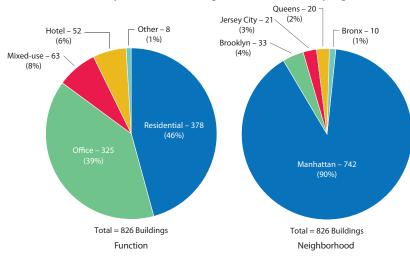
## Tall Buildings in Numbers

## New York: The Ultimate Skyscraper Laboratory

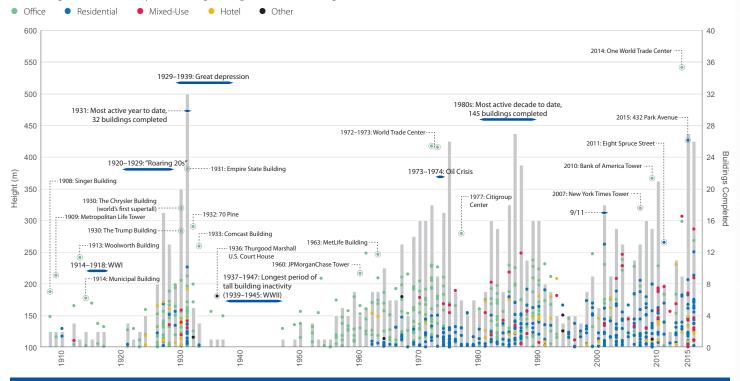
A timeline of skyscraper completions in New York uncannily resembles the boom and bust cycles of the United States in the 20th and early 21st centuries. The most active year was 1931, when the final excesses of the Roaring '20s were thrown skywards and frozen in concrete and steel. The scarcity of building materials clearly had their effects in the flat World War Il period. The rise of multinational corporations may explain the relative surge in skyscraper construction in the 1970s, even as New York City itself endured its darkest financial hours. Then come the wild "Wall Street" years of the 1980s, followed by the lagged effect of the early 1990s slump. The singular event of 9/11 did not have nearly the dampening effect on skyscraper construction, compared to the financial crisis of 2008-9. The current boom demonstrates New York's persistence as a magnet for capital, and it's standing as the ultimate skyscraper laboratory over time.

## Study of 100 m+ buildings<sup>3</sup> in the New York City region<sup>4</sup>



## Timeline of Tall Building Completions over 100 Meters in the New York City Region<sup>4</sup>

Bars represent the total number of buildings completed each year. Dots represent a specific building and it's height and function. Note: chart begins in 1908 with the completion of the Singer Building, the world's tallest building at the time



Prior to the completion of One57 in

2014, there were only four supertalls in

New York City and none along 57th

Street. Currently, there are 4 supertalls planned for completion by 2019 along 57th street alone.

Although it was the world's tallest building for 41 years, from 1931–1972, there are now seven buildings in New York City that are complete, under construction, or proposed that will surpass the Empire State Building in height.

Along with the 64-story tower, One Vanderbilt Place will include improvements to Grand Central Terminal, including extra capacity for 65,000 passengers and a commuter waiting room.

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