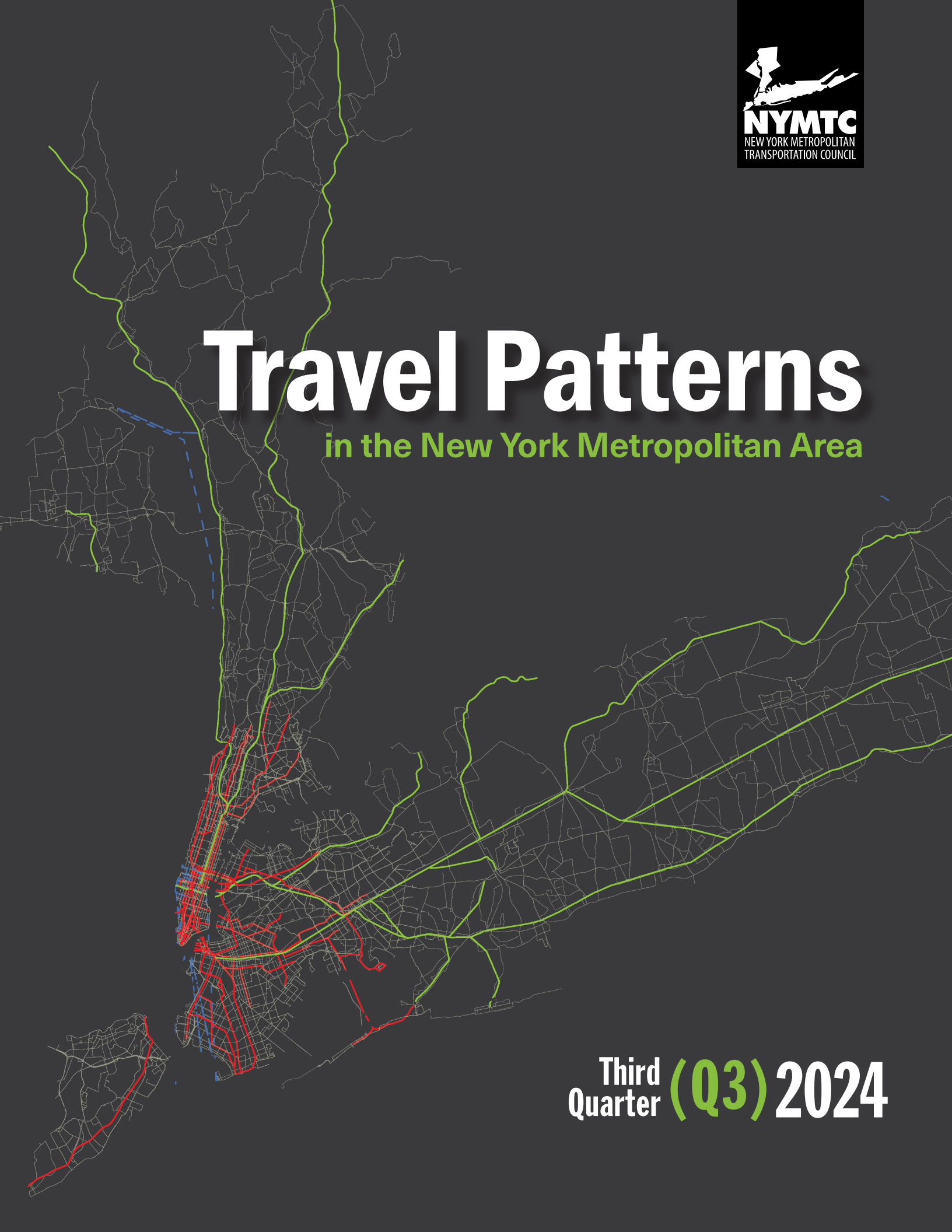




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in the New York Metropolitan Area

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2024 - Third Quarter

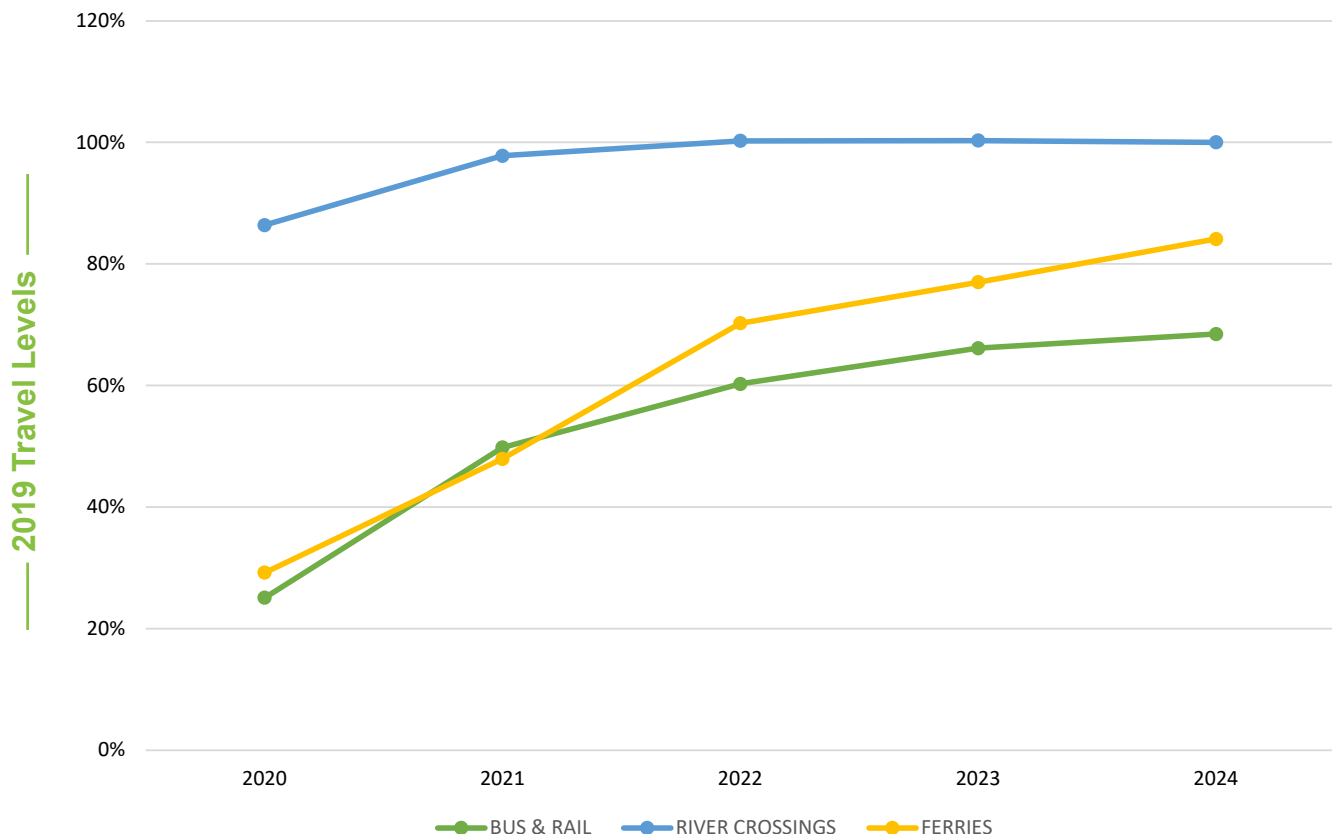
The information in this report is meant to provide a snapshot of travel from New York City, Long Island, the Lower Hudson Valley and northern New Jersey. Regional travel patterns may change for a variety of reasons, including economic changes, service disruptions, construction, weather conditions or 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 surpassed 2019 levels.

Highlights

- In 2024, vehicle river crossings volume increased by approximately three thousand or 0.2% compared to 2023. This is also about eight thousand or 0.5% higher than in 2019.
- In 2024 transit trip volume increased by about 232 thousand or 3.6% compared to 2023. This is still about 3 million or 31.3% less than in 2019.

Weekday Average* of Bus & Rail, River Crossing, and Ferry Trips in the New York Metropolitan Area (Third Quarter, 2019-2024) 2019 Travel Recovery Rate



* 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

Third Quarter, 2024

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

River Crossing	Agency	Jul 2024	Aug 2024	Sep 2024	2024 Qtr 3 Average	2023 to 2024 % Change	2019 to 2024 % Change
East River and Long Island Sound Crossings (1)							
Queens Midtown Tunnel	MTA B&T	83,784	83,813	83,585	83,727	-2.9	-3.3
Hugh L. Carey Tunnel	MTA B&T	62,231	62,428	65,534	63,398	-3.2	11.3
RFK Bridge-Bronx Plaza (2)	MTA B&T	147,485	149,570	149,686	148,914	0.6	-0.3
RFK Bridge-Manhattan Plaza (2)	MTA B&T	49,257	48,910	48,756	48,974	3.0	12.8
Bronx Whitestone Bridge	MTA B&T	140,451	142,175	137,773	140,133	-1.8	-1.7
Throgs Neck Bridge	MTA B&T	127,454	127,805	125,066	126,775	4.5	2.3
Total		610,661	614,701	610,400	611,921	0.1	1.5
Hudson River Crossings							
George Washington Bridge (3)	PANY&NJ	281,741	275,198	270,413	275,952	-1.8	-4.7
Lincoln Tunnel (3)	PANY&NJ	103,734	105,828	107,936	105,767	-1.2	4.8
Holland Tunnel (3)	PANY&NJ	85,871	87,201	87,321	86,781	0.9	2.1
Gov. Mario M. Cuomo Bridge (4), (5)	NYS TA	164,550	166,307	162,768	164,542	1.5	0.5
Bear Mountain Bridge*	NYS BA	20,541	20,406	20,650	20,532	11.9	-11.7
Total		656,436	654,940	649,089	653,574	-0.1	-1.4
Arthur Kill Crossings							
Bayonne Bridge (3)	PANY&NJ	22,814	22,947	23,818	23,174	4.0	19.0
Goethals Bridge (3)	PANY&NJ	106,081	104,552	99,592	103,528	2.2	5.1
Outerbridge Crossing (3)	PANY&NJ	84,344	84,885	82,895	84,077	0.0	1.2
Total		213,239	212,384	206,305	210,779	1.5	4.9
Harlem River Crossings							
Henry Hudson Bridge	MTA B&T	68,839	69,454	75,263	71,185	0.3	-3.9
South Shore and Jamaica Bay Crossings							
Marine Parkway Bridge	MTA B&T	25,387	24,951	23,801	24,713	-1.3	-6.4
Cross Bay Bridge	MTA B&T	23,720	22,965	23,083	23,256	-1.5	-11.5
Atlantic Beach Bridge (5)	NCBA	19,995	19,085	15,436	18,172	4.9	-9.1
Total		69,103	67,001	62,320	66,141	0.3	-9.0
South Shore and Jamaica Bay Crossings							
Verrazzano-Narrows Bridge	MTA B&T	228,160	227,653	228,225	228,013	-0.1	3.8
GRAND TOTAL		1,846,438	1,846,134	1,831,602	1,841,613	0.2	0.5

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).

* Traffic volume at Bear Mountain Bridge was affected by road closures due to flooding from approximately 7/9/2023 through 7/18/2023.

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

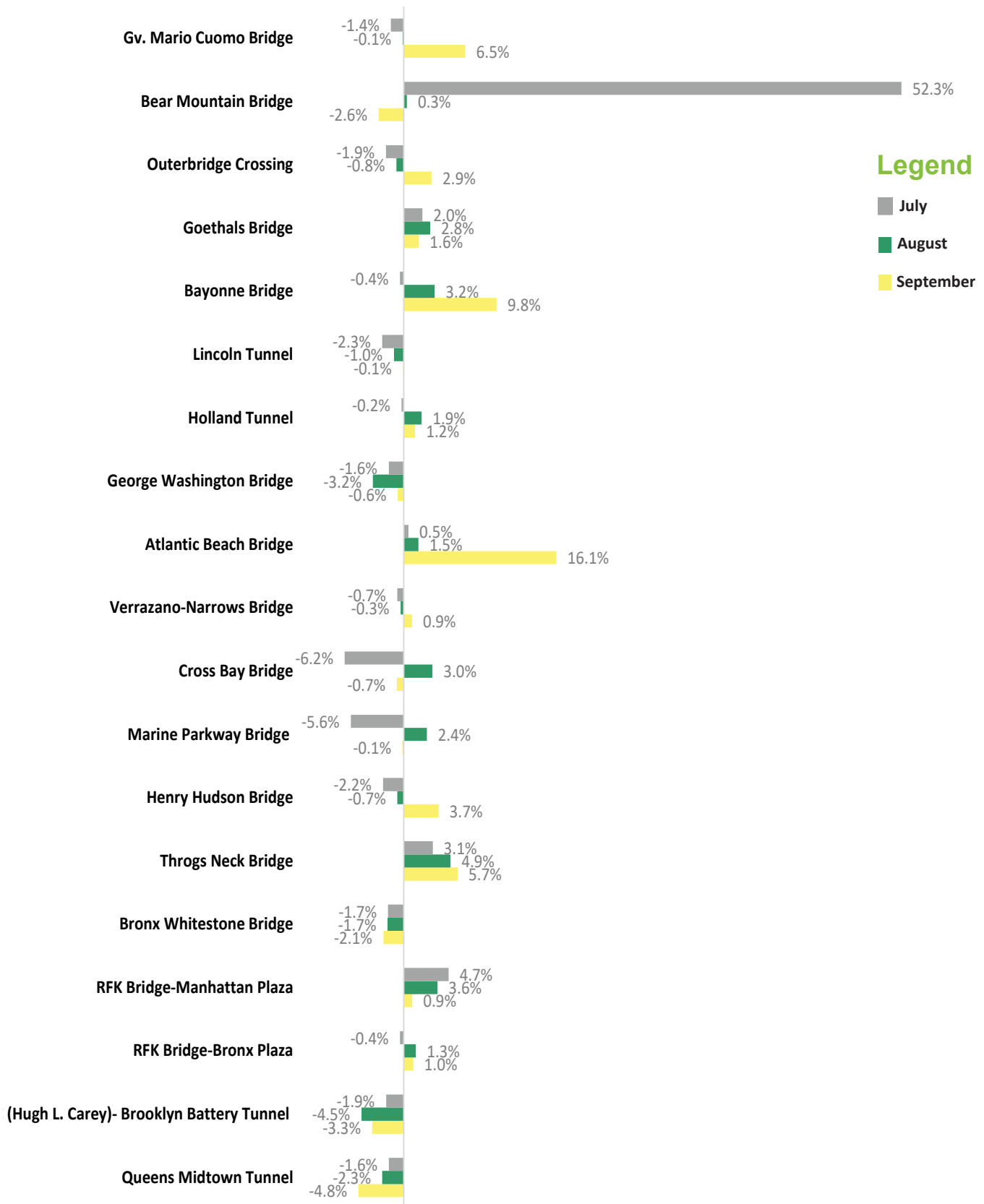
NCBA - Nassau County Bridge Authority

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

Third 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 from NYCDOT.
 * Bear Mountain Bridge had a large year over year increase in July 2024 because it had lower than usual vehicle counts in July 2023 due to flood related road closures.

Weekday Average Transit Ridership-Bus & Rail

Third Quarter, 2024

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

Transit Agencies and Mode of Travel	Jul 2024	Aug 2024	Sep 2024	2024 Qtr 3 Average	2023 to 2024 % Change	2019 to 2024 % Change
Rail System - Metropolitan Transportation Authority						
MTA/NYC Transit Subway	3,441,771	3,366,763	4,034,892	3,614,475	3.2	-33.0
MTA/Staten Island Railway	6,786	6,469	8,799	7,351	3.7	-50.8
MTA/Metro-North Railroad (1)	213,570	199,215	226,080	212,955	13.9	-26.5
MTA/Long Island Rail Road	246,745	244,931	278,032	256,569	12.1	-19.6
Total	3,908,872	3,817,378	4,547,803	4,091,351	4.2	-32.0
New York City Bus System						
MTA/NYC Transit Bus	935,632	907,999	1,165,681	1,003,104	-5.1	-42.7
MTA Bus Company	257,938	252,633	305,714	272,095	-0.6	-29.7
Total	1,193,570	1,160,632	1,471,395	1,275,199	-4.2	-40.4
Trans-Hudson (PATH) Rail - The Port Authority of New York and New Jersey						
PATH-New York Stations	83,783	79,989	93,222	85,665	12.9	-34.4
PATH-New Jersey Stations	99,515	95,693	113,320	102,843	11.6	-35.2
Total	183,298	175,682	206,542	188,507	12.2	-34.9
New Jersey Transit Rail System (2)						
New Jersey Transit Rail				200,700	2.2	-38.3
Newark Light Rail (3)				18,600	19.6	-9.5
Hudson Bergen Light Rail				54,800	7.9	2.5
River Line				6,050	6.1	-30.9
Total				280,150	4.4	-31.4
Airport Rail Access - The Port Authority of New York and New Jersey						
Newark AirTrain (4)	22,744	21,582	20,619	21,648	-8.7	-33.1
JFK AirTrain (4)	73,793	74,383	71,399	73,192	12.8	18.7
Total	96,537	95,965	92,018	94,840	7.0	0.9
Suburban Bus Systems						
New Jersey Transit Bus	-	-	-	482,350	11.3	-7.3
Nassau Inter-County Express (NICE)	71,255	72,892	78,766	74,304	10.6	-9.7
Westchester County Bee-Line Bus	100,724	99,879	97,307	99,303	12.3	15.0
Orange County Buses (5)	-	-	-	9,054	54.7	129.7
Putnam County Buses (4)	300	317	311	310	15.7	-14.1
Rockland County Buses (5), (6), (9)	9,092	9,085	9,073	9,083	17.8	-32.9
Hudson Link Buses (7)	1,727	1,667	1,739	1,711	11.3	15.8
Dutchess County Public Transit	3,578	3,642	3,723	3,648	31.5	25.7
City of Long Beach	403	466	468	446	-1.0	-53.6
Suffolk County Buses (8)	16,083	17,112	18,964	17,386	28.0	-10.1
Total				697,595	12.3	-4.6
GRAND TOTAL				6,627,642	3.5	-31.5

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.

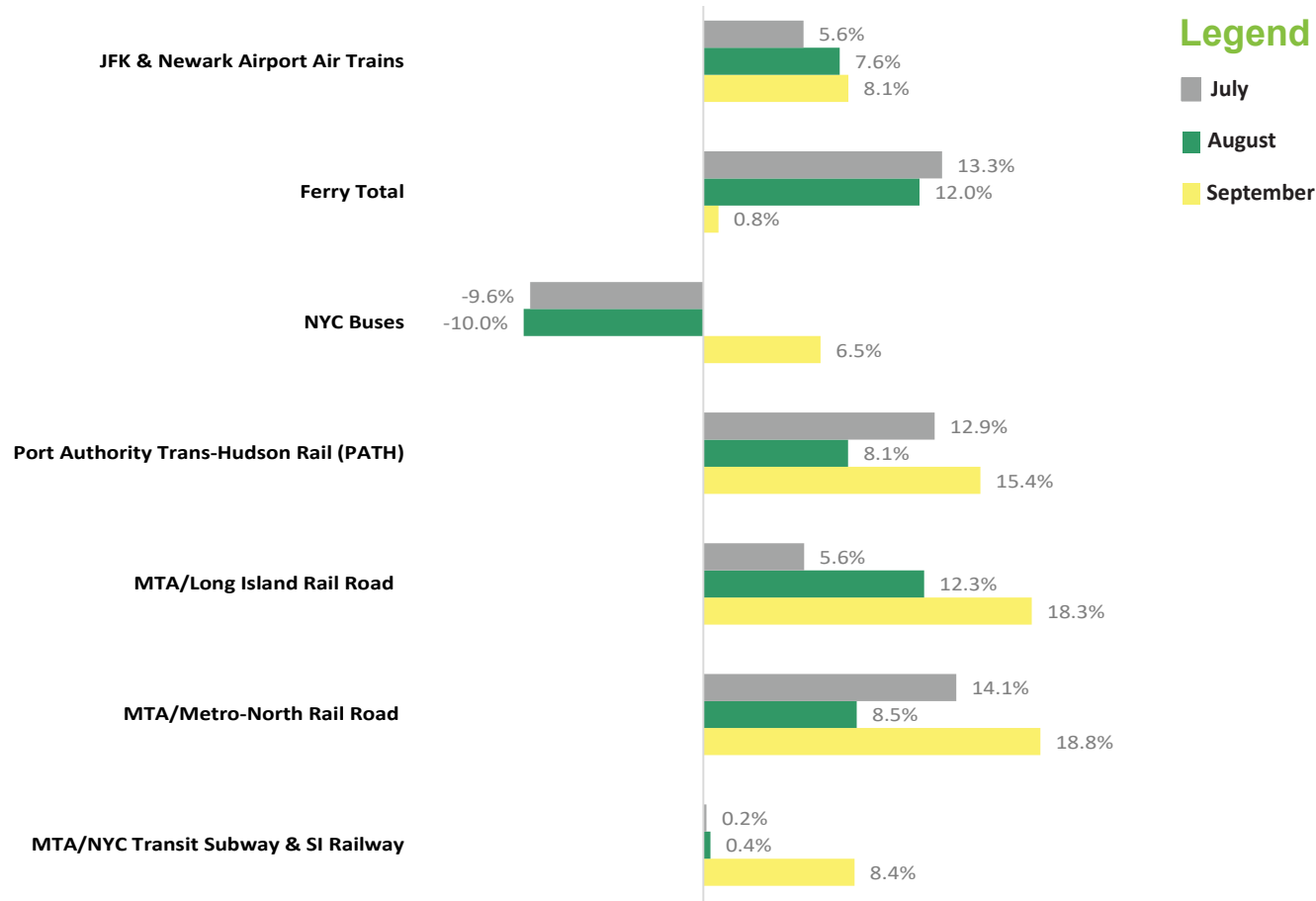
(8) Suffolk County includes local and pass-through buses, and Huntington Area Rapid Transit (HART).

(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.

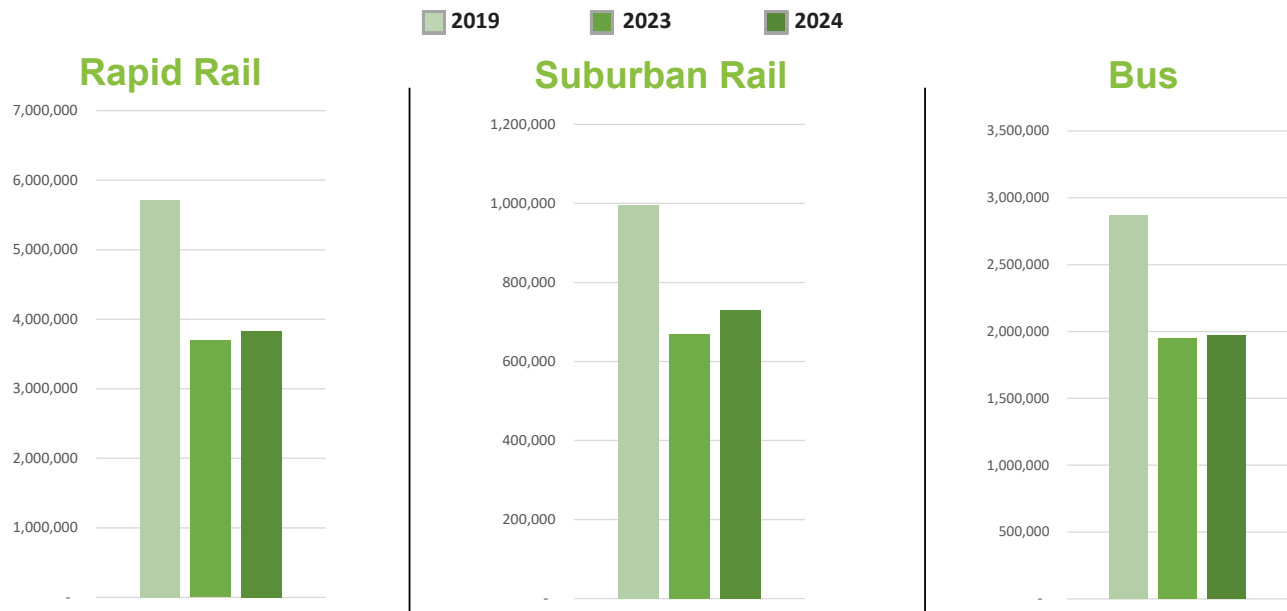
Changes in Weekday Average Public Transportation Ridership by Category

Third 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.

Total Weekday Trips by Public Transportation Mode Third Quarter, 2019, 2023, and 2024



Note: Rapid rails include New York City subway, Staten Island railway, & PATH trains. Suburban Rail includes LIRR, Metro-North rail, and NJ Transit rail.
Note: Trips indicate the number of people boarding vehicles (unlinked trips).

Ferry Ridership

Third Quarter, 2024

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

Ferry Routes		Jul 2024	Aug 2024	Sep 2024	2024 Qtr 3 Average	2023 to 2024 % Change	2019 to 2024 % Change**
NYC Ferry							
East River	East River	8,644	7,565	8,101	8,103	24	
Rockaway	Rockaway	3,327	2,858	2,182	2,789	-1	
South Brooklyn	South Brooklyn	2,605	2,460	2,131	2,399	4	
Astoria	Astoria	5,295	4,761	4,936	4,998	8	
Soundview	Soundview	3,388	3,022	3,039	3,150	11	
St. George	St. George	2,122	2,079	2,086	2,096	15	
Governor's Island	Governors Island	85	0	68	51	16	
NYC Ferry, Total		25,467	22,745	22,543	23,585	12	3
Staten Island Ferry		54,023	52,344	49,993	52,120	5	-17
Public Ferries, Total		79,490	75,089	72,536	75,705	11	-11
NY Waterway*							
Pier 11	Paulus Hook	296	275	307	293	5	
	Liberty Harbor	242	210	208	220	-3	
	Hoboken - NJ Transit	531	467	526	508	3	
	Weehawken Midtown - Port Imperial	335	290	358	328	-4	
	Edgewater Landing	130	107	124	120	-7	
	Hoboken North (14th Street Pier)	169	155	179	168	-26	
	Port Liberte	184	175	211	190	63	
BMB	Governors Island	6,834	5,921	5,990	6,248	13	
Pier 6 BBP	Governors Island	44	0	108	51	226	
World Financial Center/ BPT	Paulus Hook	3,108	2,500	2,749	2,785	-3	
	Hoboken - NJ Transit	1,650	1,500	1,831	1,660	5	
	Weehawken - Lincoln Harbor	543	460	588	531	9	
	Hoboken North (14 Street Pier)	534	478	564	525	61	
	South Amboy	252	226	271	250	n/c	
Pier 79	Weehawken Midtown - Port Imperial	4,795	4,274	4,886	4,652	-4	
	Weehawken - Lincoln Harbor	1,178	1,077	1,322	1,192	8	
	Edgewater Landing	406	362	419	395	-10	
	Hoboken North (14 Street Pier)	1,563	1,407	1,688	1,553	3	
	Lincoln Harbor - HoboN	68	0	80	50	36	
	Paulus Hook	325	271	289	295	1	
	Hoboken	176	156	178	170	12	
	Governors Island	19	0	54	24	205	
NY Waterway, Total		23,473	20,392	22,971	22,278	6	-27
Seastreak							
BMB Slip #5	Atlantic Highlands	1,139	1,008	1,046	1,065	16	
	Highlands	999	833	877	903	9	
	Belford	658	589	675	640	6	
	Sandy Hook	62	50	48	53	-0	
Pier 79	Belford	92	71	80	81	24	
Belford	Brookfield Place	622	529	697	616	5	
	Paulus Hook	62	54	62	59	11	
East 34th Street	Atlantic Highlands	1,050	920	941	970	14	
	Highlands	981	764	843	862	3	
	Sandy Hook	57	53	31	47	-3	
Seastreak, Total		5,728	4,870	5,300	5,299	10	8
NY Water Taxi							
NYU / Langone Shuttle	E 34 St	208	195	200	201	9	
	Sunset Park /BAT	212	198	202	204	9	
NY Water Taxi, Total		420	393	402	405	9	-60
Liberty Landing Ferry							
WFC/BPT	Liberty Landing, Total	579	427	389	465	4	-63
Private Ferries, Total		30,200	26,081	29,062	28,448	7	-53
Ferries, Grand Total		109,690	101,170	101,598	104,153	7	-15

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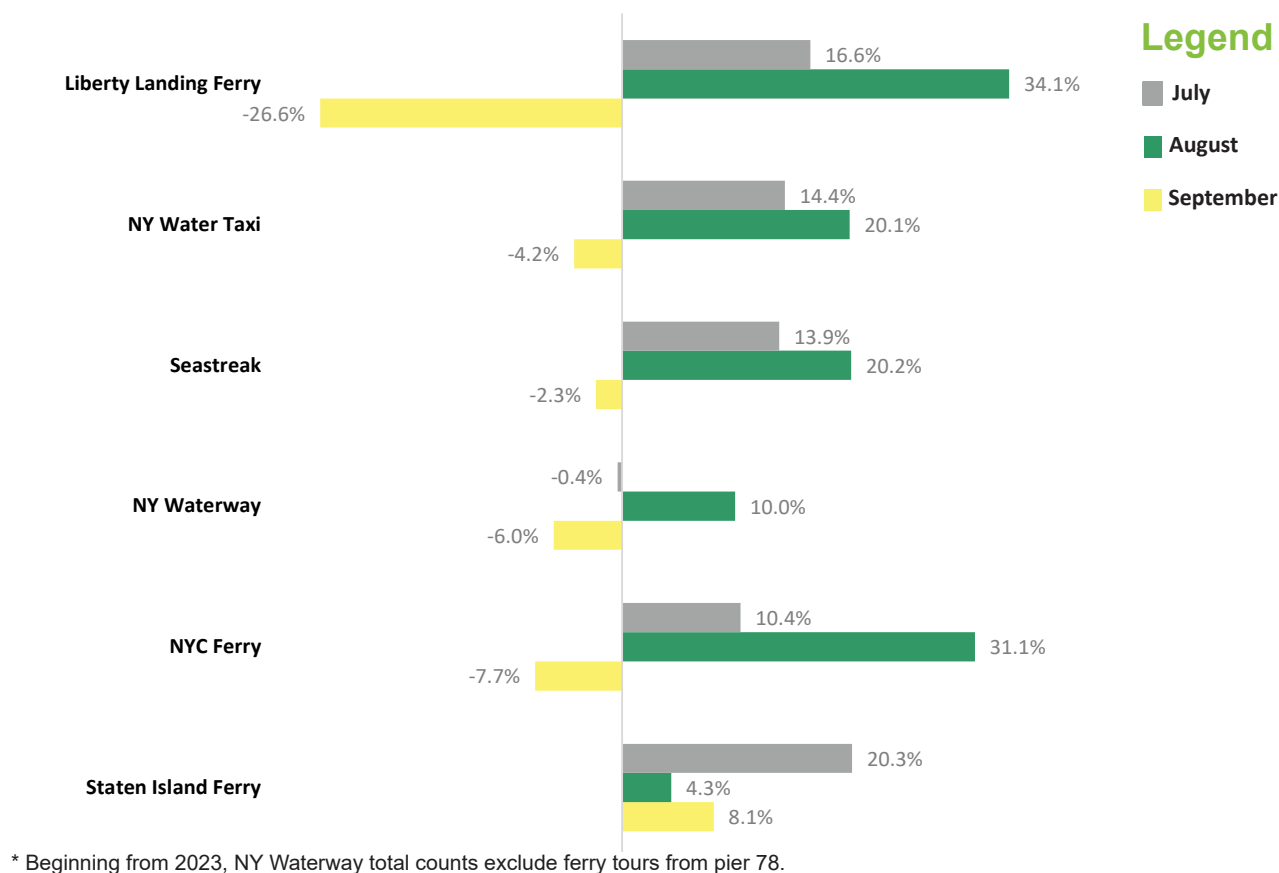
* NY Waterway operates tour services in addition to commuter services. The passenger data for tour services is not included in the totals for NY Waterway.

** 2019 percent changes for individual routes have been excluded due to drastic changes at route level services that make this metric unreliable for many routes. Additionally, some ferry routes with less than 100 passenger counts are omitted from this table but are included in the [Excel tables](#).
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.

Data sources: Data provided by NYCDOT via intra-agency request. Data also available via [NYCDOT data feed](#).

Change in Average Weekday Ferry Ridership

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



Total Weekday Average Ferry Ridership For Public and Private Ferries Third Quarter, 2024

