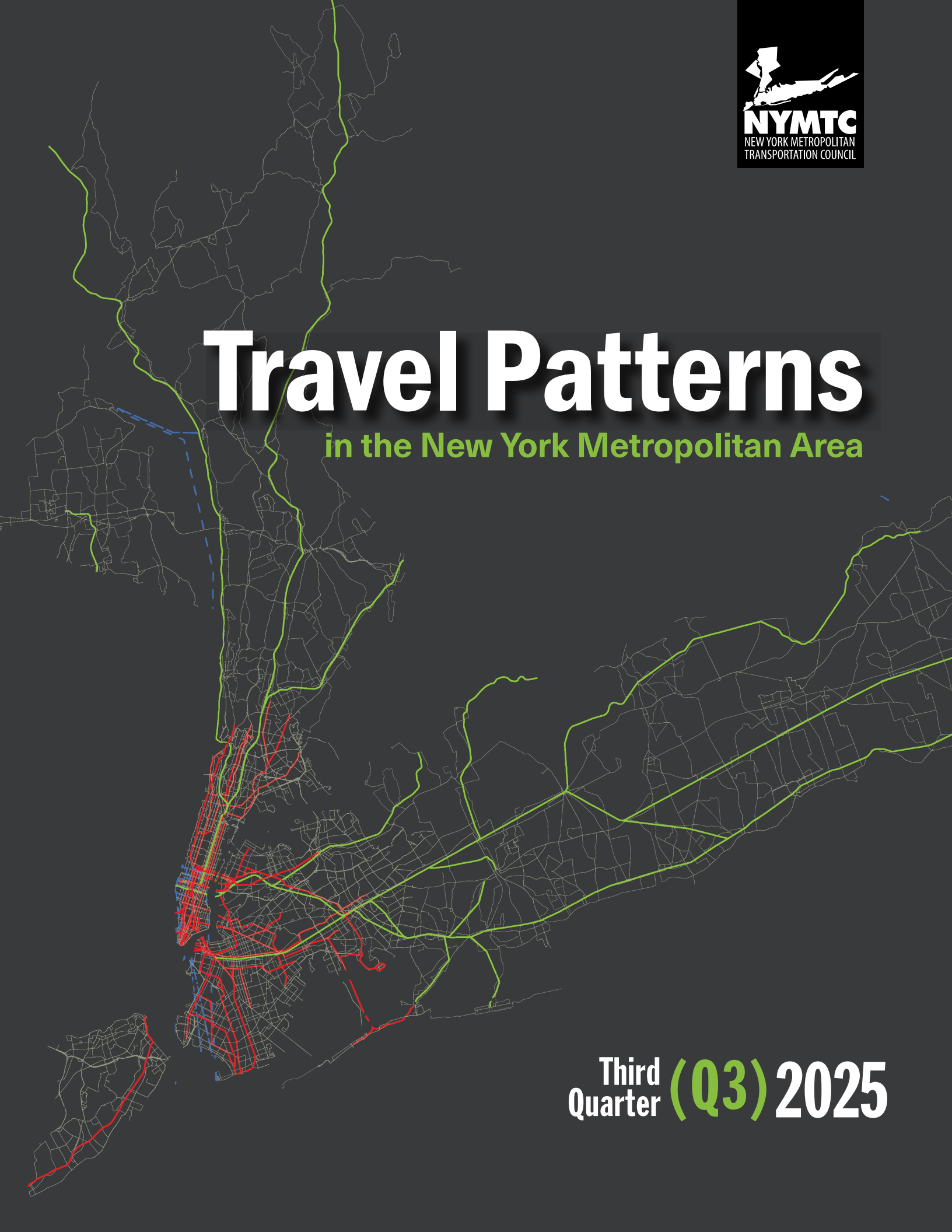




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in the New York Metropolitan Area

Third
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2025 - Third Quarter

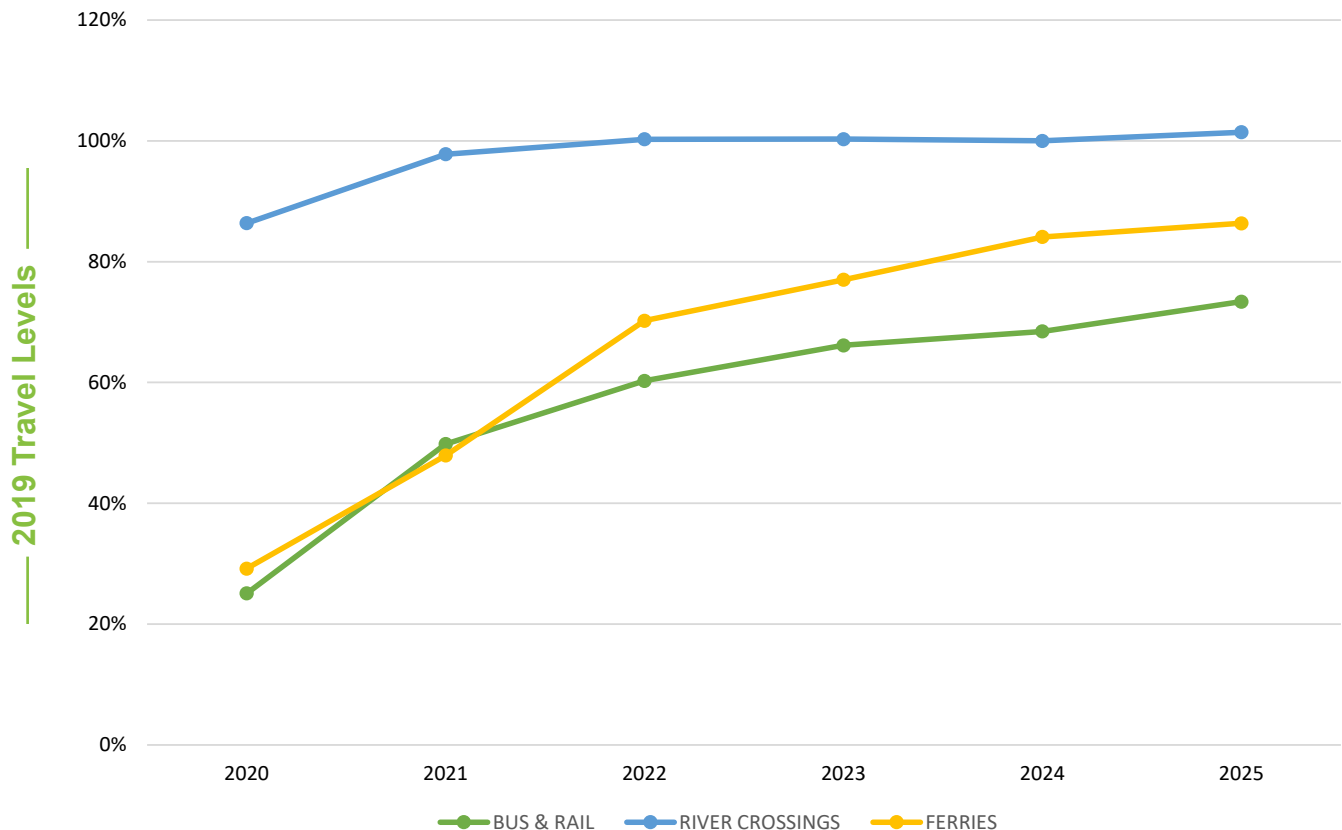
The information in this report is meant to provide a snapshot of travel from New York City, Long Island, the Lower Hudson Valley and northern New Jersey. Regional travel patterns may change for a variety of reasons, including economic changes, service disruptions, construction, weather conditions or 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 2025, reductions in travel due to the Covid-19 pandemic remain, but appear to be trending upward, except for river crossings which surpassed 2019 levels. Unlike in previous quarters of 2025, post-congestion pricing trip volumes for this quarter are lower for only New Jersey tunnels.

Highlights

- In 2025, vehicle river crossings volume increased by approximately 18 thousand or 1% compared to 2024. This is also about 26 thousand or 1.4% higher than in 2019.
- In 2025 transit trip volume increased by about 480 thousand or 7.14% compared to 2024. This is still about 2.6 million or 26% less than in 2019.

Weekday Average* of Bus & Rail, River Crossing, and Ferry Trips in the New York Metropolitan Area (Third Quarter, 2019-2025) 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, 2025

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

River Crossing		Agency	Jul 2025	Aug 2025	Sep 2025	2025 Qtr 3 Average	2024 to 2025 % Change	2019 to 2025 % Change
East River and Long Island Sound Crossings (1)								
Queens Midtown Tunnel		MTA B&T	84,673	85,600	87,153	85,809	2.5	-0.9
Hugh L. Carey Tunnel	(2)	MTA B&T	63,339	63,307	65,255	63,967	0.9	12.3
RFK Bridge-Bronx Plaza	(3)	MTA B&T	150,065	152,324	149,750	150,713	1.2	0.9
RFK Bridge-Manhattan Plaza	(3)	MTA B&T	49,180	47,919	48,696	48,598	-0.8	11.9
Bronx Whitestone Bridge		MTA B&T	148,425	150,774	143,042	147,413	5.2	3.4
Throgs Neck Bridge		MTA B&T	125,039	126,629	121,985	124,551	-1.8	0.5
Total			620,720	626,553	615,880	621,051	1.5	3.0
Hudson River Crossings								
George Washington Bridge	(4)	PANY&NJ	285,604	288,039	276,746	283,496	2.7	-2.1
Lincoln Tunnel	(4)	PANY&NJ	100,547	101,488	100,838	100,951	-4.6	0.0
Holland Tunnel	(4)	PANY&NJ	84,984	86,518	85,218	85,564	-1.4	0.7
Gov. Mario M. Cuomo Bridge	(5), (6)	NYS TA	161,794	162,783	155,847	160,141	-2.7	-2.1
Bear Mountain Bridge		NYS BA	22,845	22,966	23,184	22,998	12.0	-1.1
Total			655,773	661,793	641,833	653,150	-0.1	-1.4
Arthur Kill Crossings								
Bayonne Bridge	(4)	PANY&NJ	24,286	23,543	23,240	23,699	2.3	21.7
Goethals Bridge	(4)	PANY&NJ	105,979	107,858	102,457	105,440	1.8	7.1
Outerbridge Crossing	(4)	PANY&NJ	85,437	85,414	82,042	84,315	0.3	1.5
Total			215,702	216,815	207,739	213,454	1.3	6.2
Harlem River Crossings								
Henry Hudson Bridge		MTA B&T	72,871	72,625	76,635	74,044	4.0	-0.1
South Shore and Jamaica Bay Crossings								
Marine Parkway Bridge		MTA B&T	26,963	25,624	23,786	25,458	3.0	-3.6
Cross Bay Bridge		MTA B&T	24,405	22,890	22,700	23,331	0.3	-11.2
Atlantic Beach Bridge		NCBA	19,288	18,183	15,688	17,719	-2.5	-11.4
Total			70,656	66,696	62,173	66,508	0.6	-8.5
South Shore and Jamaica Bay Crossings								
Verrazzano-Narrows Bridge		MTA B&T	231,535	231,529	229,937	231,000	1.3	5.1
GRAND TOTAL			1,867,257	1,876,011	1,834,197	1,859,207	1.0	1.4

Notes:

- (1) Data is not available for New York City Department of Transportation owned bridges (Ed Koch Queensborough Bridge, Williamsburg Bridge, Manhattan Bridge, and Brooklyn Bridge).
(2) Hugh L. Carrey Tunnel was called Brooklyn Battery Tunnel prior to 2012.
(3) 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.
(4) Figure is a weighted daily average traffic volumes.
(5) Prior to 2017 this crossing was known as the Tappan Zee Bridge.
(6) Monthly average traffic data (including weekends).

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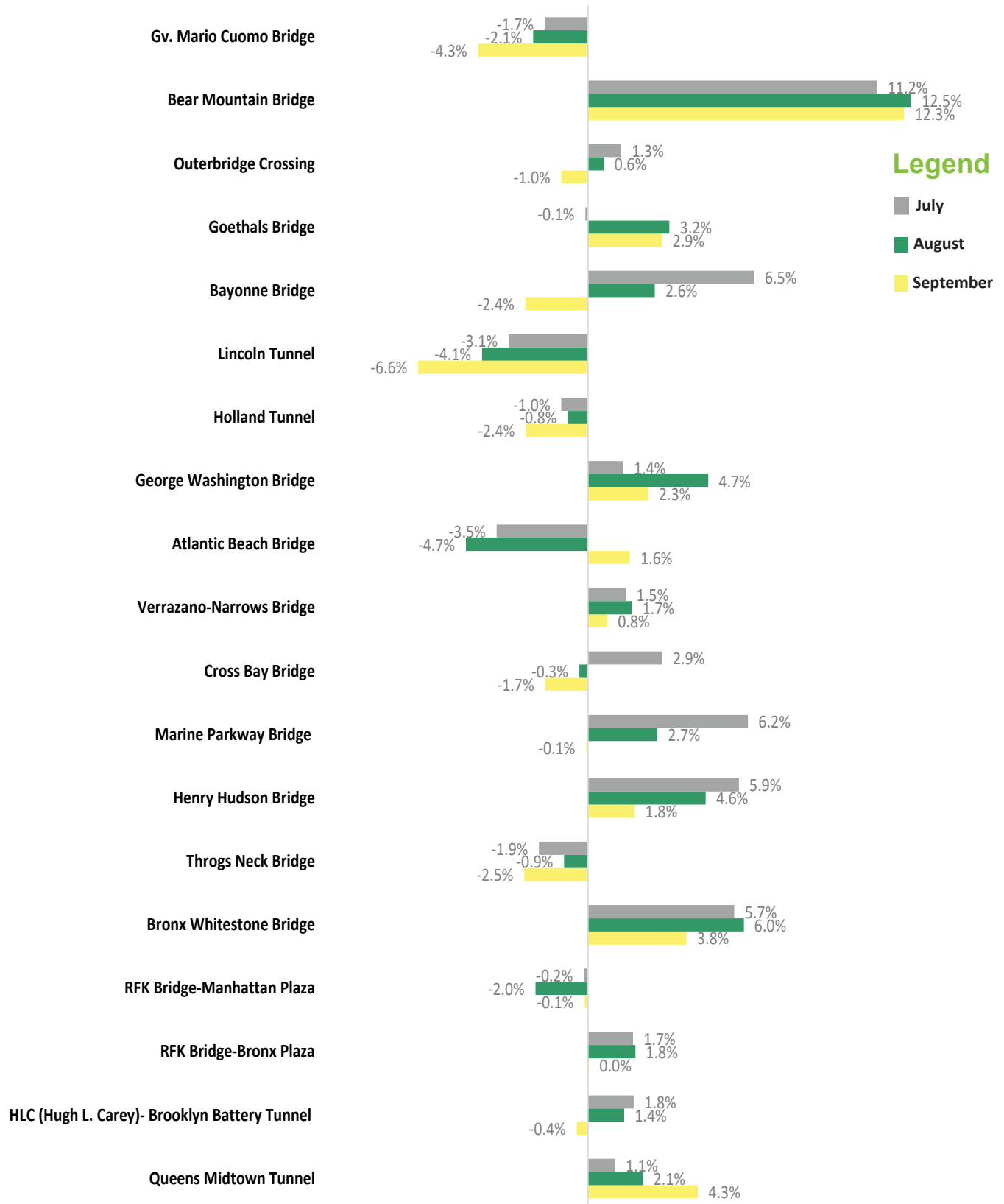
MTA B&T- Metropolitan Transportation Authority, Bridges and Tunnels
PANY&NJ - Port Authority of New York & New Jersey
NYS TA - New York State Thruway Authority
NYS BA - New York State Bridge Authority
NCBA - Nassau County Bridge Authority

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

Traffic Volume Changes at Tolled River Crossings

Year-Over-Year Weekday Data on Monthly Basis

Third Quarter, 2025



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.

Weekday Average Transit Ridership - Bus & Rail

Third Quarter, 2025

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

Transit Agencies and Mode of Travel	Jul 2025	Aug 2025	Sep 2025	2025 Qtr 3 Average	2024 to 2025 % Change	2019 to 2025 % Change
Rail System - Metropolitan Transportation Authority						
MTA/NYC Transit Subway	3,860,538	3,729,595	4,200,090	3,930,074	8.7	-27.2
MTA/Staten Island Railway	7,749	7,457	8,746	7,984	8.6	-46.5
MTA/Metro-North Railroad	231,045	214,307	241,044	228,799	7.4	-21.0
MTA/Long Island Rail Road (1)	277,296	280,656	294,154	284,035	10.7	-10.9
Total	4,376,628	4,232,015	4,744,034	4,450,892	8.8	-26.1
New York City Bus System						
MTA/NYC Transit Bus	1,115,282	1,079,904	1,175,198	1,123,461	12.0	-35.8
MTA Bus Company	291,675	281,161	301,098	291,311	7.1	-24.8
Total	1,406,957	1,361,065	1,476,296	1,414,773	10.9	-33.9
Trans-Hudson (PATH) Rail - The Port Authority of New York and New Jersey						
PATH-New York Stations	92,474	86,669	98,664	92,602	8.1	-29.1
PATH-New Jersey Stations	109,811	103,165	119,168	110,715	7.7	-30.3
Total	202,285	189,834	217,832	203,317	7.9	-29.7
New Jersey Transit Rail System (2)						
New Jersey Transit Rail				211,850	5.6	-34.9
Newark Light Rail (3)				17,950	-3.5	-12.7
Hudson Bergen Light Rail				55,250	0.8	3.4
River Line				5,650	-6.6	-35.4
Total				290,700	3.8	-28.8
Airport Rail Access - The Port Authority of New York and New Jersey						
Newark AirTrain (4)	21,370	21,315	20,333	21,006	-3.0	-35.1
JFK AirTrain (4)	82,938	83,932	75,811	80,893	10.5	31.2
Total	104,308	105,247	96,144	101,900	7.4	8.4
Suburban Bus Systems						
New Jersey Transit Bus*	(2)	(2)	(2)	447,700	-7.2	-13.9
Nassau Inter-County Express (NICE)	65,934	64,977	67,626	66,179	-10.9	-19.6
Westchester County Bee-Line Bus	79,026	78,433	89,934	82,464	-17.0	-4.5
Orange County Buses (5)	(2)	(2)	(2)	9,738	5.9	147.0
Putnam County Buses (4)	309	312	314	312	0.8	-13.4
Rockland County Buses (5), (6)	13,254	12,917	12,524	12,898	42.0	-4.7
Hudson Link Buses (7)	1,815	1,703	1,768	1,762	3.0	19.2
Dutchess County Public Transit	3,315	3,437	3,545	3,432	-5.9	18.2
City of Long Beach	433	463	455	450	1.0	-53.2
Suffolk County Buses (8)	17,663	19,326	19,412	18,801	8.1	-2.8
Total				643,737	-7.7	-12.0
GRAND TOTAL				7,105,318	7.2	-26.6

Notes:

(1) MTA Long Island 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.

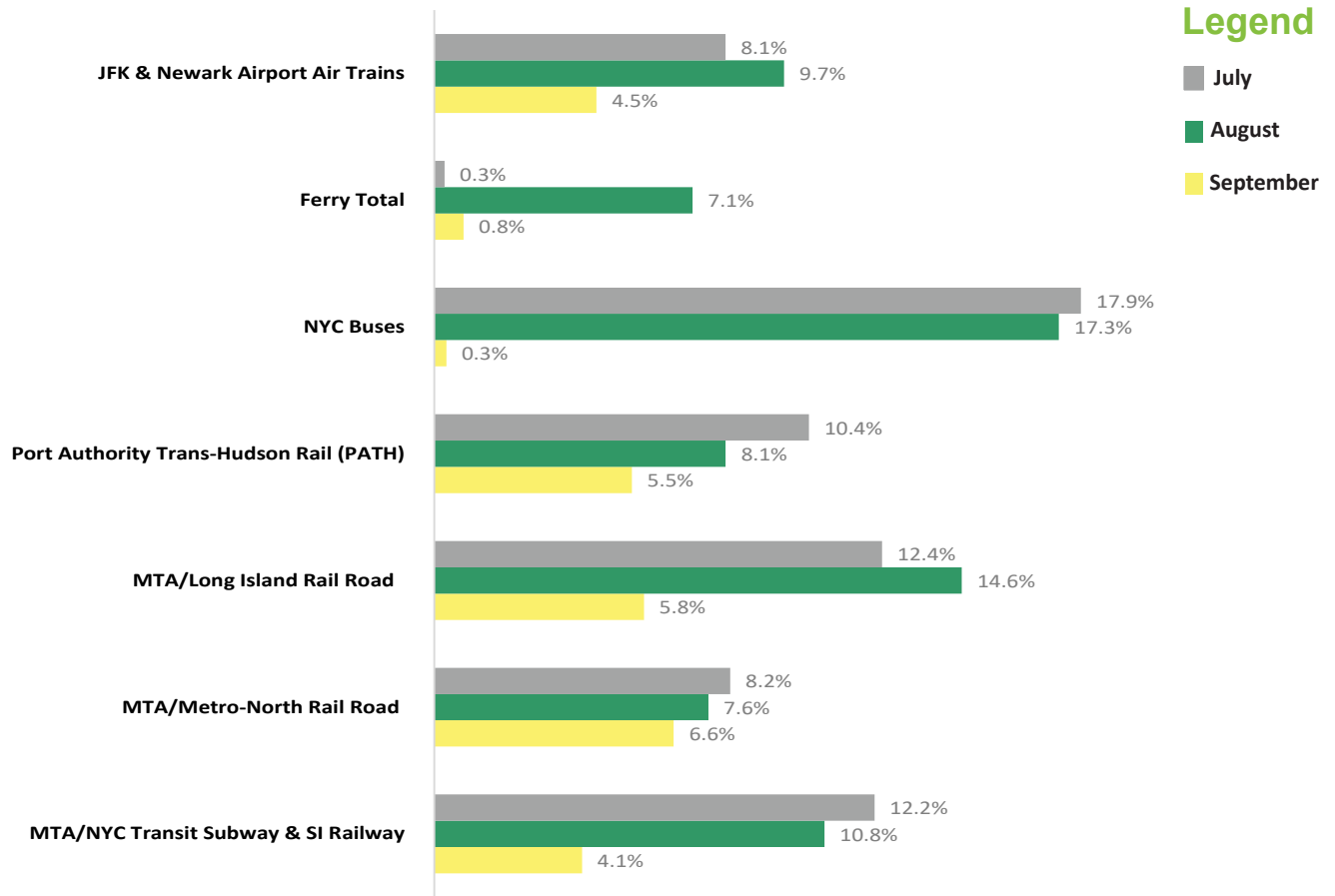
(8) Suffolk County includes local and pass-through buses, and Huntington Area Rapid Transit (HART).

* Due to issues with Passenger counting technology on some buses, the reported bus ridership may be lower than the previous year.

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, 2025, Year-Over-Year on a Monthly Basis

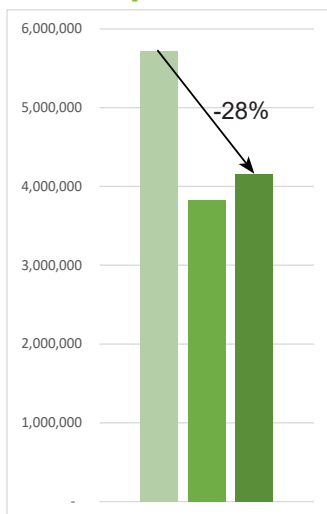


Note: NJTransit Rail and Suburban buses are not included in this graph because only quarterly data are available for some bus and rail operators.

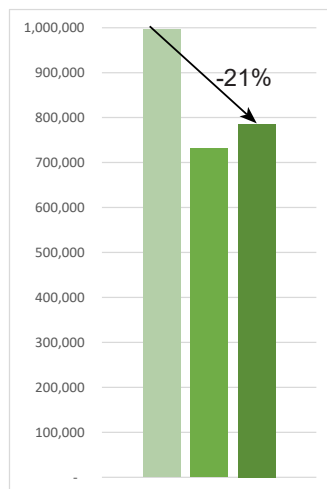
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2019 2024 2025

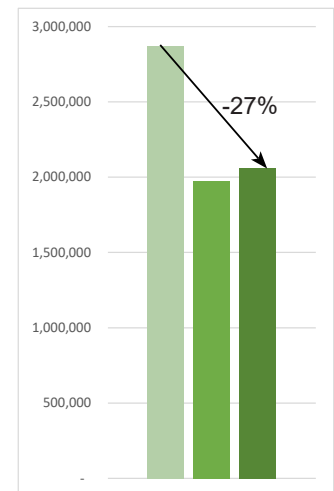
Rapid Rail



Suburban Rail



Bus



Note: Rapid rails include New York City subway, Staten Island railway, & PATH trains. Suburban Rail includes LIRR, Metro-North rail, and NJ Transit rail.
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Ferry Ridership

Third Quarter, 2025

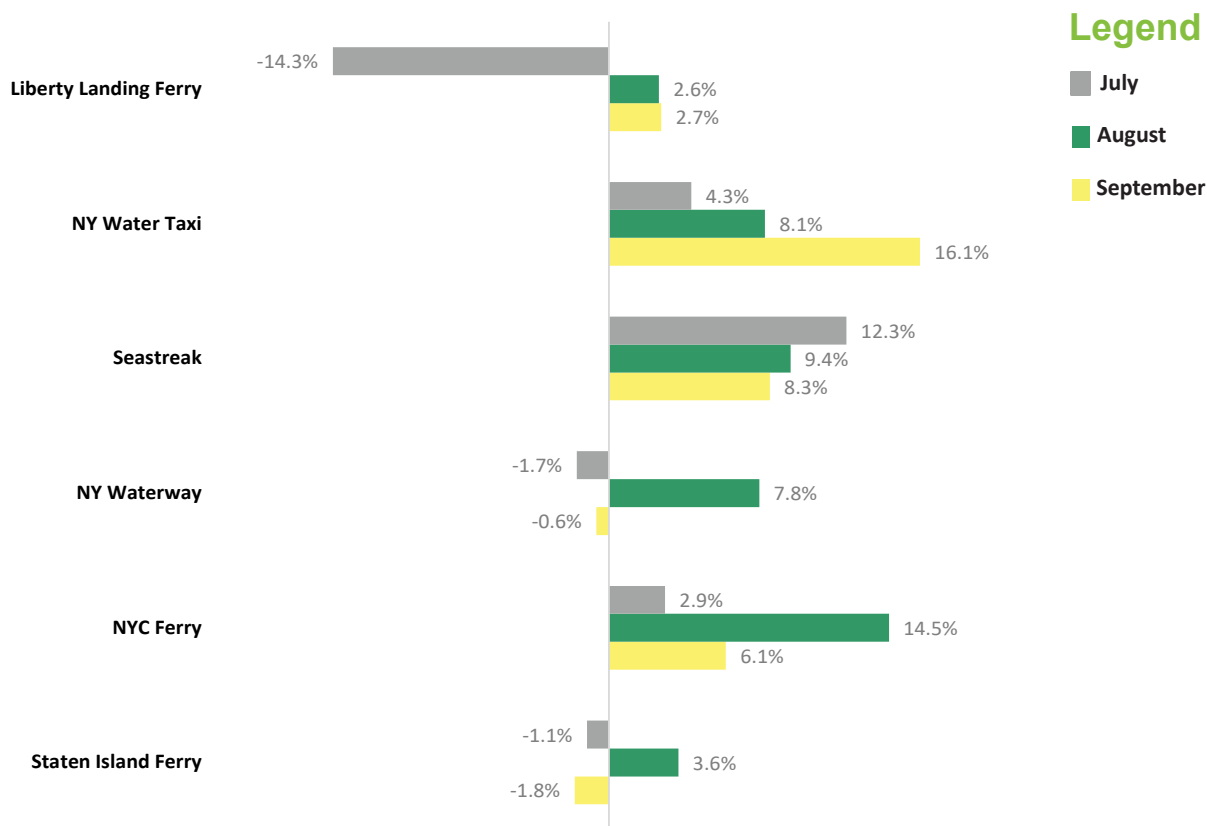
Average of Weekday Number of Passengers, Year-Over-Year and 2019 Comparison

Ferry Routes		Jul 2025	Aug 2025	Sep 2025	2025 Qtr 3 Average	2024 to 2025 % Change	2019 to 2025 % Change**
NYC Ferry							
East River	East River	9,110	9,099	9,144	9,118	13	
Rockaway	Rockaway	3,271	2,879	2,035	2,728	-2	
South Brooklyn	South Brooklyn	2,400	2,674	2,201	2,425	1	
Astoria	Astoria	5,083	5,189	4,746	5,006	0	
Soundview	Soundview	3,221	3,111	2,784	3,039	-4	
St. George	St. George	2,382	2,413	2,264	2,353	12	
Governor's Island	Governors Island	24	0	0	8	-84	
NYC Ferry, Total		25,491	25,366	23,173	24,677	5	7
Staten Island Ferry		53,414	54,229	49,114	52,252	0	-16
Public Ferries, Total		78,904	79,595	72,287	76,929	2	-10
NY Waterway*							
Pier 11	Paulus Hook	581	270	286	379	29	
	Liberty Harbor	198	164	202	188	-15	
	Hoboken - NJ Transit	583	541	601	575	13	
	Weehawken Midtown - Port Imperial	309	277	313	300	-9	
	South Amboy	152	142	181	158	n/c	
	Edgewater Landing	135	120	143	133	10	
	Hoboken North (14th Street Pier)	171	148	178	166	-1	
	Port Liberte	216	204	277	232	22	
BMB	Governors Island	4,670	4,535	4,688	4,631	-26	
World Financial Center/ BPT	Paulus Hook	3,010	2,731	2,755	2,832	2	
	Hoboken - NJ Transit	2,680	3,322	2,757	2,920	76	
	Weehawken - Lincoln Harbor	601	512	623	579	9	
	Hoboken North (14 Street Pier)	628	533	681	614	17	
	South Amboy	221	189	235	215	-14	
Pier 79	Weehawken Midtown - Port Imperial	4,808	4,499	4,712	4,673	0	
	Weehawken - Lincoln Harbor	1,418	1,267	1,371	1,352	13	
	Edgewater Landing	454	423	555	477	21	
	Hoboken North (14 Street Pier)	1,681	1,510	1,675	1,622	4	
	Lincoln Harbor - Hoboken North	56	0	0	19	-62	
	Paulus Hook	281	266	290	279	-6	
	Hoboken	218	308	253	259	53	
	South Amboy	12	16	8	12	-9	
	Governors Island	0	0	43	14	-41	
NY Waterway, Total		23,082	21,978	22,824	22,628	2	-26
Seastreak							
BMB Slip #5	Atlantic Highlands	1,165	977	1,100	1,081	2	
	Highlands	1,256	1,074	1,045	1,125	25	
	Belford	733	621	726	693	8	
	Sandy Hook	74	48	37	53	0	
Pier 79	Belford	93	78	87	86	6	
Belford	Brookfield Place	726	574	734	678	10	
	Paulus Hook	71	54	68	64	8	
East 34th Street	Atlantic Highlands	989	820	882	897	-8	
	Highlands	1,231	1,036	1,033	1,100	28	
	Sandy Hook	61	46	28	45	-4	
Seastreak, Total		6,399	5,327	5,741	5,822	10	19
NY Water Taxi							
NYU / Langone Shuttle	E 34 St	217	210	232	220	9	
	Sunset Park /BAT	221	214	235	223	10	
NY Water Taxi, Total		437	425	467	443	9	-56
Liberty Landing Ferry							
WFC/BPT	Liberty Landing, Total	497	438	399	445	-4	-65
Private Ferries, Total		30,415	28,168	29,432	29,338	3	-52
Ferries, Grand Total		109,319	107,762	101,719	106,267	2	-14

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

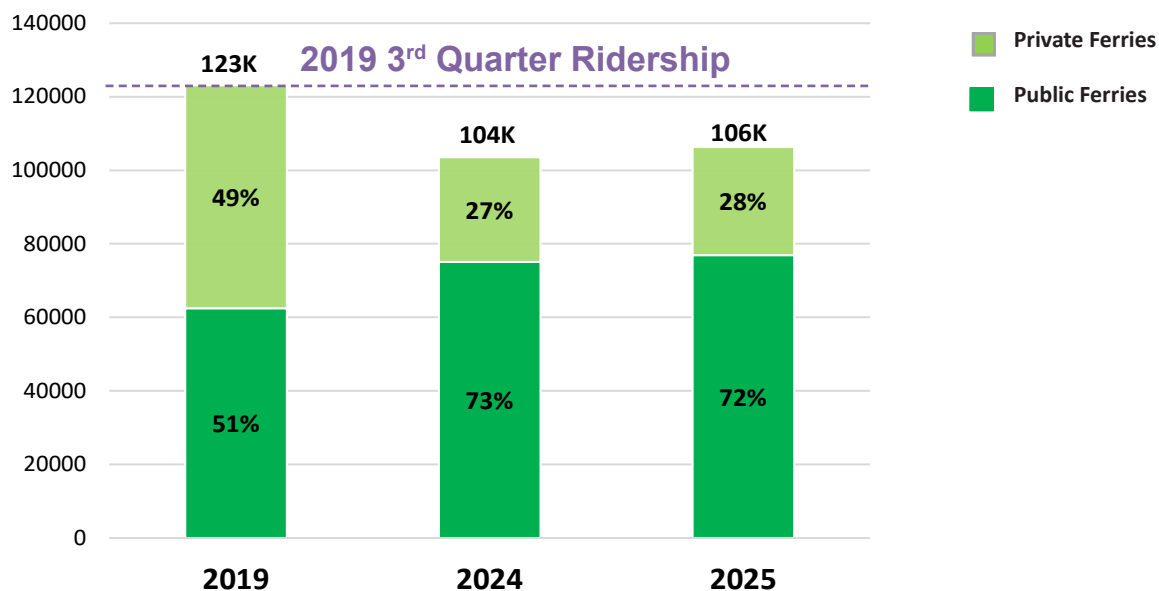
Change in Weekday Average Ferry Ridership

Year-Over-Year Weekday Data on Monthly Basis,
Third Quarter, 2025



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

Total Weekday Average Ferry Ridership For Public and Private Ferries Third Quarter, 2019, 2024, and 2025



Note: NYC ferry was counted as part of private ferries in prior years. Beginning from 2023, NYC ferries have been counted as a public ferry in this report series.