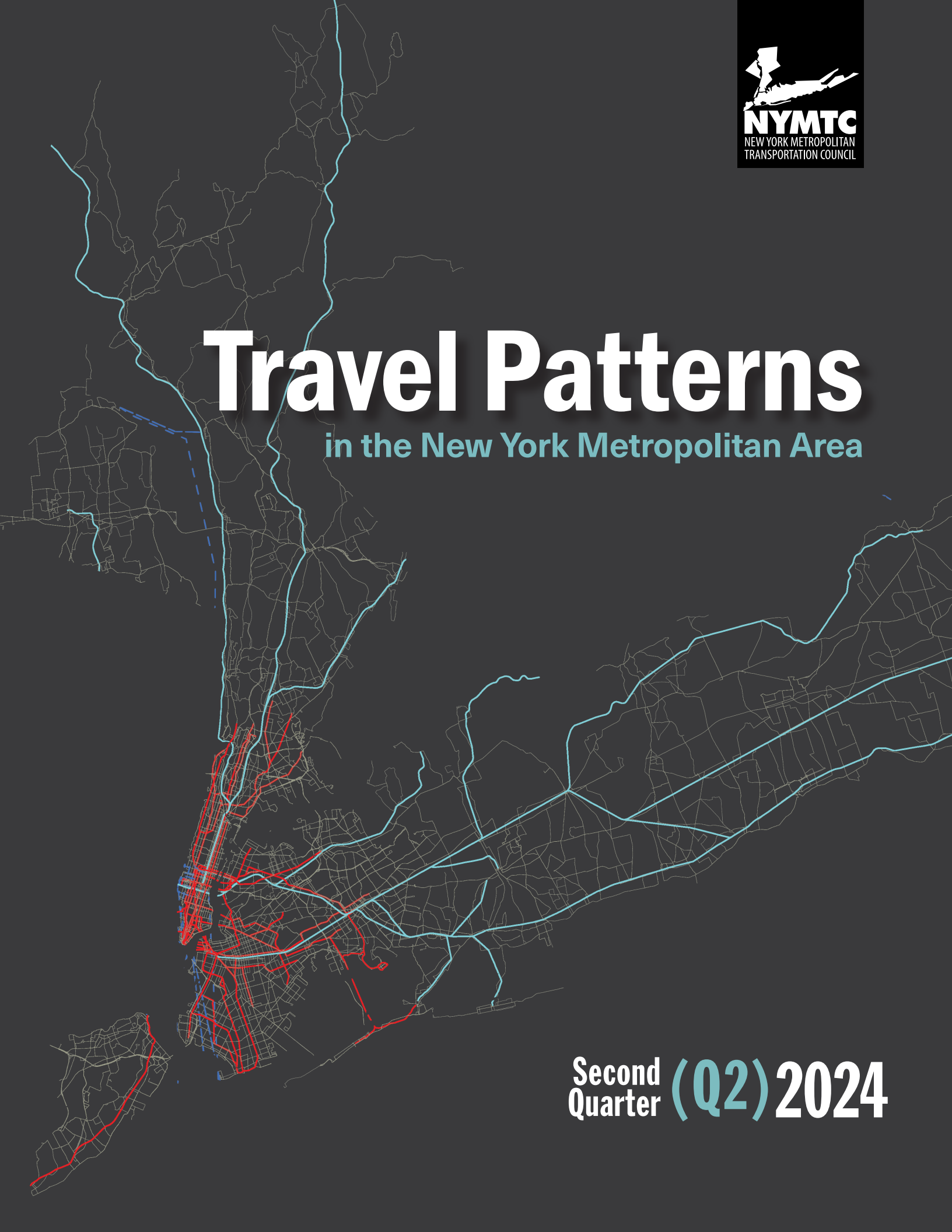




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2024 - Second Quarter

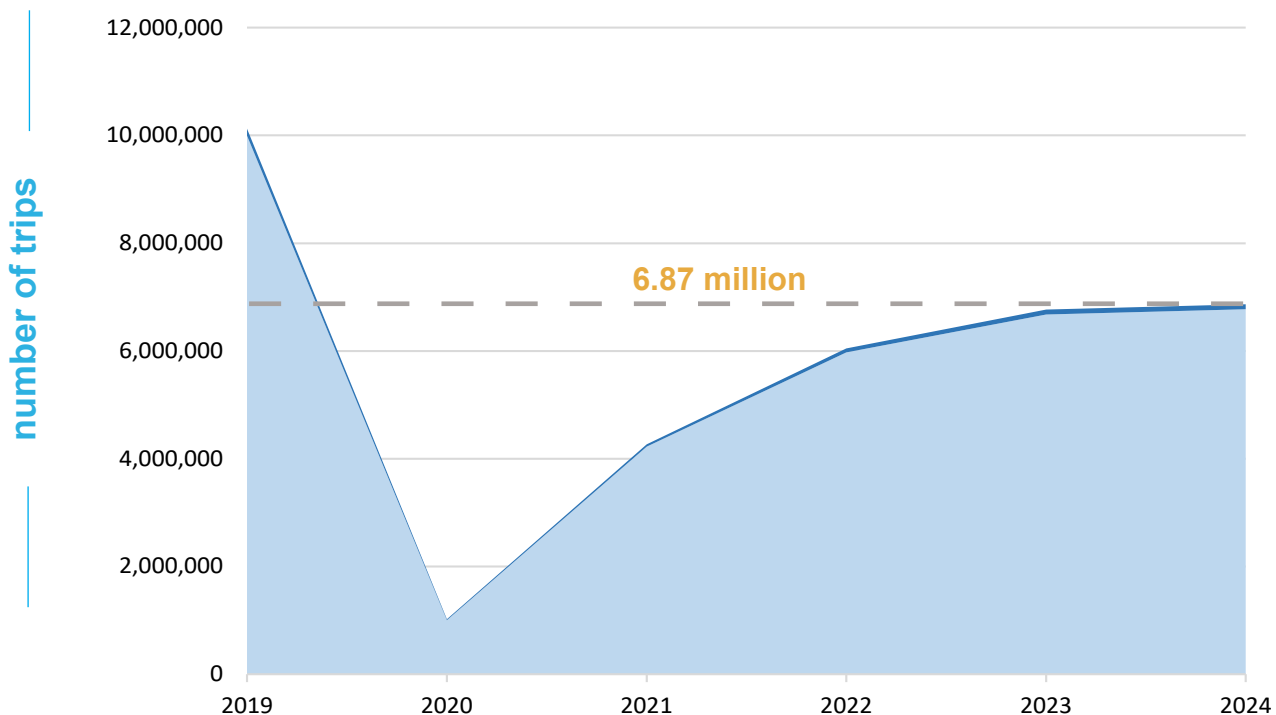
The information in this report is meant to provide a snapshot of travel from New York City, Long Island, the lower Hudson Valley and northern New Jersey. Regional travel patterns may change for a variety of reasons, including economic changes, service disruptions, construction, weather conditions or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

Highlights

- In 2024, vehicle river crossings volume decreased by about five thousand or 0.3% compared to 2023. This is also about two thousand or 0.1% higher than in 2019.
- The 2024 transit trip volume increased by about 98 thousand or about 1.5% compared to 2023. This is still about 3.3 million or 32.2% less than in 2019.

Weekday Average* Bus, Rail, and Ferry Trips in the New York Metropolitan Area (2019-2024) Second Quarter Trips by Mode



* Some data maybe 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

Second Quarter, 2024

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

Average Weekday Vehicle River Crossings	Agency	Apr 2024	May 2024	Jun 2024	2024 Qtr 2 Average	2023 to 2024 % Change	2019 to 2024 % Change
East River and Long Island Sound Crossings (1)							
Queens Midtown Tunnel	MTA B&T	83,846	88,787	87,681	86,771	-0.1	-2.5
Hugh L. Carey Tunnel	MTA B&T	63,436	67,916	65,964	65,772	-0.1	12.1
RFK Bridge-Bronx Plaza (2)	MTA B&T	144,809	151,223	152,264	149,432	0.0	-0.4
RFK Bridge-Manhattan Plaza (2)	MTA B&T	47,665	50,969	50,878	49,837	4.0	9.2
Bronx Whitestone Bridge	MTA B&T	135,563	137,614	140,655	137,944	-1.7	-2.4
Throgs Neck Bridge	MTA B&T	117,556	124,739	127,461	123,252	2.2	0.1
Total		592,874	621,248	624,902	613,008	0.3	0.9
Hudson River Crossings							
George Washington Bridge (3)	PANY&NJ	270,217	277,628	285,378	277,377	0.0	-4.0
Lincoln Tunnel (3)	PANY&NJ	104,657	109,062	107,452	107,038	-1.3	2.1
Holland Tunnel (3)	PANY&NJ	85,219	87,987	88,124	87,062	-2.1	-0.1
Gov. Mario M. Cuomo Bridge (4), (5)	NYS TA	156,002	165,280	168,831	163,371	-0.1	0.8
Bear Mountain Bridge	NYS BA	19,632	20,253	21,661	20,515	-10.5	-12.5
Total		635,727	660,209	671,446	655,363	-0.9	-1.7
Arthur Kill Crossings							
Bayonne Bridge (3)	PANY&NJ	21,731	23,253	23,697	22,855	3.0	17.6
Goethals Bridge (3)	PANY&NJ	96,654	103,090	106,994	102,020	1.3	2.1
Outerbridge Crossing (3)	PANY&NJ	78,397	81,164	84,213	81,117	-2.4	-1.4
Total		196,782	207,507	214,904	205,992	0.0	2.1
Harlem River Crossings							
Henry Hudson Bridge	MTA B&T	73,106	77,344	75,139	75,196	-1.2	-2.8
South Shore and Jamaica Bay Crossings							
Marine Parkway Bridge	MTA B&T	20,973	24,429	26,192	23,865	1.0	-2.5
Cross Bay Bridge	MTA B&T	21,244	23,701	25,458	23,468	0.4	-8.6
Atlantic Beach Bridge (5)	NCBA	12,490	16,093	19,172	15,918	5.3	-8.4
Total		54,707	64,223	70,822	63,251	1.8	-6.3
New York Bay Crossings							
Verrazzano-Narrows Bridge	MTA B&T	219,621	230,586	235,309	228,505	-0.7	4.5
GRAND TOTAL		1,772,818	1,861,117	1,892,522	1,841,316	-0.3	0.1

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 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

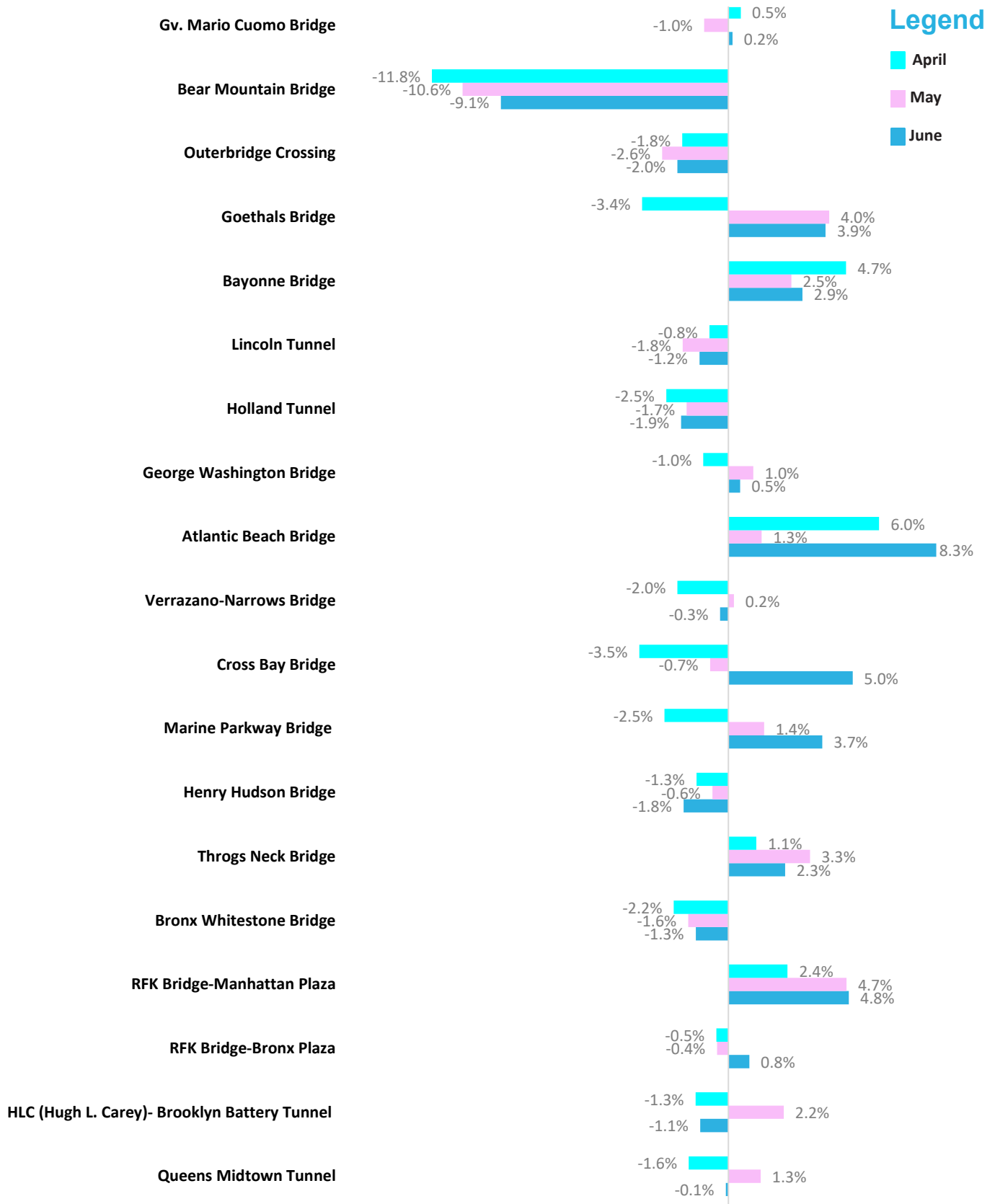
NCBA - Nassau County Bridge Authority

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

Second Quarter, 2024



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

Weekday Average Transit Ridership- Bus & Rail

Second Quarter, 2024

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

Transit Agencies and Mode of Travel	Apr 2024	May 2024	Jun 2024	2024 Qtr 2 Average	2023 to 2024 % Change	2019 to 2024 % Change
Rail System - Metropolitan Transportation Authority						
MTA/NYC Transit Subway	3,727,598	3,914,374	3,719,981	3,787,318	2.1	-32.8
MTA/Staten Island Railway	7,764	8,677	7,889	8,110	1.3	-49.8
MTA/Metro-North Railroad (1)	212,115	217,922	219,171	216,403	11.1	-27.4
MTA/Long Island Rail Road	236,206	250,517	267,626	251,450	13.1	-21.6
Total	4,183,683	4,391,490	4,214,667	4,263,280	3.1	-32.0
New York City Bus System						
MTA/NYC Transit Bus	982,334	1,027,142	986,793	998,756	-11.7	-44.9
MTA Bus Company	263,723	277,079	268,023	269,608	-6.2	-31.0
Total	1,246,057	1,304,221	1,254,816	1,268,365	-10.6	-42.5
Trans-Hudson (PATH) Rail - The Port Authority of New York and New Jersey						
PATH-New York Stations	83,356	88,005	88,710	86,690	14.7	-33.5
PATH-New Jersey Stations	98,825	104,646	104,453	102,641	13.6	-35.4
Total	182,181	192,651	193,163	189,332	14.1	-34.5
New Jersey Transit Rail System (2)						
New Jersey Transit Rail				202,200	5.2	-37.6
Newark Light Rail (3)				19,150	26.4	0.0
Hudson Bergen Light Rail				53,150	3.2	-0.7
River Line				6,250	8.7	-26.5
Total				280,750	6.1	-30.7
Airport Rail Access - The Port Authority of New York and New Jersey						
Newark AirTrain (4)	18,539	21,442	22,503	20,828	-21.0	-35.4
JFK AirTrain (4)	64,317	70,454	73,032	69,267	14.8	14.5
Total	82,855	91,895	95,535	90,095	3.9	-2.8
Suburban Bus Systems						
New Jersey Transit Bus	(2)	(2)	(2)	486,450	11.1	-6.8
Nassau Inter-County Express (NICE)	68,589	73,023	73,688	71,767	9.9	-9.9
Westchester County Bee-Line Bus	82,960	89,714	84,407	85,694	14.5	-4.1
Orange County Buses (5)	(2)	(2)	(2)	7,811	52.9	101.7
Putnam County Buses (4)	298	313	304	305	10.5	-11.4
Rockland County Buses (5), (6), (9)	8,335	9,549	9,011	8,965	6.2	-33.3
Hudson Link Bus (7)	1,516	1,613	1,614	1,581	10.9	4.8
Dutchess County Public Transit	3,682	3,769	3,442	3,631	36.9	29.5
City of Long Beach	316	370	398	361	-3.6	-63.3
Suffolk County Buses (8)	13,602	15,495	16,811	15,303	18.6	-17.5
Total				681,867	12.1	-6.9
GRAND TOTAL				6,773,689	1.4	-32.2

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.

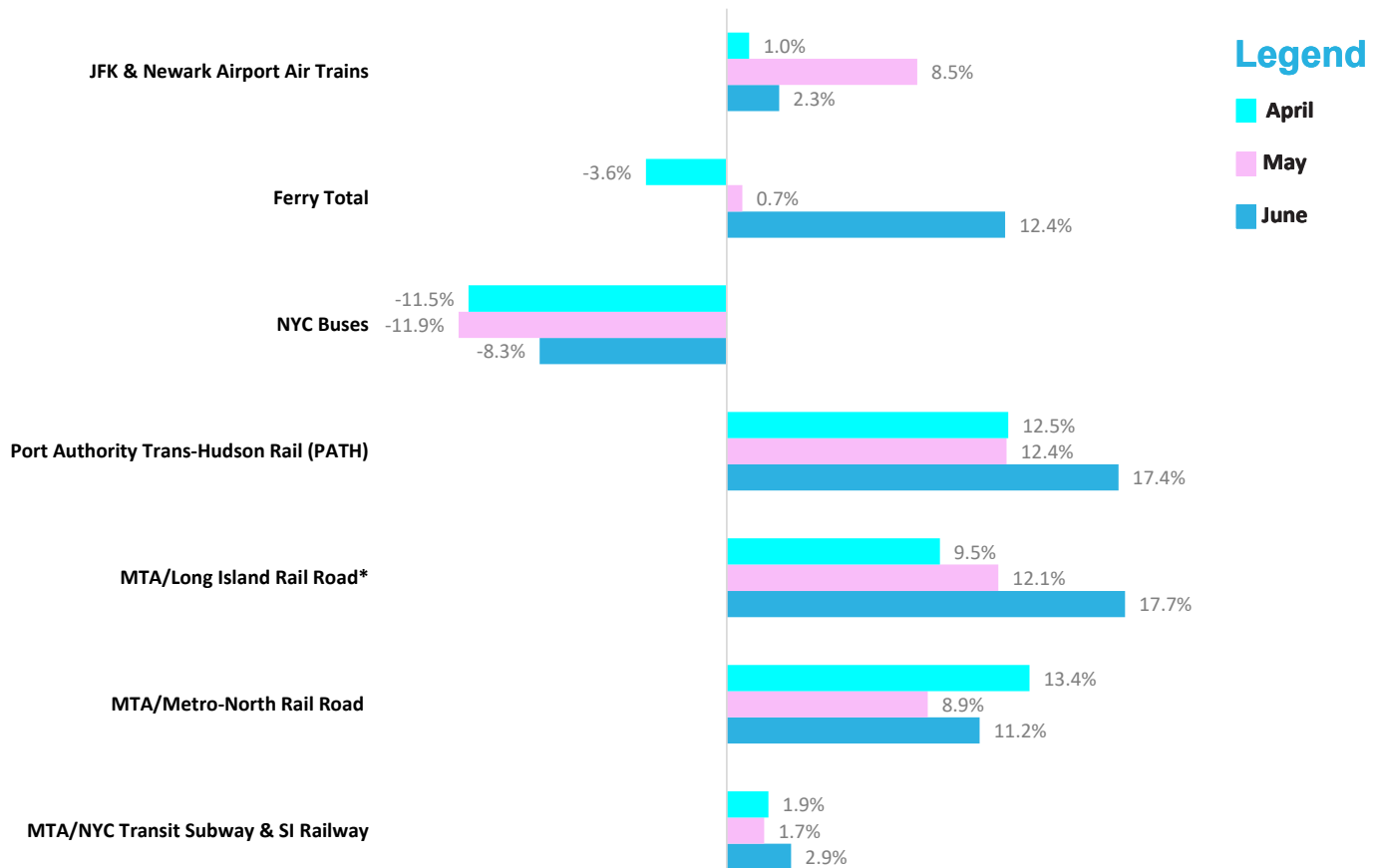
(8) Suffolk Cty includes local and pass-through buses, and Huntington Area Rapid Transit (HART).

(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

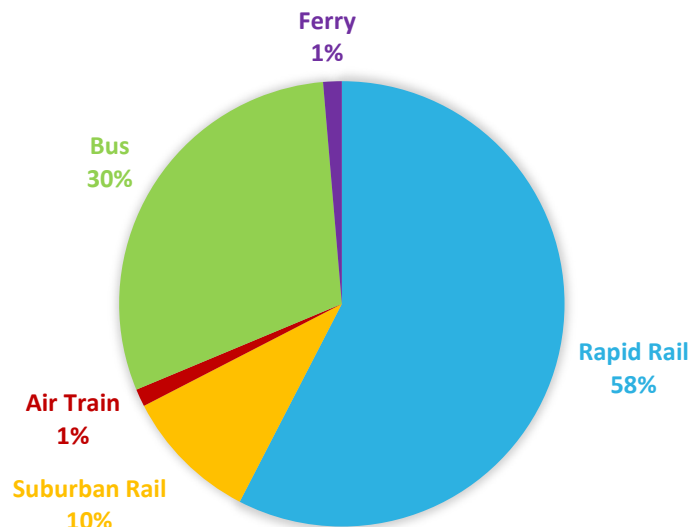
Second Quarter, 2024, Year-Over-Year on a Monthly Basis



*LIRR's ridership may have been impacted by the East Side Access Opening.

Note 1: 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 Transit Mode Share Second Quarter, 2024



Note: Trips indicate the number of people boarding vehicles (unlinked trips).

Ferry Ridership

Second Quarter, 2024

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

Ferry Routes		Apr 2024	May 2024	Jun 2024	2024 Qtr 2 Average	2023 to 2024 % Change	2019 to 2024 % Change
NYC Ferry							
East River	East River	5,792	7,167	6,920	6,626	3.9	-15.4
Rockaway	Rockaway	1,265	1,797	2,979	2,014	3.7	-2.8
South Brooklyn	South Brooklyn	1,671	2,028	2,467	2,056	1.2	0.1
Astoria	Astoria	3,999	4,590	4,858	4,483	3.4	45.4
Soundview	Soundview	2,237	2,784	3,143	2,721	8.0	32.2
St. George	St. George	1,528	1,831	1,857	1,739	13.2	n/c
NYC Ferry, Total		16,492	20,217	22,282	19,664	5	8
Staten Island Ferry		46,876	48,824	50,254	48,651	2.8	(37.6)
Public Ferries, Total		63,367	69,041	72,536	68,315	3	(29)
NY Waterway*							
Pier 11	Paulus Hook	258	292	289	280	2.6	-69.3
	Liberty Harbor	192	222	203	206	-3.0	-58.6
	Hoboken - NJ Transit	503	507	495	502	5.1	-79.8
	Weehawken Midtown - Port Imperial	373	371	335	360	10.6	-69.1
	Edgewater Landing	119	131	98	116	6.7	n/c
	Hoboken (14 Street Pier)	271	266	148	229	1.9	n/c
	Port Liberte	144	174	167	162	n/c	-54.7
BMB	Governors Island	2,940	5,091	6,247	4,759	14.7	n/c
World Financial Center/ BPT	Paulus Hook	2,252	2,484	2,841	2,526	-2.9	-30.6
	Hoboken - NJ Transit	1,512	1,623	1,605	1,580	6.0	-39.6
	Weehawken - Lincoln Harbor	513	524	530	522	16.3	-56.9
	Hoboken North (14th Street Pier)	394	418	497	436	38.9	-94.1
	South Amboy	172	203	230	201	n/c	n/c
Pier 79	Weehawken Midtown - Port Imperial	4,619	4,807	4,631	4,686	-6.2	n/c
	Weehawken - Lincoln Harbor	1,119	1,164	1,155	1,146	5.9	-32.5
	Edgewater Landing	409	451	434	431	-3.7	-59.8
	Hoboken (14 Street Pier)	1,454	1,624	1,617	1,565	2.0	438.9
	Paulus Hook	268	297	311	292	8.7	-26.2
	Hoboken - NJ Transit	149	174	199	174	22.9	n/c
NY Waterway, Total		17,673	20,925	22,115	20,238	5	11
Seastreak							
Pier 11	Atlantic Highlands	776	913	1,006	898	15.8	n/c
	Highlands	746	854	853	818	-1.4	n/c
	Belford	596	620	619	612	7.5	n/c
Pier 79	Belford	56	71	86	71	50.2	n/c
Belford	Brookfield Place	568	601	585	584	8.0	n/c
	Paulus Hook	53	54	60	56	8.4	n/c
East 34th Street	Atlantic Highlands	705	843	952	833	17.4	-66.2
	Highlands	697	826	867	797	-4.2	-58.6
Seastreak, Total		4,197	4,814	5,139	4,717	8	7
NY Water Taxi							
NYU / Langone Shuttle	E 34 St	191	192	204	196	12.0	n/c
	Sunset Park /BAT	196	200	207	201	13.3	n/c
NY Water Taxi, Total		388	392	411	397	13	-53
Liberty Landing Ferry							
WFC/BPT	Liberty Landing, Total	314	414	492	407	48	-58
Private Ferries, Total		22,572	26,545	28,157	25,758	6	-53
Ferries, Grand Total		85,939	95,586	100,693	94,073	4	-29

Notes:

Data sources: Data provided by NYCDOT via intra-agency request. Data also available via NYCDOT data feed. URL: <https://www.nyc.gov/html/dot/html/about/datafeeds.shtml#ferry>

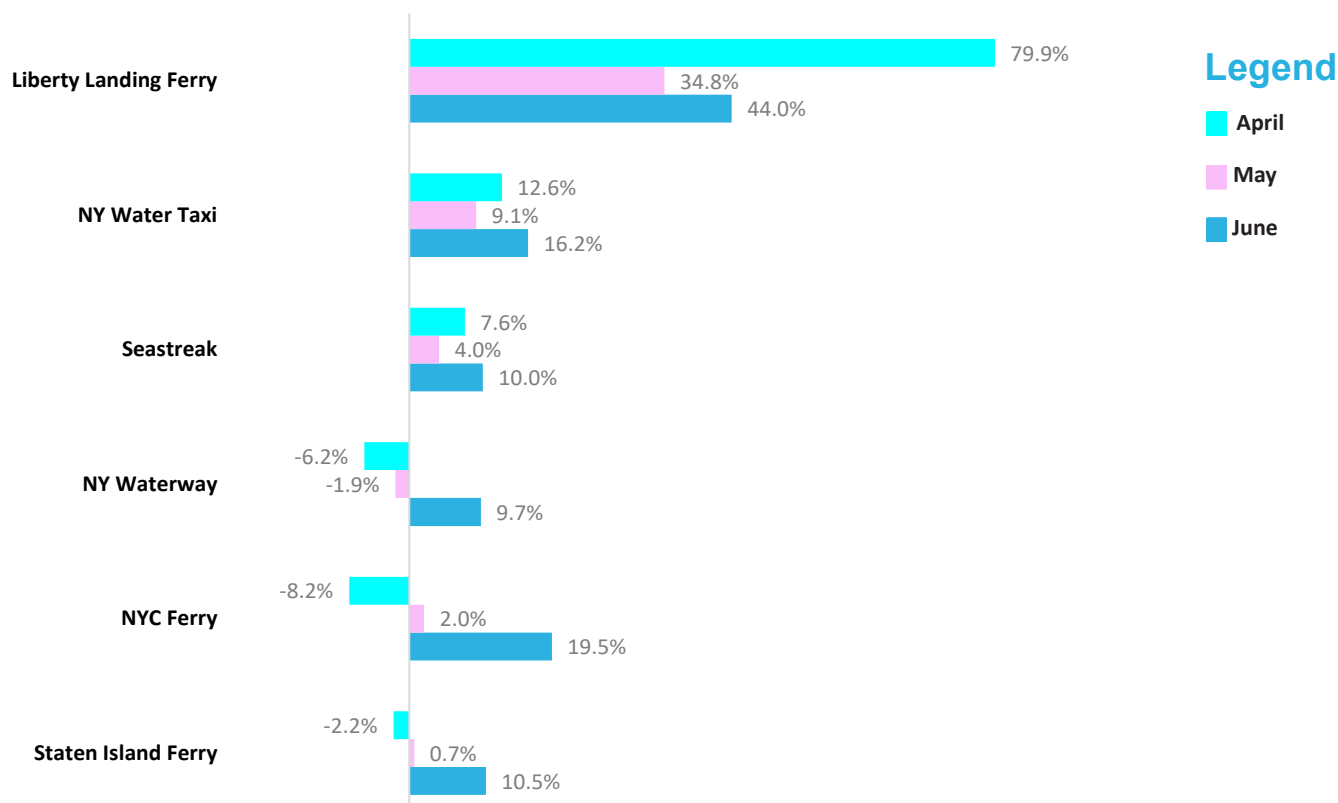
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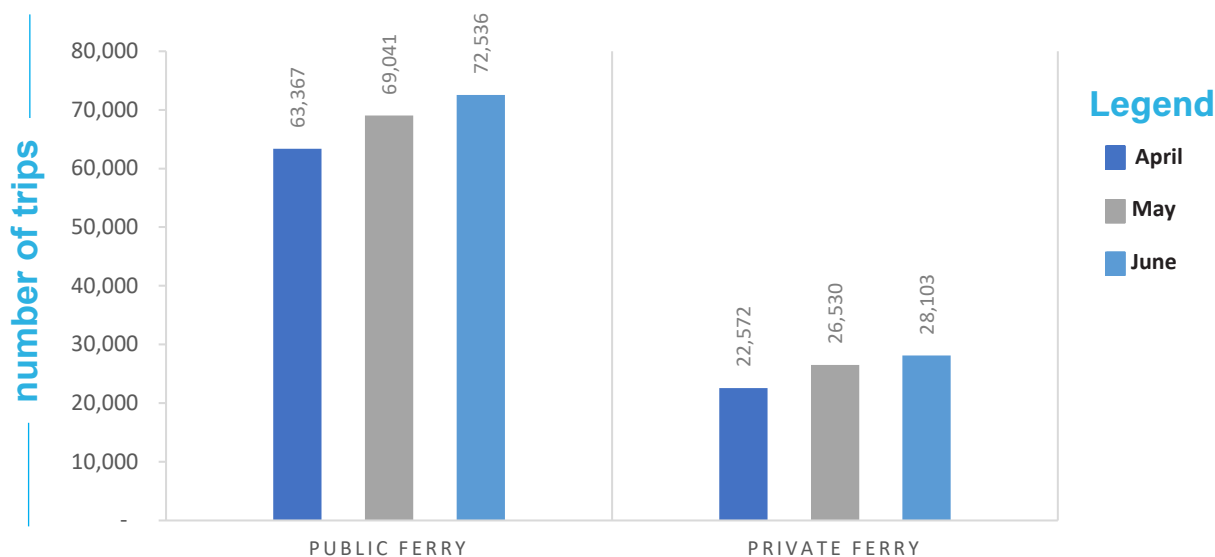
Change in Average Weekday Ferry Ridership

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



* Beginning from 2023, NY Waterway total counts exclude Ferry Tours from Pier 78.

Comparison of Monthly Ferry Travel Second Quarter, 2024



*Public Ferries include Staten Island Ferry and NYC Ferry.