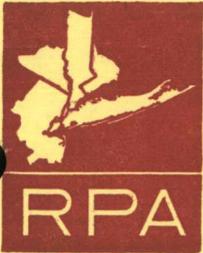


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1964 HOME BUILDING FIGURES SHOW NEW YORK CITY DROP;
1965 TREND BACK UP; REST OF METROPOLITAN AREA STEADY

Home building figures for the New York Metropolitan Region for 1964, compiled by Regional Plan Association, show that suburban counties' home construction changed little compared to 1963 but in New York City (other than Staten Island) home building was down nearly 60 percent.

Preliminary figures for 1965 indicate that Manhattan housing construction has rebounded but construction in the other three boroughs and in many suburban counties has dropped somewhat from 1964.

The trend toward apartments in the suburbs and outer areas of the Region has continued. Even the still-rural counties in the Outer Ring of the Region--Orange, Dutchess and the outer half of Suffolk--built more than a quarter of their 1964 housing units in apartments.

The inner suburbs built nearly two-fifths of their 1964 units in apartments.

The main wave of home construction has now passed through the suburban counties closest to New York City and Newark-Jersey City to counties farther out. More housing units were built in Suffolk County, Long Island, for example, than in any other county in the Region.

Nearly half of the units built in the Region were in what the Association calls the Intermediate Ring, just beyond the first ring of suburban counties.

Regional Plan has gathered building permit figures for the New York Metropolitan Region's 22 counties and 550 municipalities annually since 1957.

The Association is a 37-year-old citizen group working for the efficient, attractive and varied development of the tri-state area surrounding the Port of New York.

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Note: The 1964 figures are analyzed in the enclosed New Homes.

Complete 1965 figures will be issued in a few months.7