 1 to 2 Units | \$2,000-\$2,500 SF |
|  | \$1,500-\$2,000 SF |
|  | \$1,250-\$1,500 SF |
|  | \$1,000-\$1,250 SF |
|  | \$750-\$1,000 SF |
|  | \$500 - \$750 SF |
|  | Below \$500 SF |
|  | No SF Available |
| Interactive map online at |  |
| Prope | Shark.com/maps |


|  | Single-family |  |  | Multi-residence |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | erage Price | Median | Average Price | Median |
|  | Q4 2013 | N/A | N/A | 1.421M | 1.400M |
|  | Change | N/A | N/A | -5\% | -5\% |
|  | Q3 2013 | N/A | N/A | 1.502M | 1.473M |
|  | Q4 2013 | N/A | N/A | 1.421M | 1.400M |
|  | Change | N/A | N/A | 15\% | 12\% |
|  | Q4 2012 | 1.350 M | 1.200M | 1.237M | 1.250M |

## Brooklyn Heights - Cobble Hill - Dumbo - Downtown

Average and median co-op price was stable with Third Quarter, but experienced double-digit gains compared to the same time last year. Annual price increases were seen in the condo market as well. Average price per square foot reached $\$ 909$ per square foot, $12 \%$ higher than Fourth Quarter 2012 and level with last quarter. Average condo price has declined for the three consecutive quarters due to fewer sales of larger residences and a lack of new development product.


## Park Slope - Gowanus

Condo sales in Park Slope and Gowanus exhibited large year-over-year average price gains in the borough this quarter. Five-year highs were represented by an average price of $\$ 909,000$ and an average price per square foot of $\$ 896$. Demand for housing in this submarket was demonstrated in the coop market as well. This quarter co-ops sold for an average price of $\$ 826,000,8 \%$ higher than a year ago and level with Third Quarter 2013.


|  |  | Average Sale Price | Median Price | Average Price per SF |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Q4 2013 | 826K | 719K | 848 |
|  | Change | 0\% | -13\% | -3\% |
|  | Q3 2013 | 822K | 825K | 873 |
|  | Q4 2013 | 826K | 719K | 848 |
|  | Change | 8\% | 7\% | 19\% |
|  | Q4 2012 | 768K | 675K | 710 |
| $\begin{aligned} & \ddots \\ & \bigcirc \\ & \gtrless \\ & \bigcirc \\ & \bigcirc \end{aligned}$ |  | Average Sale Price | Median Price | Average Price per SF |
|  | Q4 2013 | 909K | 793K | 896 |
|  | Change | -9\% | -12\% | 2\% |
|  | Q3 2013 | 994K | 905K | 879 |
|  | Q4 2013 | 909K | 793K | 896 |
|  | Change | 22\% | 8\% | 25\% |
|  | Q4 2012 | 748K | 733K | 717 |



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## Fort Greene - Clinton Hill - Prospect Heights

After last quarter's five-year record-breaking performance, an additional $7 \%$ boost brought the median condo price to $\$ 689,000$. Average price and price per square foot were also five-year record high figures and the largest year-over-year gains in the borough. Changes were seen in median coop sale price, up $7 \%$ from Fourth Quarter 2012. Average coop price remained nearly level with last year's figure. With fewer co-op trades of three plus bedrooms versus Third Quarter 2013, median and average price had double-digit declines.


| $\begin{aligned} & n \\ & 0 \\ & 0 \\ & 0 \\ & 0 \end{aligned}$ |  | Average <br> Sale Price | Median Price | Average Price per SF |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Q4 2013 | 513 K | 470K | 574 |
|  | Change | -20\% | -15\% | -12\% |
|  | Q3 2013 | 638K | 555K | 654 |
|  | Q4 2013 | 513 K | 470K | 574 |
|  | Change | -1\% | 7\% | 12\% |
|  | Q4 2012 | 519 K | 439K | 514 |
| $\begin{aligned} & \ddots \\ & 0 \\ & \stackrel{\rightharpoonup}{\lambda} \\ & 0 \\ & \vdots \end{aligned}$ |  | Average Sale Price | Median Price | Average Price per SF |
|  | Q4 2013 | 764K | 689K | 723 |
|  | Change | 3\% | 7\% | 6\% |
|  | Q3 2013 | 743K | 645K | 679 |
|  | Q4 2013 | 764K | 689K | 723 |
|  | Change | 41\% | 38\% | 34\% |
|  | Q4 2012 | 542K | 499K | 541 |


| Number of unit sales | Average unit sales per square foot (SF) |
| :---: | :---: |
| per building: | Above $\$ 2,500 \mathrm{SF}$ |
| Above 20 Units | \$2,000-\$2,500 SF |
| 10 to 20 Units | \$1,500-\$2,000 SF |
| 3 to 9 Units | O\$1,250-\$1,500 SF |
| 1 to 2 Units | O \$1,000-\$1,250 SF |
|  | - \$750-\$1,000 SF |
|  | \$500 - \$750 SF |
|  | Below \$500 SF |
|  | O No SF Available |

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|  | Single-family |  |  | Multi-residence |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | erage Price | Median | Average Price | Median |
|  | Q4 2013 | 2.650 M | N/A | 1.489M | 1.380M |
|  | Change | 106\% | N/A | -29\% | -33\% |
|  | Q3 2013 | 1.285M | N/A | 2.112M | 2.075M |
|  | Q4 2013 | 2.650 M | N/A | 1.489M | 1.380 M |
|  | Change | 12\% | N/A | -2\% | -4\% |
|  | Q4 2012 | 2.365M | N/A | 1.514M | 1.435M |

## Carroll Gardens - Boerum Hill - Red Hook

Median co-op price of $\$ 707,000$, while a $19 \%$ increase from a year ago, was $9 \%$ lower than Third Quarter's median price when several sales of larger co-ops skewed the figure higher. The average co-op price was below the figures seen last year and last quarter. With fewer high priced new development sales, median and average condo price dipped. Average condo price per foot increased by $9 \%$ from a year ago, nearly level with Third Quarter.


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| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Average Price Median |  |  | Average Price | Median |
|  | Q4 2013 | 1.968M | 2.375M | 2.586 M | 2.550 M |
|  | Change | -13\% | 5\% | 1\% | -5\% |
|  | Q3 2013 | 2.270 M | 2.270 M | 2.565M | 2.695 M |
|  | Q4 2013 | 1.968M | 2.375M | 2.586M | 2.550 M |
|  | Change | -17\% | 5\% | -14\% | 9\% |
|  | Q4 2012 | 2.358M | 2.266M | 2.996M | 2.340 M |

## Bedford-Stuyvesant - Crown Heights - Lefferts Gardens - Bushwick

Median and average co-op price, nearly doubling from a year ago, displayed the largest year-over-year co-op price gains in the borough. The condo market echoed the impressive gains; the median price of $\$ 485,000$ was a $26 \%$ improvement from last year and a five-year high for the submarket. Median condo price increased from Fourth Quarter 2012 by 19\% and by 11\% relative to last quarter.


|  | Single-family |  |  | Multi-residence |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | rage Pric | Median | Average Price | Median |
|  | Q4 2013 | 1.161M | 997K | 1.016M | 995K |
|  | Change | -9\% | 0\% | 8\% | 14\% |
|  | Q3 2013 | 1.274M | 995K | 940K | 873K |
|  | Q4 2013 | 1.161M | 997K | 1.016M | 995K |
|  | Change | -10\% | -22\% | 19\% | 24\% |
|  | Q4 2012 | 1.285M | 1.285M | 851K | 800K |

## Kensington - Windsor Terrace - Ditmas Park - Flatbush - Prospect Park South

While median price in the co-op market was level with Fourth Quarter 2012, the median condo price improved by $23 \%$ to reach $\$ 570,000$. Compared to last quarter the median condo price was $31 \%$ higher. The average condo sale price per square foot was a $4 \%$ improvement from the same time last year.


| $\begin{aligned} & n \\ & 0 \\ & 0 \\ & \vdots \\ & \vdots \end{aligned}$ |  | Average <br> Sale Price | Median Price | Average Price per SF |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Q4 2013 | 327K | 315K | 384 |
|  | Change | -3\% | 3\% | -3\% |
|  | Q3 2013 | 336K | 305K | 394 |
|  | Q4 2013 | 327K | 315K | 384 |
|  | Change | -2\% | 0\% | 23\% |
|  | Q4 2012 | 332K | 315K | 312 |
| $\begin{aligned} & \sim \\ & 0 \\ & \diamond \\ & \bigcirc \\ & \bigcirc \end{aligned}$ |  | Average Sale Price | Median Price | Average Price per SF |
|  | Q4 2013 | 568K | 570K | 533 |
|  | Change | 24\% | 31\% | 16\% |
|  | Q3 2013 | 457K | 435K | 461 |
|  | Q4 2013 | 568K | 570K | 533 |
|  | Change | 2\% | 23\% | 4\% |
|  | Q4 2012 | 557K | 465K | 511 |



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|  | Single-family |  |  | Multi-residence |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Average Price Median |  |  | Average Price | Median |
|  | Q4 2013 | 750K | N/A | 1.299M | 1.246M |
|  | Change | -45\% | N/A | 23\% | 28\% |
|  | Q3 2013 | 1.376M | 1.113M | 1.055M | 970K |
|  | Q4 2013 | 750K | N/A | 1.299M | 1.246M |
|  | Change | -42\% | N/A | -13\% | -23\% |
|  | Q4 2012 | 1.300M | 1.300M | 1.501M | 1.618M |

## South Brooklyn

East Flatbush Marine Park Mill Basin Bergen Beach Gerritsen Beach Greenwood Sunset Park Borough Park Mapleton Midwood Bay Ridge Dyker Heights Bensonhurst Bath Beach Gravesend Sheepshead Bay Sea Gate Coney Island Brighton Beach Manhattan Beach

The co-op market continued to improve relative to Third Quarter, and compared to a year ago, both average and median price grew by $17 \%$ and $12 \%$, respectively. Sales price in the condo market however, was lower than Fourth Quarter 2012 but median and average price improved $9 \%$ from last quarter. While only a slight fall, this was the only submarket with year-over-year declines in condo price per square foot.


|  |  | Single-family |  | Multi-residence |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | Average Price | Median | Average Price | Median |
|  | Q4 2013 | 905K | 905K | 828K | 781K |
|  | Change | 5\% | 14\% | 5\% | 15\% |
|  | Q3 2013 | 865K | 795K | 789K | 681K |
|  | Q4 2013 | 905K | 905K | 828K | 781K |
|  | Change | 56\% | 45\% | 5\% | 30\% |
|  | Q4 2012 | 580K | 580K | 790K | 599K |

