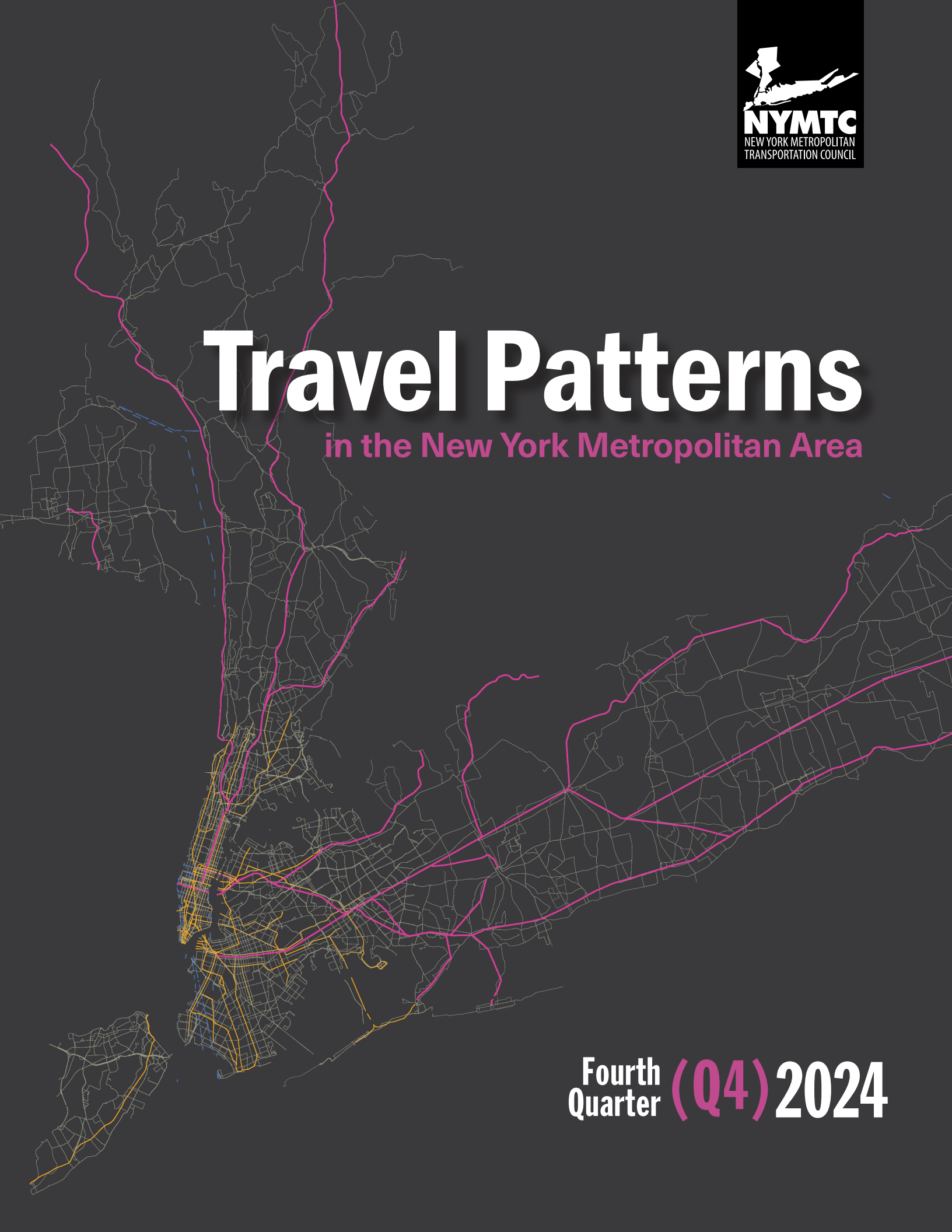




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in the New York Metropolitan Area

Fourth
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2024 - Fourth Quarter

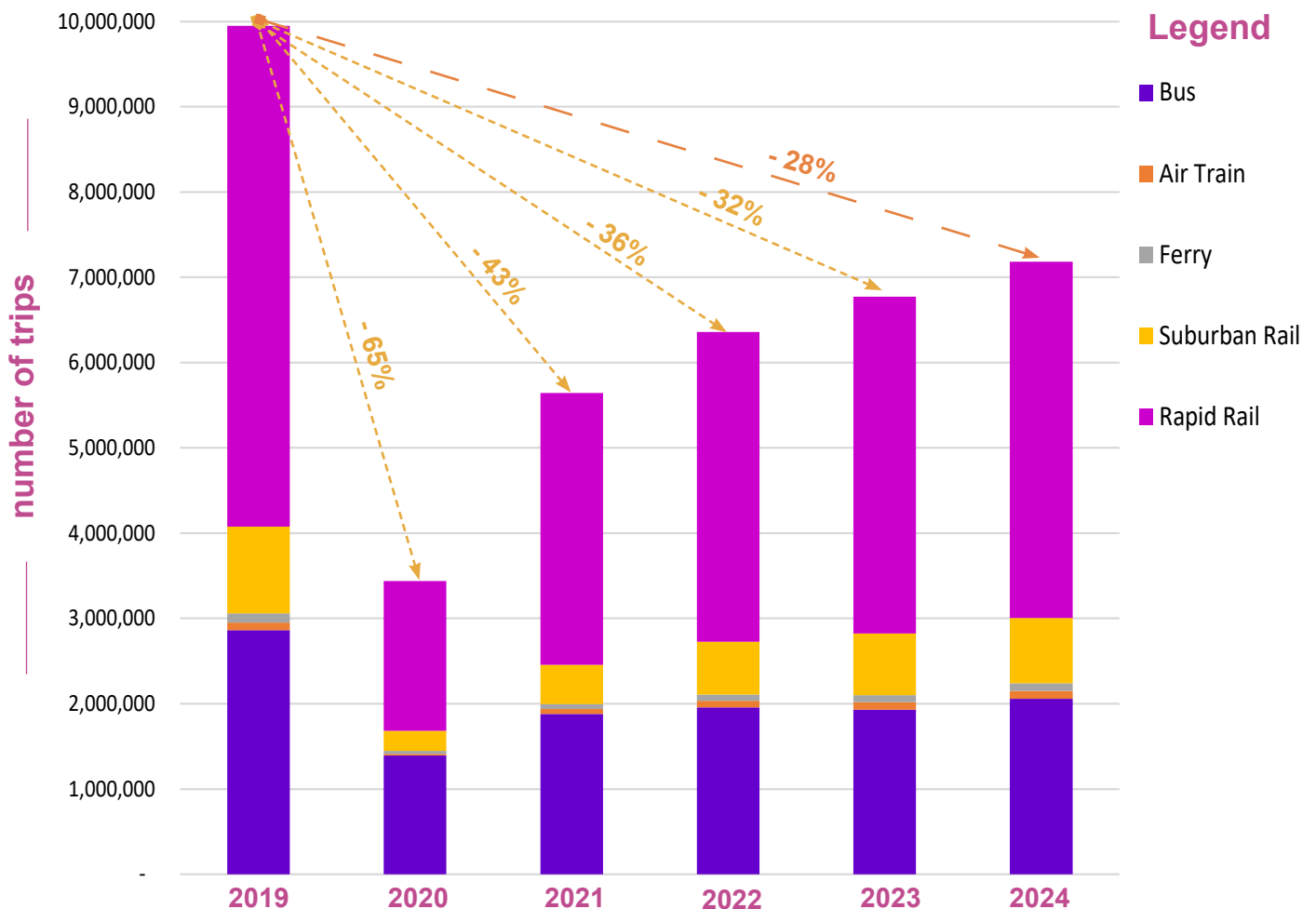
The information in this report is meant to provide a snapshot of travel from New York City, Long Island, the Lower Hudson Valley and northern New Jersey. Regional travel patterns may change for a variety of reasons, including economic changes, service disruptions, construction, weather conditions or 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 2024, reductions in travel due to the Covid-19 pandemic remain, but appear to be trending upward.

Highlights

- In 2024, vehicle river crossings volume decreased by about 12 thousand or 0.6% compared to 2023. This is also about 105 thousand or 4.6% lower than in 2019.
- In 2024, transit trip volume increased by about 410 thousand or about 6.1% compared to 2023. This is still about 2.8 million or 28% less than in 2019.

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



Traffic Volumes at Major Vehicular River Crossings

Fourth Quarter, 2024

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

River Crossing	Agency	Oct 2024	Nov 2024	Dec 2024	2024 Qtr 4 Average	2023 to 2024 % Change	2019 to 2024 % Change
East River and Long Island Sound Crossings							
Queens Midtown Tunnel	MTA B&T	87,279	84,271	85,264	85,604	-0.9	-0.7
Hugh L. Carey Tunnel	MTA B&T	64,322	64,014	65,961	64,766	-2.9	12.3
RFK Bridge-Bronx Plaza (1)	MTA B&T	146,979	145,978	146,379	146,445	0.3	1.8
RFK Bridge-Manhattan Plaza (1)	MTA B&T	47,887	46,258	46,832	46,992	-0.9	11.4
Bronx Whitestone Bridge	MTA B&T	137,878	133,972	132,225	134,692	-0.7	-0.6
Throgs Neck Bridge	MTA B&T	122,754	123,381	123,207	123,114	5.3	5.1
Ed Koch Queensborough Bridge (2)	NYC DOT				122,212	8.4	-24.9
Williamsburg Bridge (2)	NYC DOT				87,987	0.8	-31.4
Manhattan Bridge (2)	NYC DOT				70,279	-1.8	1.5
Brooklyn Bridge (2)	NYC DOT				103,035	-19.8	-34.8
Total		607,099	597,872	599,867	985,126	-1.4	-10.5
Hudson River Crossings							
George Washington Bridge (3)	PANY&NJ	271,747	270,370	273,166	271,807	-0.1	-3.5
Lincoln Tunnel (3)	PANY&NJ	107,414	104,404	103,829	105,316	-1.4	2.6
Holland Tunnel (3)	PANY&NJ	86,617	86,484	88,907	87,340	1.6	0.0
Gov. Mario M. Cuomo Bridge (4), (5)	NYS TA	162,080	153,516	149,738	155,111	-0.6	1.9
Bear Mountain Bridge	NYS BA	22,121	21,188	19,808	21,039	3.1	-3.5
Total		649,979	635,962	635,447	640,613	-0.1	-0.8
Arthur Kill Crossings							
Bayonne Bridge (3)	PANY&NJ	22,753	23,649	23,021	23,111	4.2	9.6
Goethals Bridge (3)	PANY&NJ	99,955	100,775	102,546	101,065	1.9	5.9
Outerbridge Crossing (3)	PANY&NJ	78,926	80,351	80,728	79,954	-1.6	-1.1
Total		201,634	204,775	206,295	204,130	0.7	3.4
Harlem River Crossings							
Henry Hudson Bridge	MTA B&T	75,037	73,628	72,107	73,591	0.8	-1.3
South Shore and Jamaica Bay Crossings							
Marine Parkway Bridge	MTA B&T	22,404	22,266	22,073	22,248	0.3	-2.8
Cross Bay Bridge	MTA B&T	22,403	21,688	21,758	21,950	0.3	-7.6
Atlantic Beach Bridge (5)	NCBA	13,222	12,858	12,220	12,767	-0.1	-7.3
Total		58,030	56,812	56,051	56,964	0.2	-5.7
New York Bay Crossings							
Verrazzano-Narrows Bridge	MTA B&T	222,405	225,547	227,025	224,992	0.0	6.2
GRAND TOTAL		1,814,183	1,794,596	1,796,793	2,185,415	-0.6	-4.6

Notes:

- (1) Robert F. Kennedy Bridge. Prior to 2008 it was called the The Triborough Bridge. It is also referred to as the RFK Triborough Bridge.
 (2) Figures for NYCDOT owned East River Bridges is an estimate based on data collected in October for the NYMTC's annual Hub Bound Report.
 (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).
 *Beginning from 2021, data across Ed Koch QBB was impacted by a new method of collection.

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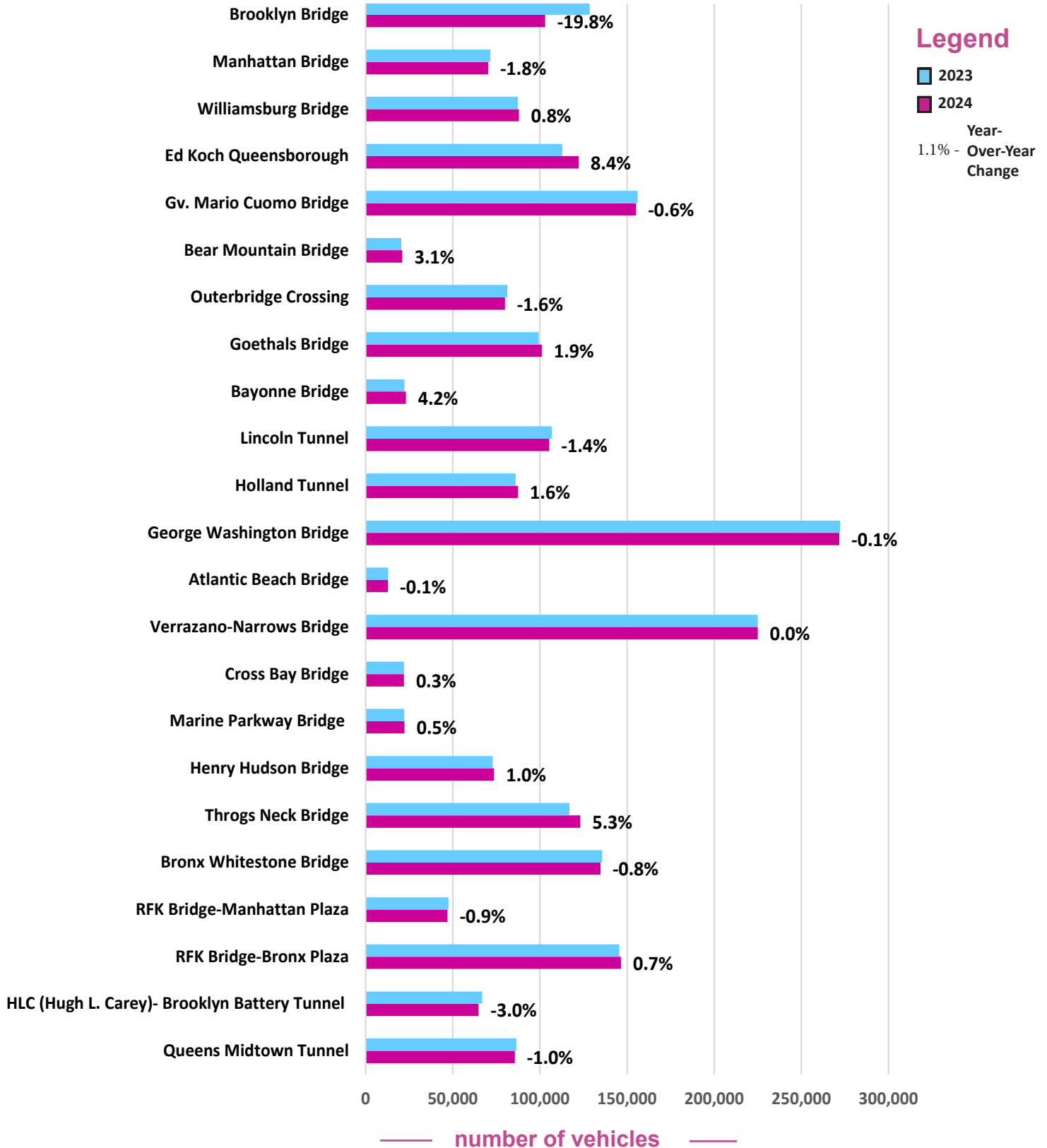
MTA B&T- Metropolitan Transportation Authority, Bridges and Tunnels
 PANY&NJ - Port Authority of New York & New Jersey
 NYS TA - New York State Thruway Authority
 NYS BA - New York State Bridge Authority
 NCBA - Nassau County Bridge Authority

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

Traffic Volume Changes at Major River Crossings

Year-Over-Year Weekday Data

Fourth 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 Transit Ridership (Bus & Rail)

Fourth Quarter, 2024

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

Transit Agencies and Mode of Travel	Oct 2024	Nov 2024	Dec 2024	2024 Qtr 4 Average	2023 to 2024 % Change	2019 to 2024 % Change
Rail System - Metropolitan Transportation Authority						
MTA/NYC Transit Subway	4,084,474	3,937,224	3,847,070	3,956,256	5.0	-29.0
MTA/Staten Island Railway	8,686	8,185	7,700	8,190	-2.6	-49.9
MTA/Metro-North Railroad (1)	239,083	225,304	219,161	227,849	11.1	-22.3
MTA/Long Island Rail Road	264,394	275,138	260,130	266,554	10.4	-16.6
Total	4,596,637	4,445,851	4,334,061	4,458,850	5.6	-28.1
New York City Bus System						
MTA/NYC Transit Bus	1,155,357	1,102,144	1,015,543	1,091,015	7.0	-38.0
MTA Bus Company	304,177	289,969	271,446	288,531	5.3	-25.6
Total	1,459,534	1,392,113	1,286,989	1,379,545	6.7	-35.8
Trans-Hudson (PATH) Rail - The Port Authority of New York and New Jersey						
PATH-New York Stations	96,023	89,620	82,624	89,422	14.5	-29.3
PATH-New Jersey Stations	115,503	107,948	99,279	107,577	12.1	-30.7
Total	211,526	197,568	181,903	196,999	13.2	-30.1
New Jersey Transit Rail System (2)						
New Jersey Transit Rail				214,900	4.4	-33.4
Newark Light Rail (3)				17,900	8.8	-17.5
Hudson Bergen Light Rail				51,350	8.2	-0.9
River Line				4,850	-6.7	-41.8
Total				289,000	5.1	-28.6
Airport Rail Access - The Port Authority of New York and New Jersey						
Newark AirTrain (4)	21,665	20,213	22,384	21,421	-1.2	-29.7
JFK AirTrain (4)	72,553	68,311	72,057	70,973	5.4	26.9
Total	94,218	88,523	94,441	92,394	3.8	6.9
Suburban Bus Systems						
New Jersey Transit Bus	(2)	(2)	(2)	478,850	4.7	-6.3
Nassau Inter-County Express (NICE)	75,666	72,911	67,564	72,047	8.4	-9.1
Westchester County Bee-Line Bus	94,554	89,567	81,045	88,389	10.2	4.4
Orange County Buses (5)	(2)	(2)	(2)	8,719	45.8	139.6
Putnam County Buses (4)	332	287	250	290	6.3	-7.3
Rockland County Buses (5), (6), (9)	8,104	8,285	8,247	8,212	3.8	-31.3
Hudson Link Buses (7)	1,712	1,714	1,541	1,656	21.2	22.9
Dutchess County Public Transit	4,080	3,474	3,192	3,582	26.8	23.5
City of Long Beach	470	466	469	468	-2.6	-50.0
Suffolk County Buses (8)	17,717	17,656	15,662	17,012	27.0	-2.1
Total				679,225	6.8	-4.8
GRAND TOTAL				7,096,013	6.1	-27.9

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.

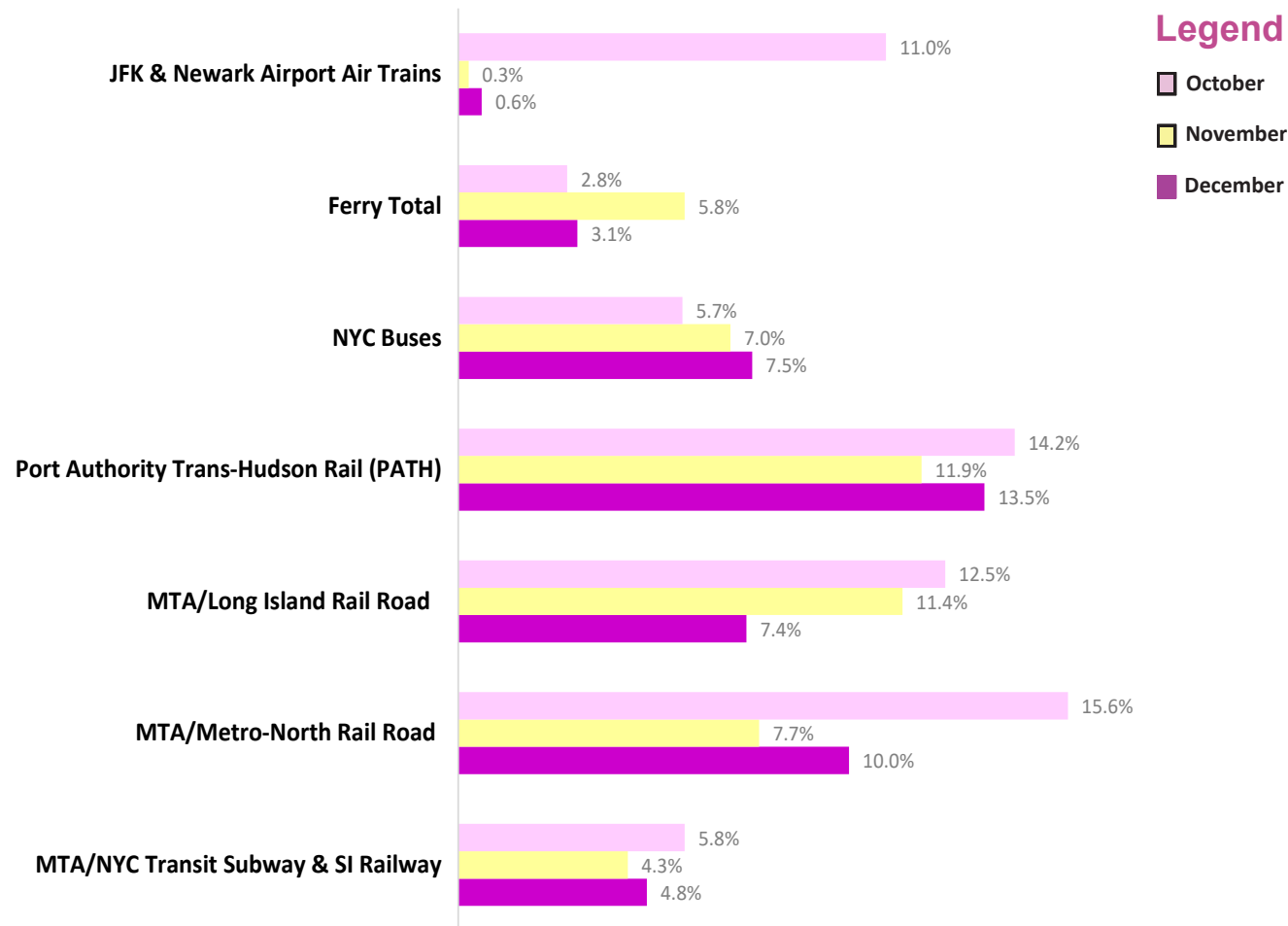
(8) Suffolk County includes local and pass-through buses, and Huntington Area Rapid Transit (HART).

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

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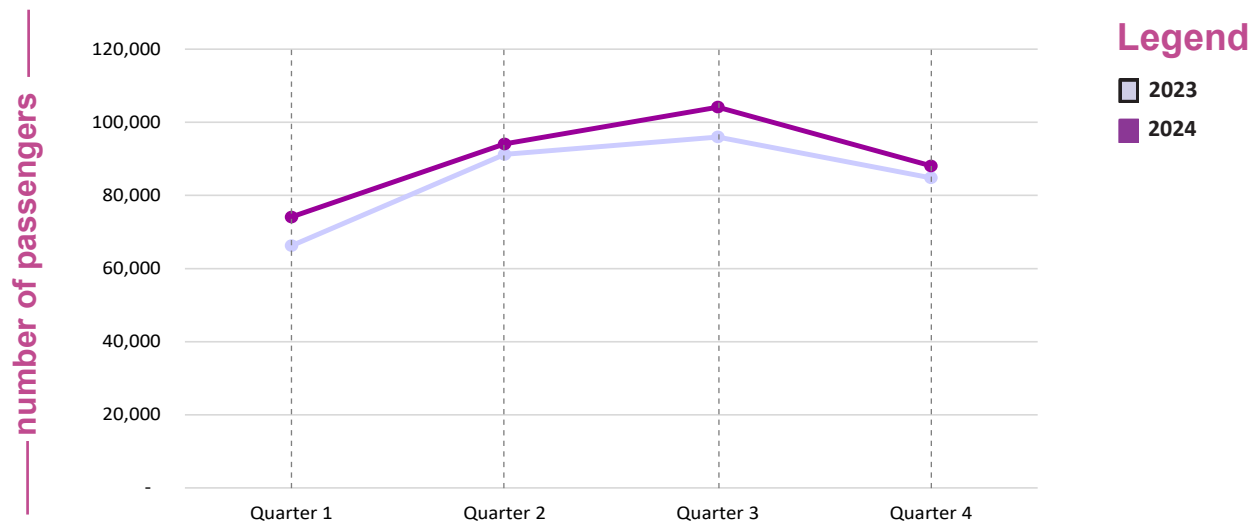
Changes in Weekday Average Public Transportation Ridership by Category

Fourth 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.

Weekday Average of Transit Passengers by Quarters 2023 vs. 2024



Ferry Ridership

Fourth Quarter, 2024

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

Ferry Routes		Oct 2024	Nov 2024	Dec 2024	2024 Qtr 4 Average	2023 to 2024 % Change	2019 to 2024 % Change**
NYC Ferry							
East River	East River	7,866	5,911	4,650	6,142	24.6	
Rockaway	Rockaway	1,708	1,169	1,031	1,303	-2.7	
South Brooklyn	South Brooklyn	2,094	1,345	1,041	1,493	10.3	
Astoria	Astoria	4,523	3,721	2,932	3,726	8.4	
Soundview	Soundview	2,721	2,250	1,782	2,251	13.7	
St. George	St. George	2,191	1,752	1,633	1,859	27.4	
Governor's Island	Governors Island	223	-	-	74	-39.6	
NYC Ferry, Total		21,326	16,148	13,069	16,848	15	21
Staten Island Ferry		51,120	44,665	47,901	47,895	3	-25
Public Ferries, Total		72,446	60,813	60,970	64,743	6	-17
NY Waterway*							
Pier 11	Paulus Hook	304	226	206	245	-0.2	
	Liberty Harbor	198	151	137	162	-8.3	
	Hoboken	536	406	362	435	-0.9	
	Weehawken	339	277	259	291	-4.9	
	Edgewater-Downtown	127	99	85	104	-9.2	
	Hoboken 14	184	154	135	158	-26.6	
	Port Liberte	241	171	157	190	50.3	
BMB	Governors Island	4,095	3,324	2,328	3,249	9.6	
World Financial Center/ BPT	Paulus Hook	2,619	2,117	1,751	2,162	-6.3	
	Hoboken	1,775	1,653	1,282	1,570	14.0	
	Weehawken Hoboken North	562	449	378	463	10.6	
	Hoboken 14	589	486	385	487	61.4	
Pier 79	South Amboy	276	236	178	230	190.6	
	Weehawken Midtown	4,990	4,457	4,782	4,743	-2.1	
	Lincoln Harbor	1,419	1,185	1,024	1,209	14.5	
	Edgewater	425	371	310	369	-12.0	
	Hoboken North (14)	1,921	1,559	1,289	1,589	6.2	
	Lincoln Harbor - HoboN	-	-	118	39	-67.7	
	Paulus Hook	287	221	174	227	20.8	
	Hoboken	179	138	113	144	70.0	
	South Amboy	13	11	7	11	n/c	
NY Waterway, Total		21,086	17,701	15,470	18,086	5	-32
Seastreak							
BMB Slip #5	Atlantic Highlands	1,029	898	863	930	18.6	
	Highlands	817	726	663	735	8.2	
	Belford	665	576	504	582	7.4	
Pier 79	Belford	82	75	72	76	26.9	
Belford	Brookfield Place	660	575	449	561	9.2	
	Paulus Hook	63	52	43	53	3.2	
East 34th Street	Atlantic Highlands	932	840	841	871	14.4	
	Highlands	777	759	652	729	5.3	
Seastreak, Total		5,025	4,501	4,088	4,538	11	11
NY Water Taxi							
NYU / Langone Shuttle	E 34 St	194	199	173	189	5.5	
	Sunset Park /BAT	192	199	176	189	5.6	
NY Water Taxi, Total		386	399	350	378	6	-36
Liberty Landing Ferry							
WFC/BPT	Liberty Landing, Total	357	270	286	304	8	-57
Private Ferries, Total		26,854	22,870	20,194	23,306	6	-49
Ferries, Grand Total		99,300	83,683	81,164	88,049	6	-20

Notes:

* 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.

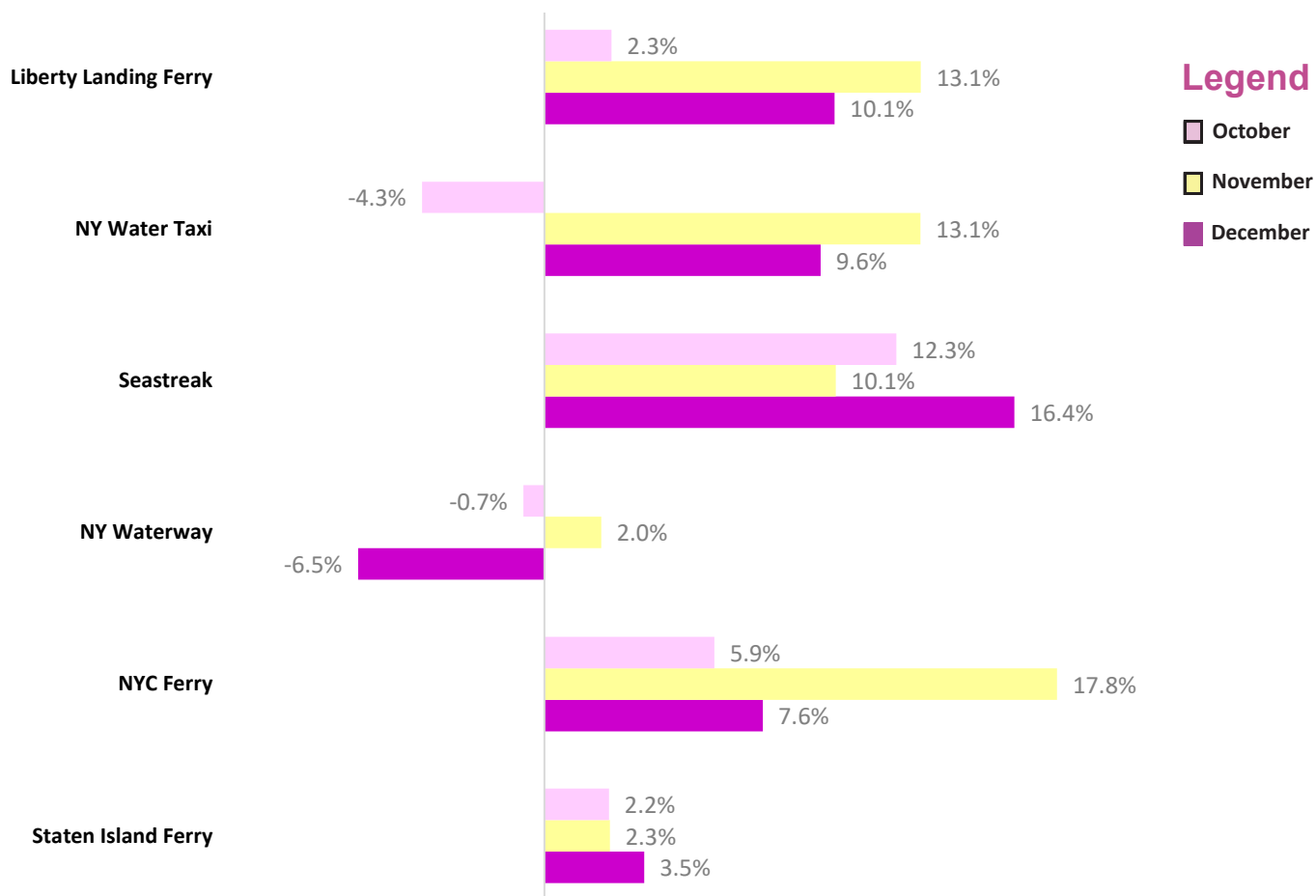
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n/c- No Comparable Data. This often happens when the route is new or seasonal and wasn't available in previous years of this quarter.

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,
Fourth Quarter, 2024



* Beginning from 2023, NY Waterway total counts exclude ferry tours from pier 78.

Average Weekday Ferry Ridership All Quarters, 2024

