

# A Hidden Gem? A Renter's Risk & Resource Report

*Reading the market data behind 637 Greene Avenue before you sign*  
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| <b>5%</b><br>BED-STUY MEDIAN SALE-PRICE RISE, YOY | <b>30%</b><br>SHARE OF NYC LEASE SIGNINGS IN BROOKLYN | <b>15%</b><br>FASTER RENTAL TURNOVER VS. CITYWIDE AVERAGE |
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This listing blends a sale-price statistic, a borough-wide lease-signing share, and a rental-velocity figure with language about community, restoration, and "smart investment." Each is real market context — and a sale-price trend in particular describes a different market than the one a renter is actually entering. This report turns those citations into five practical checks.

## 01 MEDIAN SALE-PRICE STATISTIC RISK

A 5% rise in Bed-Stuy's median sale price describes the for-sale housing market, which matters most to buyers and investors. It doesn't directly confirm anything about current or future rent levels, and a strong sales market can just as easily coincide with flat, rising, or falling rents depending on local supply.

Ask specifically about this unit's or building's rent history over the past one to two years, rather than inferring rent trends from a home-sale statistic.

## 02 BOROUGH LEASE-SIGNING SHARE RISK

A statistic showing Brooklyn accounts for nearly 30% of NYC lease signings describes borough-wide activity, not demand at this specific building. A strong borough-wide share doesn't confirm how competitive this particular address is compared to other options within Bed-Stuy.

Ask about current vacancy and turnover at this specific address, rather than inferring your own odds from a citywide lease-signing statistic.

## 03 TRANSIT-PROXIMITY RISK

Proximity to the G, A, and C subway lines is a genuine convenience, but general proximity language doesn't confirm the actual walk time from this specific address to the platform, or current reliability on those lines at the hours you'd commute.

Map your own commute at the times you'd actually travel, and check current service conditions for the specific lines mentioned, rather than relying on a general description of nearby transit.

## 04 RESTORATION & EFFICIENCY-CLAIM RISK

Descriptions of restored, preserved brownstones alongside energy-efficient systems and thoughtful layouts describe the surrounding blocks and the building's general character, not necessarily the condition of any single unit within it. Restoration quality and system upgrades can vary meaningfully unit to unit.

Tour the specific unit in person and ask what systems were actually upgraded and when, rather than assuming general restoration language applies evenly to every apartment.

## 05 RENTAL-VELOCITY & COMMUNITY-FIT RISK

A statistic showing similar Bed-Stuy units rent 15% faster than the citywide average is a sign of strong demand, but it also means less time to compare options once a unit is listed. Separately, claims of a strong "community feel" describe a subjective quality that can't be verified from a listing description alone.

Be prepared to decide quickly given the faster turnover, but still visit the block yourself, ideally more than once, to judge the community feel firsthand rather than taking the description at face value.

| RISK AREA                       | WHAT TO VERIFY                                                          | WHY IT MATTERS                                                    |
|---------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Median Sale-Price Statistic     | This unit or building's actual rent history                             | Sale-price trends don't directly confirm rent levels              |
| Borough Lease-Signing Share     | Current vacancy and turnover at this specific address                   | Borough-wide activity doesn't reflect one building's demand       |
| Transit Proximity               | Map the actual commute; check current line service conditions           | General proximity language misses real walk time and reliability  |
| Restoration / Efficiency Claims | Tour the specific unit; ask what was actually upgraded                  | Restoration quality can vary meaningfully unit to unit            |
| Rental Velocity / Community Fit | Confirm price and terms quickly; visit to judge community feel yourself | Fast-renting units reduce time to compare, and "feel" is personal |

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