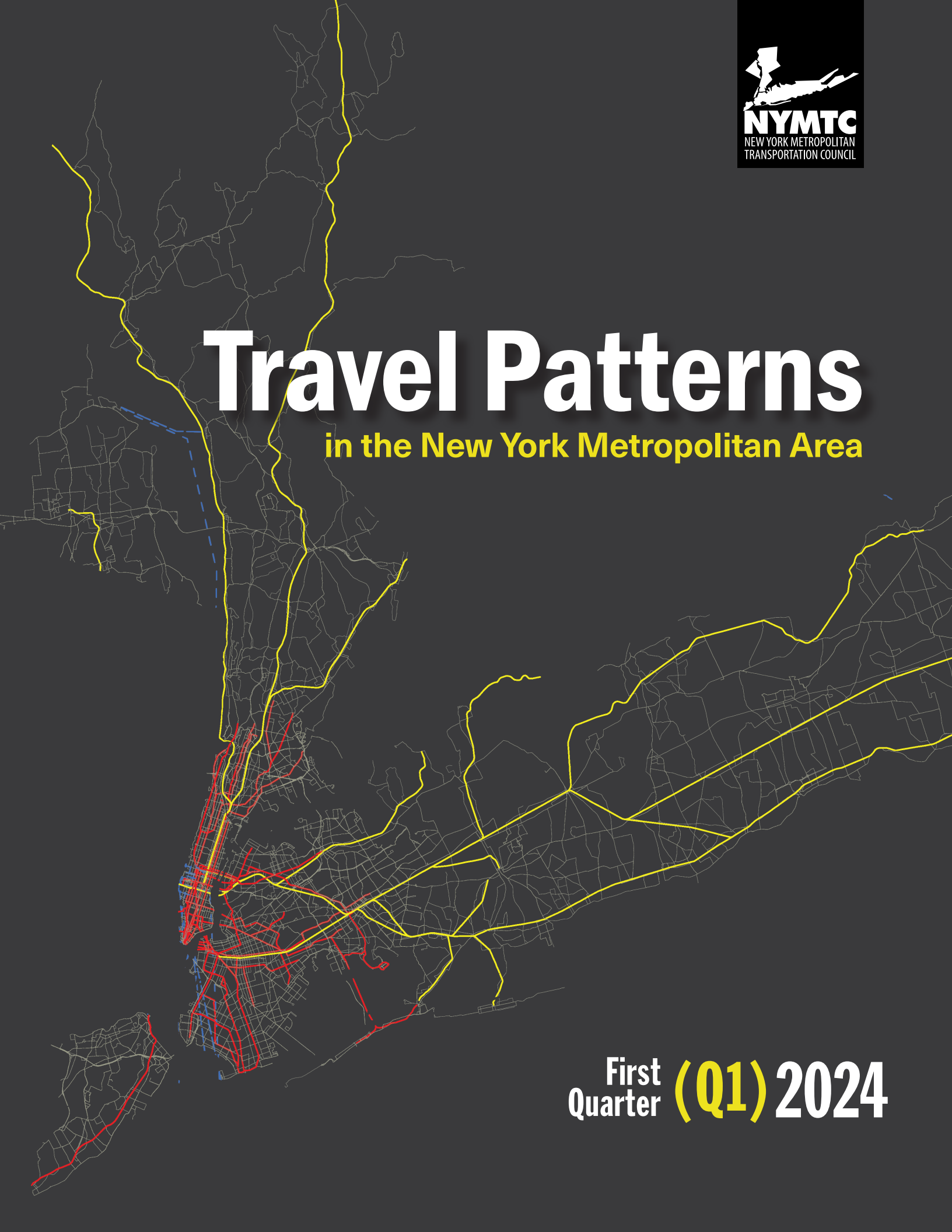




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2024 - First Quarter

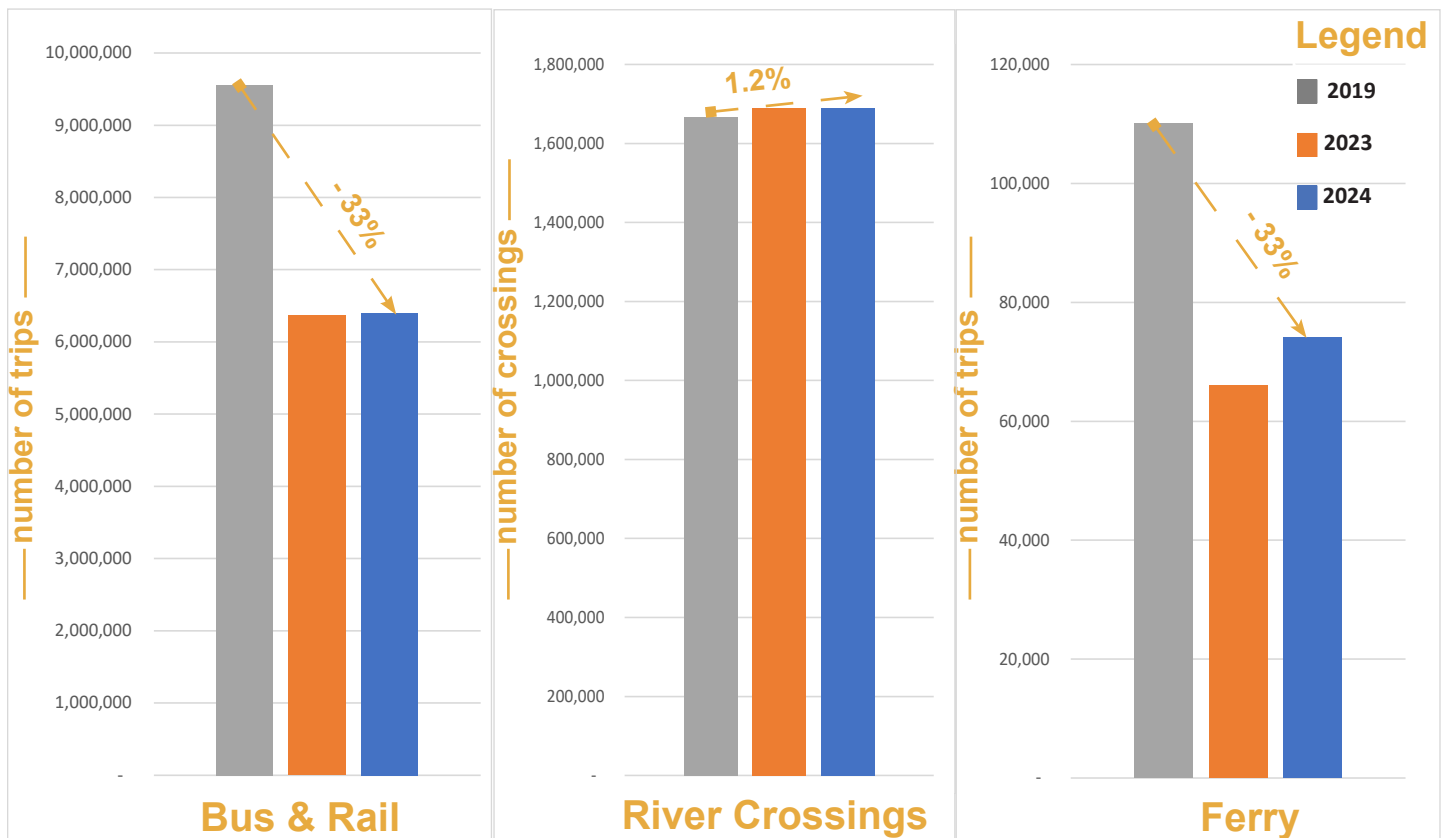
The information in this report is meant to provide a snapshot of travel from New York City, Long Island, the lower Hudson Valley, and northern New Jersey. Regional travel patterns may change for a variety of reasons, including economic changes, service disruptions, construction, weather conditions or seasonal travel variations. NYMTC staff collected data from the agencies operating each facility.

Note: Starting from March 2020, the COVID-19 pandemic caused sharp reductions in passenger travels of all transportation modes in the New York Metropolitan Area. In 2024, reductions in travel due to the Covid-19 Pandemic remain, but appear to be trending upward, except for river crossings which reached 2019 levels in 2022.

Highlights

- In 2024, vehicle river crossings volume decreased by about 5 thousand or 0.3% compared to 2023. This is still almost 25 thousand or 1.2% higher than in 2019.
- In 2024 transit trip volume increased by about 42 thousand or 0.65% compared to 2023. This is still about 3.2 million or 32.9% less than in 2019.

Weekday Average* River Crossings & Transit Trips In the New York Metropolitan Area First Quarter, 2019 vs. 2023 vs. 2024



* Some data may be provided as average daily trips due to limitations in collection method.
Note: Trips indicate the number of people boarding vehicles (unlinked trips).

Traffic Volumes at Major Vehicular River Crossings First Quarter, 2024

Counts of Weekday Average Traffic Volumes, Year-Over-Year and 2019 Comparison

River Crossing		Agency	Jan 2024	Feb 2024	Mar 2024	2024 Qtr 1 Average	2023 to 2024 % Change	2019 to 2024 % Change
East River and Long Island Sound Crossings (1)								
Queens Midtown Tunnel		MTA B&T	77,184	81,720	84,096	81,000	-0.4	-1.4
Hugh L. Carey Tunnel		MTA B&T	60,173	62,439	65,068	62,560	-0.7	11.9
RFK Bridge-Bronx Plaza	(2)	MTA B&T	134,752	138,395	143,506	138,884	2.3	-0.1
RFK Bridge-Manhattan Plaza	(2)	MTA B&T	41,728	44,752	47,545	44,675	3.8	9.6
Bronx Whitestone Bridge		MTA B&T	122,043	127,210	133,859	127,704	-2.6	0.9
Throgs Neck Bridge		MTA B&T	108,625	111,623	117,226	112,491	4.5	-2.4
Total			544,504	566,139	591,299	567,314	1.0	1.4
Hudson River Crossings								
George Washington Bridge	(3)	PANY&NJ	248,030	254,971	265,323	256,126	-1.8	-1.3
Lincoln Tunnel	(3)	PANY&NJ	97,612	101,025	104,943	101,196	-3.1	3.3
Holland Tunnel	(3)	PANY&NJ	77,719	80,908	85,043	81,228	0.1	2.3
Gov. Mario M. Cuomo Bridge	(4), (5)	NYS TA	129,781	139,526	149,515	139,607	1.2	1.5
Bear Mountain Bridge		NYS BA	17,387	19,011	17,720	18,040	-5.8	-13.6
Total			570,529	595,441	622,544	596,197	-1.1	0.2
Arthur Kill Crossings								
Bayonne Bridge	(3)	PANY&NJ	19,997	20,820	21,939	20,920	3.8	26.9
Goethals Bridge	(3)	PANY&NJ	88,504	92,332	94,406	91,738	-2.3	4.4
Outerbridge Crossing	(3)	PANY&NJ	72,567	75,542	78,566	75,559	-0.3	0.1
Total			181,068	188,694	194,911	188,217	-0.7	4.6
Harlem River Crossings								
Henry Hudson Bridge		MTA B&T	61,712	67,168	71,760	66,880	-1.2	-4.1
South Shore and Jamaica Bay Crossings								
Marine Parkway Bridge		MTA B&T	19,868	19,697	21,627	20,397	-1.1	-3.6
Cross Bay Bridge		MTA B&T	20,458	20,196	21,798	20,817	-2.2	-10.4
Atlantic Beach Bridge	(5)	NCBA	11,369	12,112	12,421	11,967	-2.5	-8.9
Total			51,695	52,004	55,846	53,182	-1.9	-7.6
New York Bay Crossings								
Verrazzano-Narrows Bridge		MTA B&T	207,500	213,146	219,996	213,548	-0.2	4.7
GRAND TOTAL			1,617,007	1,682,593	1,756,355	1,685,337	-0.3	1.2

Notes:

(1) Data is not available for the New York City Department of Transportation owned bridges (Ed Koch Queensborough Bridge, Williamsburg Bridge, Manhattan Bridge, and Brooklyn Bridge).

(2) Robert F. Kennedy Bridge. Prior to 2008 it was called the The Triborough Bridge. It is and also referred to as the RFK Triborough Bridge.

(3) Figure is a weighted daily average traffic volumes.

(4) Prior to 2017 this crossing was known as the Tappan Zee Bridge.

(5) Monthly average traffic data (including weekends).

Definitions:

MTA B&T- Metropolitan Transportation Authority, Bridges and Tunnels

PANY&NJ - Port Authority of New York & New Jersey

NYS TA - New York State Thruway Authority

NYS BA - New York State Bridge Authority

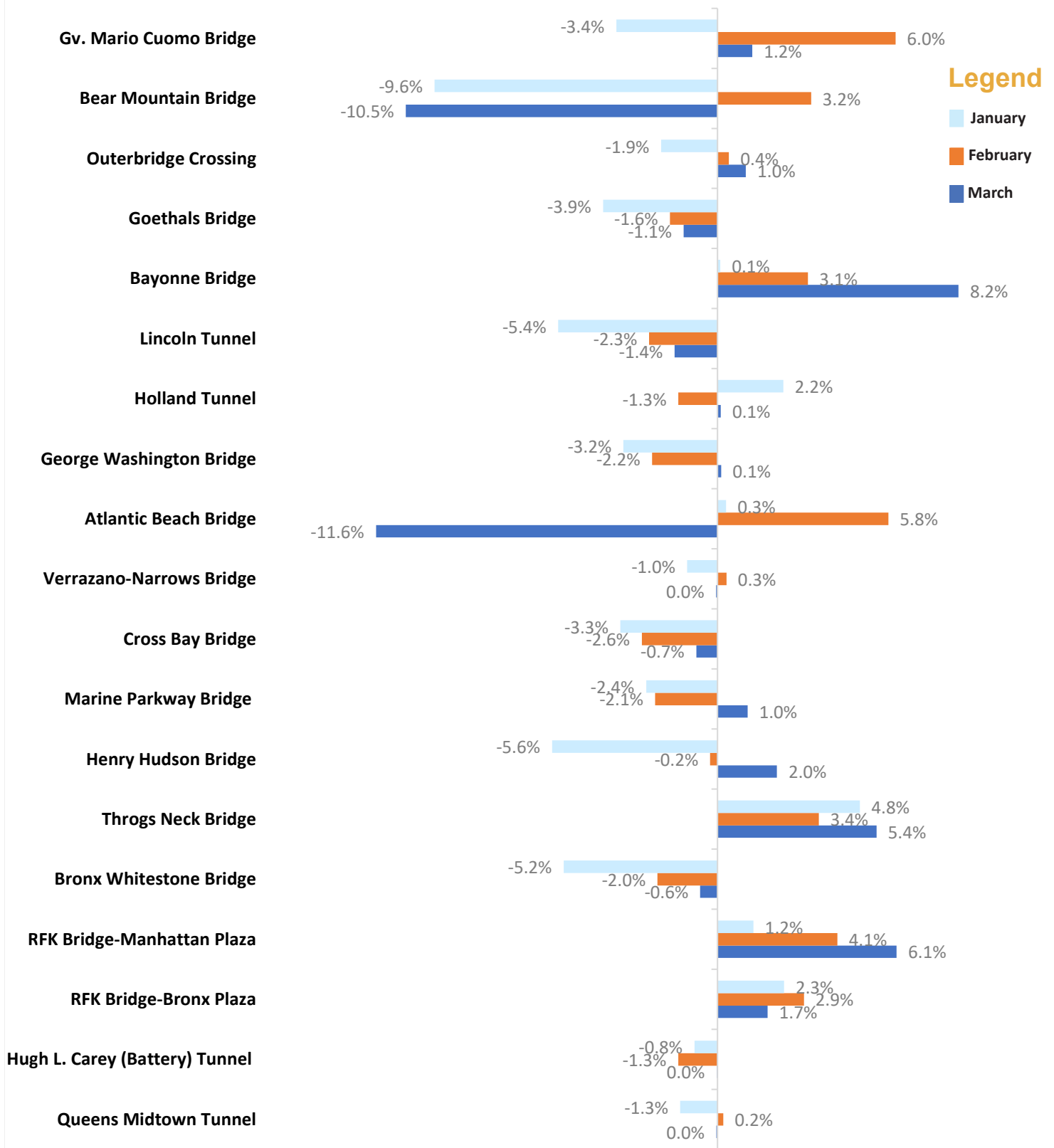
NCBA - Nassau County Bridge Authority

Data sources: Data provided by crossing operating agencies via intra-agency request.

Traffic Volume Changes at Tolled River Crossings

Year-Over-Year Weekday Data on Monthly Basis

First Quarter, 2024



Note 1: For Ed Koch Queensborough Bridge, Williamsburg Bridge, Manhattan Bridge, and Brooklyn Bridge only 4th Qtr data for each year is available.

Weekday Average Bus & Rail Ridership

First Quarter, 2024

Average of Weekday Number of Passengers, Year-Over-Year and 2019 Comparison

Transit Agencies and Mode of Travel	Jan 2024	Feb 2024	Mar 2024	2024 Qtr 1 Average	2023 to 2024 % Change	2019 to 2024 % Change
Rail System - Metropolitan Transportation Authority						
MTA/NYC Transit Subway	3,415,765	3,588,632	3,769,152	3,591,183	2.1	-33.2
MTA/Staten Island Railway	7,864	7,840	8,412	8,039	0.1	-49.9
MTA/Metro-North Railroad (1)	190,932	197,171	200,832	196,312	12.5	-29.6
MTA/Long Island Rail Road	223,436	227,177	240,565	230,393	14.9	-24.7
Total	3,837,997	4,020,820	4,218,961	4,025,926	3.2	-32.7
New York City Bus System						
MTA/NYC Transit Bus	935,121	980,424	1,019,714	978,420	-12.6	-44.4
MTA Bus Company	251,800	263,332	273,286	262,806	-6.4	-31.9
Total	1,186,921	1,243,756	1,293,000	1,241,226	-11.4	-42.2
Trans-Hudson (PATH) Rail - The Port Authority of New York and New Jersey						
PATH-New York Stations	72,628	77,424	81,076	77,043	13.2	-38.3
PATH-New Jersey Stations	89,137	93,965	96,570	93,224	13.2	-38.9
Total	161,765	171,389	177,646	170,267	13.2	-38.6
New Jersey Transit Rail System (2)						
New Jersey Transit Rail				192,900	12.7	-36.7
Newark Light Rail (3)				16,900	12.7	-9.4
Hudson Bergen Light Rail				42,950	0.0	-17.3
River Line				5,550	9.9	-31.9
Total				258,300	10.3	-32.6
Airport Rail Access - The Port Authority of New York and New Jersey						
Newark AirTrain (4)	16,536	16,088	17,796	16,807	-24.2	-34.8
JFK AirTrain (4)	60,831	54,007	60,380	58,406	-11.1	14.2
Total	77,367	70,095	78,176	75,213	-14.4	-2.2
Suburban Bus Systems						
New Jersey Transit Bus (2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	451,300	4.1	-7.4
Nassau Inter-County Express (NICE)	60,367	64,737	68,022	64,375	7.3	-16.2
Westchester County Bee-Line Bus	76,479	77,128	80,880	78,162	9.7	-6.0
Orange County Buses (5)	(2)	(2)	(2)	6,888	45.7	85.5
Putnam County Buses (4)	243	247	271	253	7.4	-18.4
Rockland County Buses (5), (6)	9,183	8,700	9,481	9,121	17.7	-28.0
Hudson Link Buses (7)	1,447	1,476	1,579	1,501	17.2	16.1
Dutchess County Public Transit	2,968	3,143	3,328	3,146	30.0	22.7
City of Long Beach	318	301	335	318	-0.9	-66.1
Suffolk County Buses (8)	11,995	12,999	14,765	13,253	19.6	-19.8
Total				628,318	6.0	-8.3
Grand Total				6,399,249	0.5	-33.0

Notes:

(1) MTA Metro North Railroad passenger figures include trains leaving from both Grand Central Terminal and Penn Station.

(2) Reports data on quarterly basis.

(3) In previous versions of this report, Newark Light Rail data was combined with Hudson Bergen Light Rail.

(4) Daily average ridership data (including weekends).

(5) Includes both local and express bus passengers.

(6) Orange-Westchester Link (through buses) ridership in Rockland County include both private and County buses.

(7) Hudson Link Bus service started in October 2018. It replaced the former Tappan Zee Express Bus, which ran between White Plains and Suffern. The bus service is often referred to simply as the "Hudson Link". The bus is operated by Transdev under contract to the New York State Department of Transportation.

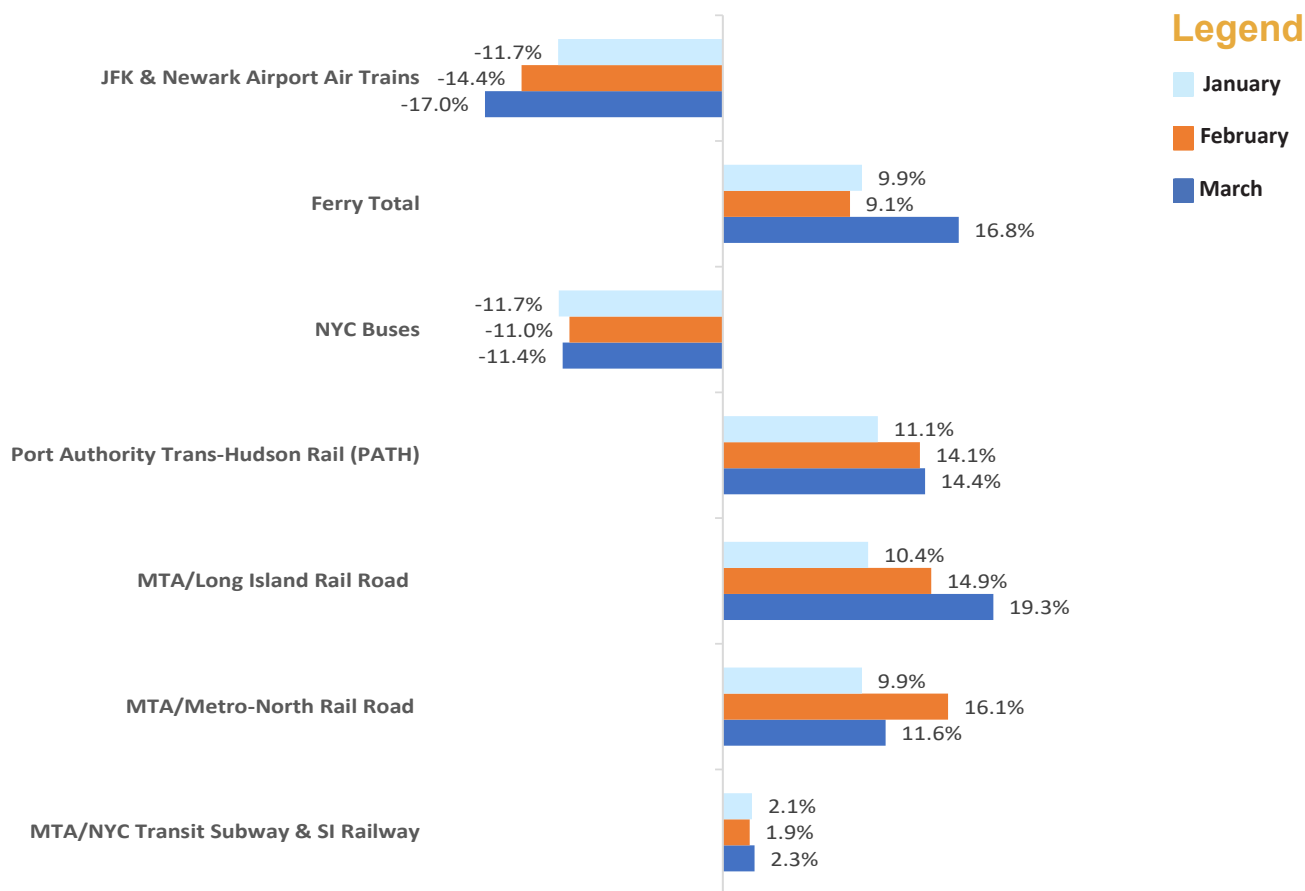
(8) Suffolk County includes local and pass-through buses, and Huntington Area Rapid Transit (HART).

(9) For Rockland County Buses, the 2023 comparison is done with an updated count which differs from previously published count.

Data sources: Port Authority of New York & New Jersey, MTA, New Jersey Transit Co, NYS DOT, NYCDOT, Westchester DOT, other NY counties bus operators.

Changes in Weekday Average Public Transportation Ridership by Category

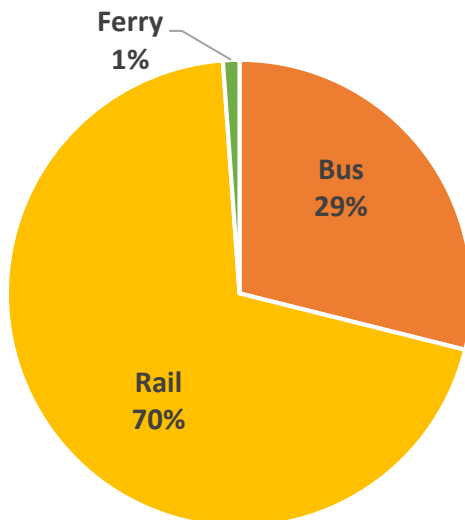
First Quarter, 2024, Year-Over-Year on a Monthly Basis



Note: NJTransit Rail and Suburban buses are not included in this graph because only quarterly data are available for some bus and rail operators.

Comparison of Weekday Average Passenger Volumes by Public Transportation Mode

First Quarter, 2024



Ferry Ridership First Quarter, 2024

Average of Weekday Number of Passengers, Year-Over-Year and 2019 Comparison

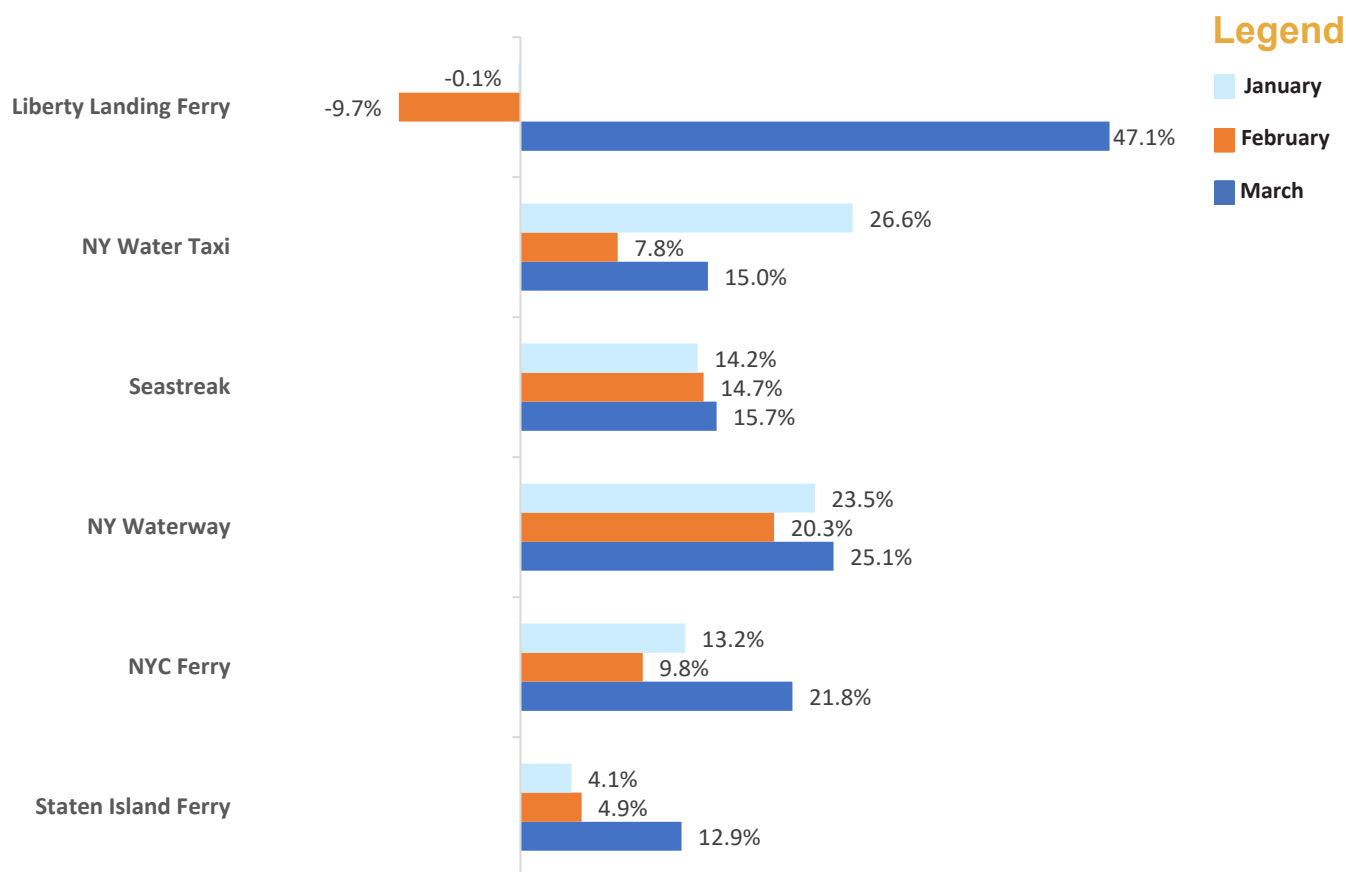
Ferry Routes		Jan 2024	Feb 2024	Mar 2024	2024 Qtr 1 Average	2023 to 2024 % Change	2019 to 2024 % Change
NYC Ferry							
East River	East River	3,836	4,097	5,089	4,341	23	12
Rockaway	Rockaway	921	933	1,094	982	-1	8
South Brooklyn	South Brooklyn	801	738	1,015	851	-1	-8
Astoria	Astoria	2,942	3,007	3,639	3,196	17	77
Soundview	Soundview	1,714	1,773	2,035	1,841	8	76
St. George	St. George	1,177	1,165	1,407	1,250	24	n/c
NYC Ferry, Total		11,391	11,714	14,279	12,461	15	31
Staten Island Ferry		37,010	39,268	46,112	40,797	8	-41
Public Ferries, Total		48,401	50,982	60,391	53,258	9	-32
NY Waterway							
Pier 11	Paulus Hook	242	232	247	240	9	-71
	Liberty Harbor	176	178	197	184	0	-62
	Hoboken - NJ Transit	467	438	493	466	21	-79
	Weehawken	322	331	369	341	20	-70
	Edgewater-Downtown	121	116	124	120	25	n/c
	Hoboken (14 Street Pier)	248	252	262	254	31	n/c
	Port Liberte	118	132	148	133	n/c	-62
BMB	Governors Island	2,359	2,421	3,093	2,624	28	n/c
World Financial Center/ BPT	Paulus Hook	1,972	2,074	2,150	2,065	11	-33
	Hoboken - NJ Transit	1,354	1,308	1,341	1,334	22	-42
	Weehawken	448	490	524	487	22	-57
	Hoboken 14	349	367	378	365	n/c	n/c
	South Amboy	165	169	173	169	n/c	n/c
Pier 79	Weehawken Midtown	3,995	3,901	4,584	4,160	n/c	-30
	Lincoln Harbor	951	949	1,095	998	-72	-36
	Edgewater	396	377	434	402	-48	-62
	Hoboken North (14)	1,254	1,275	1,399	1,310	255	-41
	Lincoln Harbor - HoboN	32	52	0	28	-98	n/c
	Paulus Hook	191	210	234	211	337	-41
	Hoboken - NJ Transit	116	121	137	125	-33	-36
	South Amboy	7	8	6	7	n/c	n/c
NY Waterway, Total*		15,292	15,400	17,389	16,027	23	-40
Seastreak							
Pier 11	Atlantic Highlands	764	787	841	798	28	-63
	Highlands	731	710	748	730	1	-55
	Belford	573	592	595	586	14	n/c
Pier 79	Belford	53	49	62	55	32	n/c
Belford	Brookfield Place	593	570	588	584	16	n/c
	Paulus Hook	59	58	55	58	74	n/c
East 34th Street	Atlantic Highlands	659	688	744	697	33	n/c
	Highlands	729	716	693	713	-0	n/c
Seastreak, Total		4,162	4,170	4,327	4,220	15	11
NY Water Taxi							
NYU / Langone Shuttle	E 34 St	188	177	202	189	14	n/c
	Sunset Park /BAT	192	179	199	190	18	n/c
NY Water Taxi, Total		380	356	401	379	16	-43
Liberty Landing Ferry							
WFC/BPT	Liberty Landing, Total	177	158	280	205	13	-66
Private Ferries, Total		20,011	20,083	22,397	20,830	21	-49
Ferries, Grand Total		68,412	71,065	82,788	74,088	12	-33

* NY Waterway operates tour services in addition to commuter services. The passenger data for tour services is not included in the totals for NY Waterway.
n/c- No Comparable Data. This often happens when the route is new or seasonal and wasn't available in previous years of this quarter.

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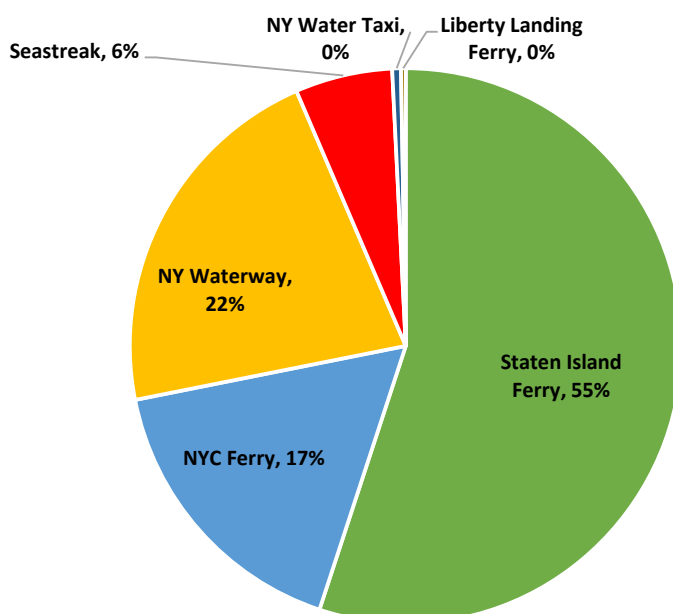
Change in Average Weekday Ferry Ridership

Year-Over-Year Weekday Data on Monthly Basis,
First Quarter, 2024



*NY Waterway total counts exclude Ferry Tours from Pier 78.

Weekday Average Ferry Ridership for First Quarter Months, 2024



*Public Ferries include Staten Island Ferry and NYC Ferry.