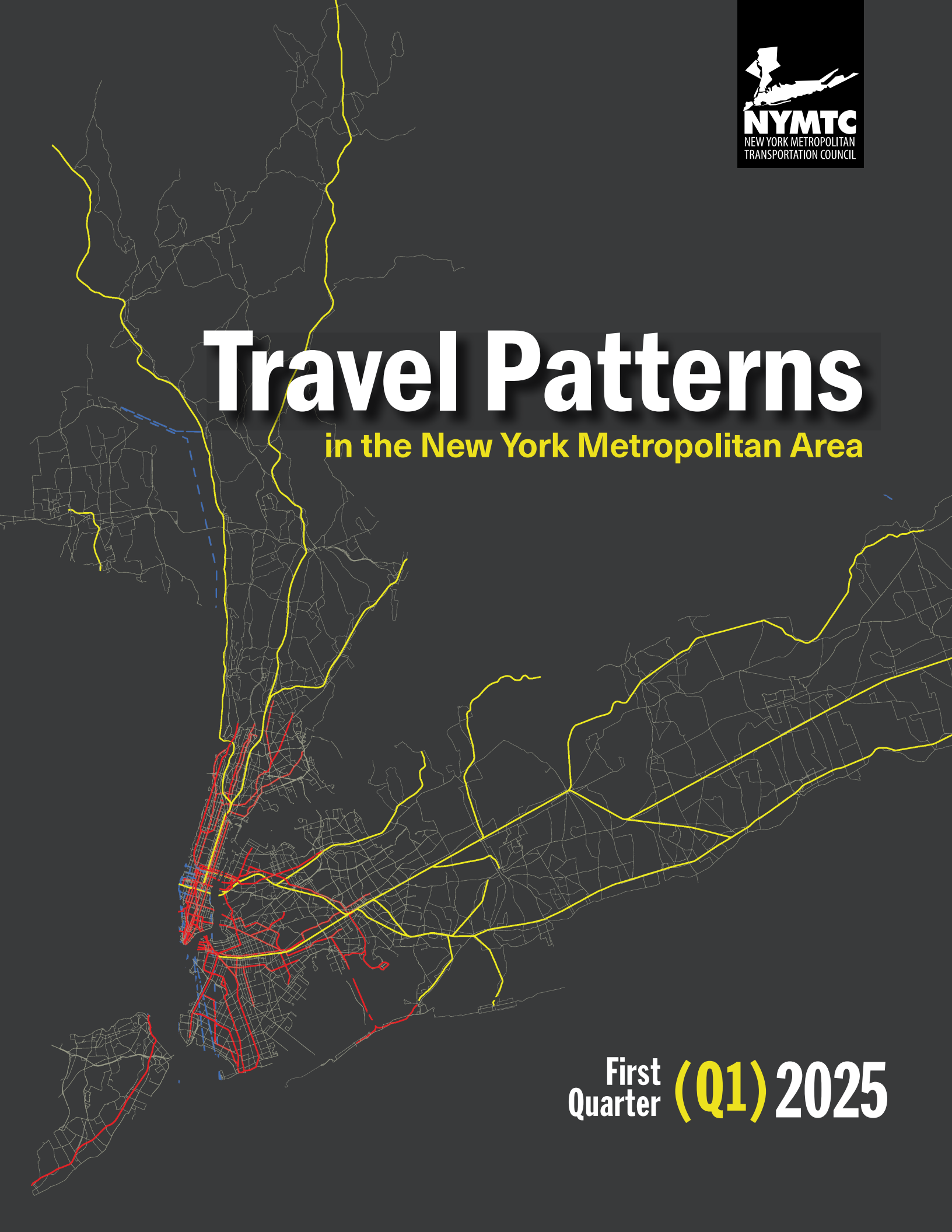




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2025 - First Quarter

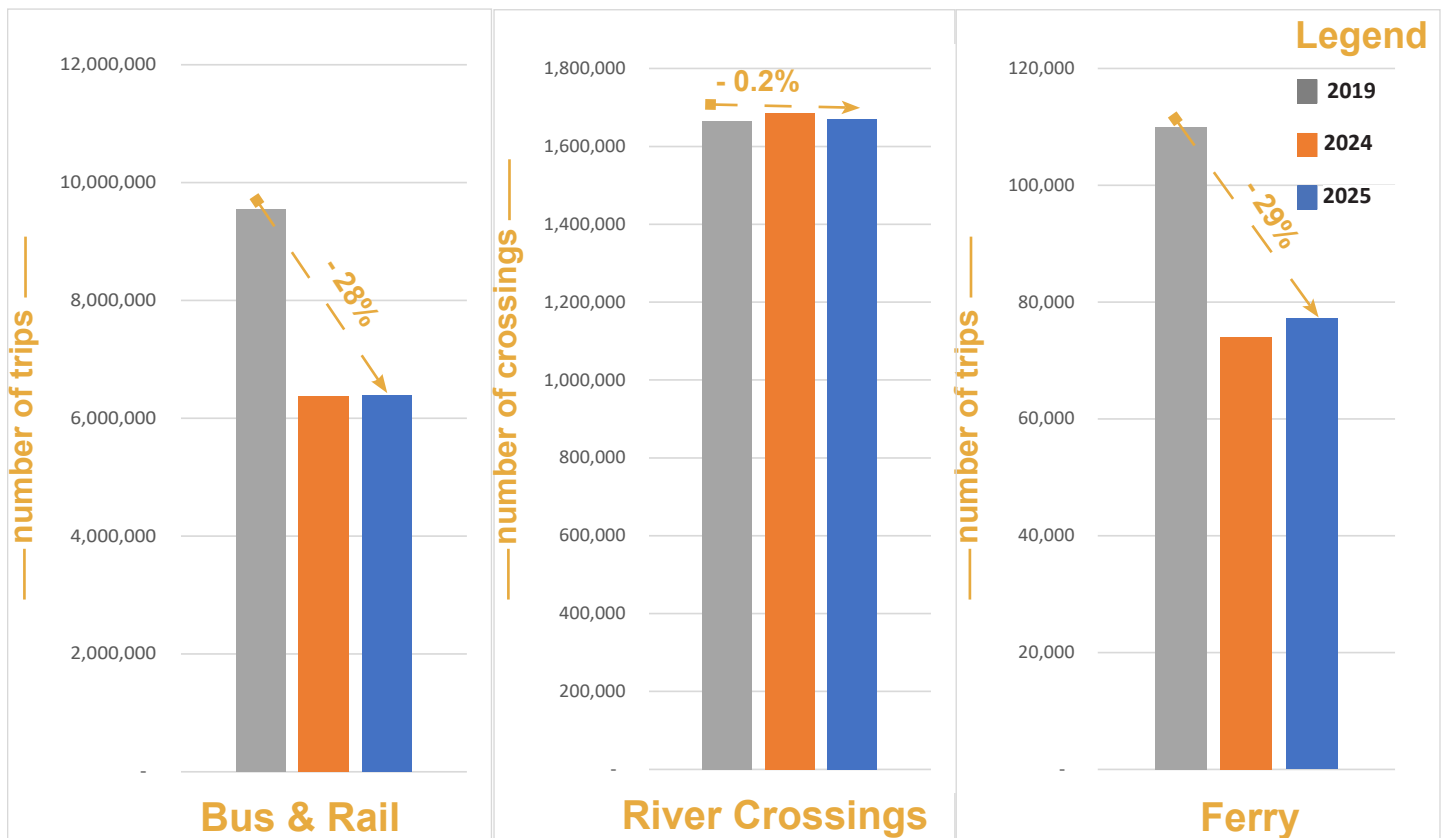
The information in this report is meant to provide a snapshot of travel from New York City, Long Island, the lower Hudson Valley, and northern New Jersey. Regional travel patterns may change for a variety of reasons, including economic changes, service disruptions, construction, weather conditions or 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 2025, reductions in travel due to the COVID-19 pandemic remain, but appear to be trending upward, except for river crossings which reached 2019 levels. The implementation of congestion pricing shows reductions in river crossings for tunnels leading to Manhattan CBD compared to 2024.

Highlights

- In 2025, vehicle river crossings volume decreased by about 3 thousand or 0.2% compared to 2024. This is still almost 19 thousand or 1% higher than in 2019.
- In 2025 transit trip volume increased by about 487 thousand or 8% compared to 2024. This is still about 2.7 million or 28% less than in 2019.

Weekday Average* River Crossings & Transit Trips In the New York Metropolitan Area First Quarter, 2019 vs. 2024 vs. 2025



* 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, 2025

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

River Crossing		Agency	Jan 2025	Feb 2025	Mar 2025	2025 Qtr 1 Average	2024 to 2025 % Change	2019 to 2025 % Change
East River and Long Island Sound Crossings (1)								
Queens Midtown Tunnel		MTA B&T	72,811	77,642	79,394	76,616	-5.4	-6.7
Hugh L. Carey Tunnel	(2)	MTA B&T	56,789	60,475	62,231	59,831	-4.4	7.0
RFK Bridge-Bronx Plaza	(3)	MTA B&T	136,334	139,065	144,307	139,902	0.7	0.7
RFK Bridge-Manhattan Plaza	(3)	MTA B&T	43,793	46,039	48,590	46,140	3.3	13.2
Bronx Whitestone Bridge		MTA B&T	123,690	127,722	132,114	127,842	0.1	1.0
Throgs Neck Bridge		MTA B&T	113,388	115,543	120,146	116,359	3.4	0.9
Total			546,804	566,484	586,781	566,690	-0.1	1.3
Hudson River Crossings								
George Washington Bridge	(4)	PANY&NJ	252,349	258,251	266,211	258,960	1.1	-0.2
Lincoln Tunnel	(4)	PANY&NJ	90,436	94,881	98,672	94,656	-6.5	-3.4
Holland Tunnel	(4)	PANY&NJ	73,891	77,351	79,773	76,994	-5.2	-3.1
Gov. Mario M. Cuomo Bridge	(5), (6)	NYS TA	125,901	131,119	145,834	134,285	-3.8	-2.4
Bear Mountain Bridge		NYS BA	19,215	19,220	21,238	19,891	10.3	-4.8
Total			561,792	580,821	611,728	584,786	-1.9	-1.8
Arthur Kill Crossings								
Bayonne Bridge	(4)	PANY&NJ	20,719	20,799	21,164	20,897	-0.1	26.8
Goethals Bridge	(4)	PANY&NJ	93,651	94,830	98,356	95,638	4.3	8.8
Outerbridge Crossing	(4)	PANY&NJ	73,749	75,289	78,440	75,844	0.4	0.5
Total			188,119	190,918	197,960	192,379	2.2	7.0
Harlem River Crossings								
Henry Hudson Bridge		MTA B&T	63,377	65,988	69,574	66,313	-0.8	-4.9
South Shore and Jamaica Bay Crossings								
Marine Parkway Bridge		MTA B&T	20,359	20,358	21,841	20,853	2.2	-1.4
Cross Bay Bridge		MTA B&T	21,222	21,782	22,889	21,964	5.5	-5.5
Atlantic Beach Bridge		NCBA	13,126	12,802	14,068	13,332	11.4	1.5
Total			54,708	54,942	58,797	56,149	5.6	-2.4
New York Bay Crossings								
Verrazzano-Narrows Bridge		MTA B&T	212,130	214,702	222,298	216,377	1.3	6.1
GRAND TOTAL			1,626,931	1,673,856	1,747,139	1,682,693	-0.2	1.0

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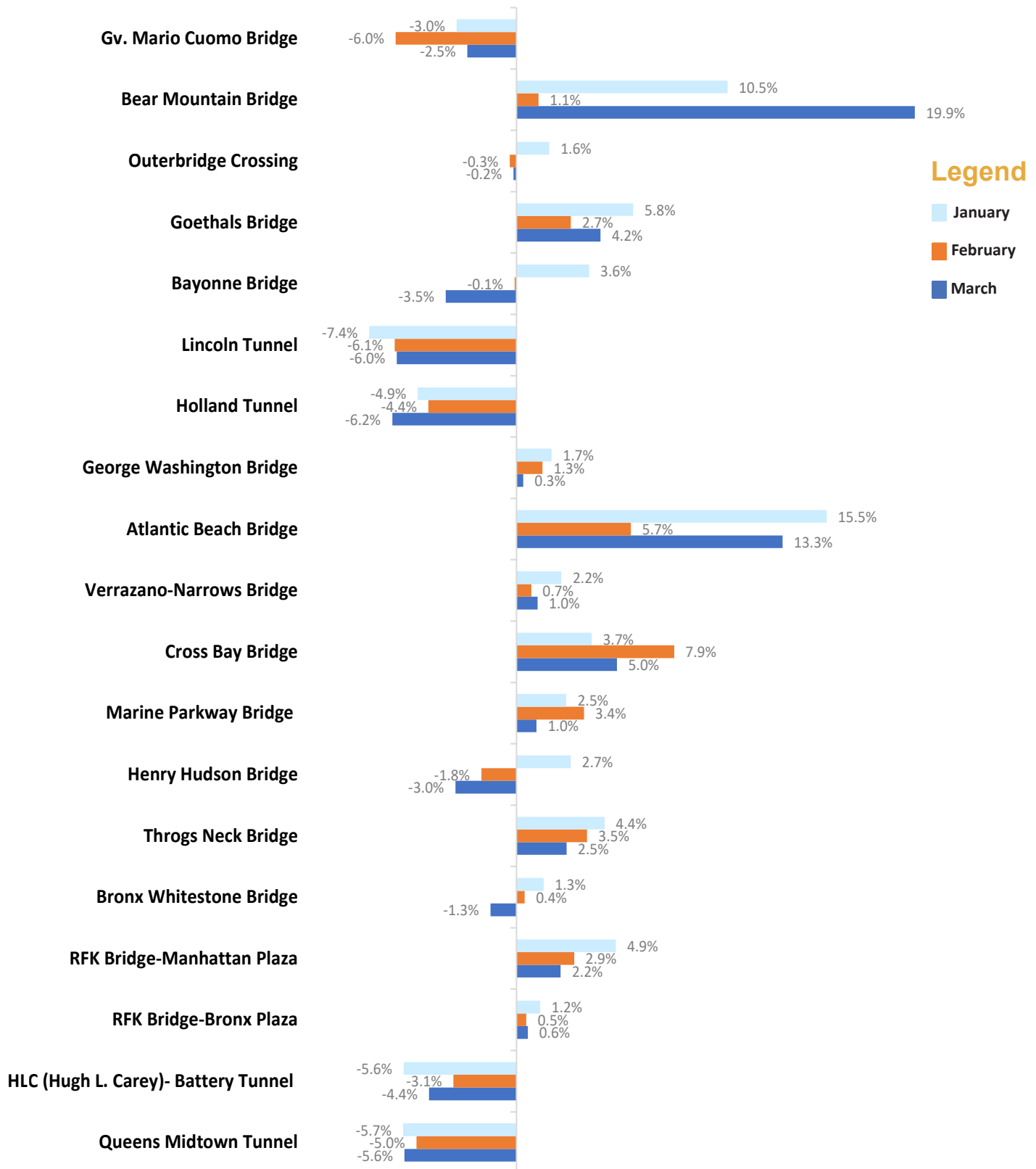
MTA B&T- Metropolitan Transportation Authority, Bridges and Tunnels
PANY&NJ - Port Authority of New York & New Jersey
NYS TA - New York State Thruway Authority
NYS BA - New York State Bridge Authority
NCBA - Nassau County Bridge Authority

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

First 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.

Weekday Average Transit Ridership - Bus & Rail

First Quarter, 2025

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

Transit Agencies and Mode of Travel	Jan 2025	Feb 2025	Mar 2025	2025 Qtr 1 Average	2024 to 2025 % Change	2019 to 2025 % Change
Rail System - Metropolitan Transportation Authority						
MTA/NYC Transit Subway	3,645,730	3,911,326	4,032,161	3,863,072	7.6	-28.2
MTA/Staten Island Railway	7,643	7,946	8,680	8,090	0.6	-49.6
MTA/Metro-North Railroad	203,762	201,993	217,625	207,793	5.8	-25.5
MTA/Long Island Rail Road (1)	246,006	247,226	263,937	252,390	9.5	-17.6
Total	4,103,141	4,368,491	4,522,403	4,331,345	7.6	-27.6
New York City Bus System						
MTA/NYC Transit Bus	1,040,491	1,126,700	1,170,913	1,112,701	13.7	-36.8
MTA Bus Company	272,653	294,149	308,390	291,731	11.0	-24.5
Total	1,313,144	1,420,849	1,479,303	1,404,432	13.1	-34.6
Trans-Hudson (PATH) Rail - The Port Authority of New York and New Jersey						
PATH-New York Stations	81,641	77,850	88,552	82,681	7.3	-33.8
PATH-New Jersey Stations	96,554	91,896	105,574	98,008	5.1	-35.7
Total	178,195	169,746	194,126	180,689	6.1	-34.8
New Jersey Transit Rail System (2)						
New Jersey Transit Rail				192,700	-0.1	-36.8
Newark Light Rail (3)				17,150	1.5	-8.0
Hudson Bergen Light Rail				47,300	10.1	-9.0
River Line				4,650	-16.2	-42.9
Total				261,800	1.4	-31.7
Airport Rail Access - The Port Authority of New York and New Jersey						
Newark AirTrain (4)	14,625	16,899	18,424	16,649	-0.9	-35.4
JFK AirTrain (4)	60,843	59,458	65,986	62,095	6.3	21.4
Total	75,467	76,357	84,410	78,745	4.7	2.4
Suburban Bus Systems						
New Jersey Transit Bus	(2)	(2)	(2)	440,200	-2.5	-9.7
Nassau Inter-County Express (NICE)	60,902	64,813	68,618	64,778	0.6	-15.7
Westchester County Bee-Line Bus	79,086	79,886	87,655	82,209	5.2	-1.1
Orange County Buses (5)	(2)	(2)	(2)	8,460	20.9	127.8
Putnam County Buses (4)	241	240	268	250	-1.5	-19.6
Rockland County Buses (5), (6)	8,968	10,744	12,303	10,671	17.0	-15.8
Hudson Link Buses (7)	1,487	1,519	1,625	1,544	2.9	19.4
Dutchess County Public Transit	2,710	2,917	3,172	2,933	-6.8	14.4
City of Long Beach	314	303	330	316	-0.7	-66.3
Suffolk County Buses (8)	13,969	14,626	17,352	15,316	15.6	-7.3
Total				626,676	-0.3	-8.6
Grand Total				6,883,686	7.6	-27.9

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.

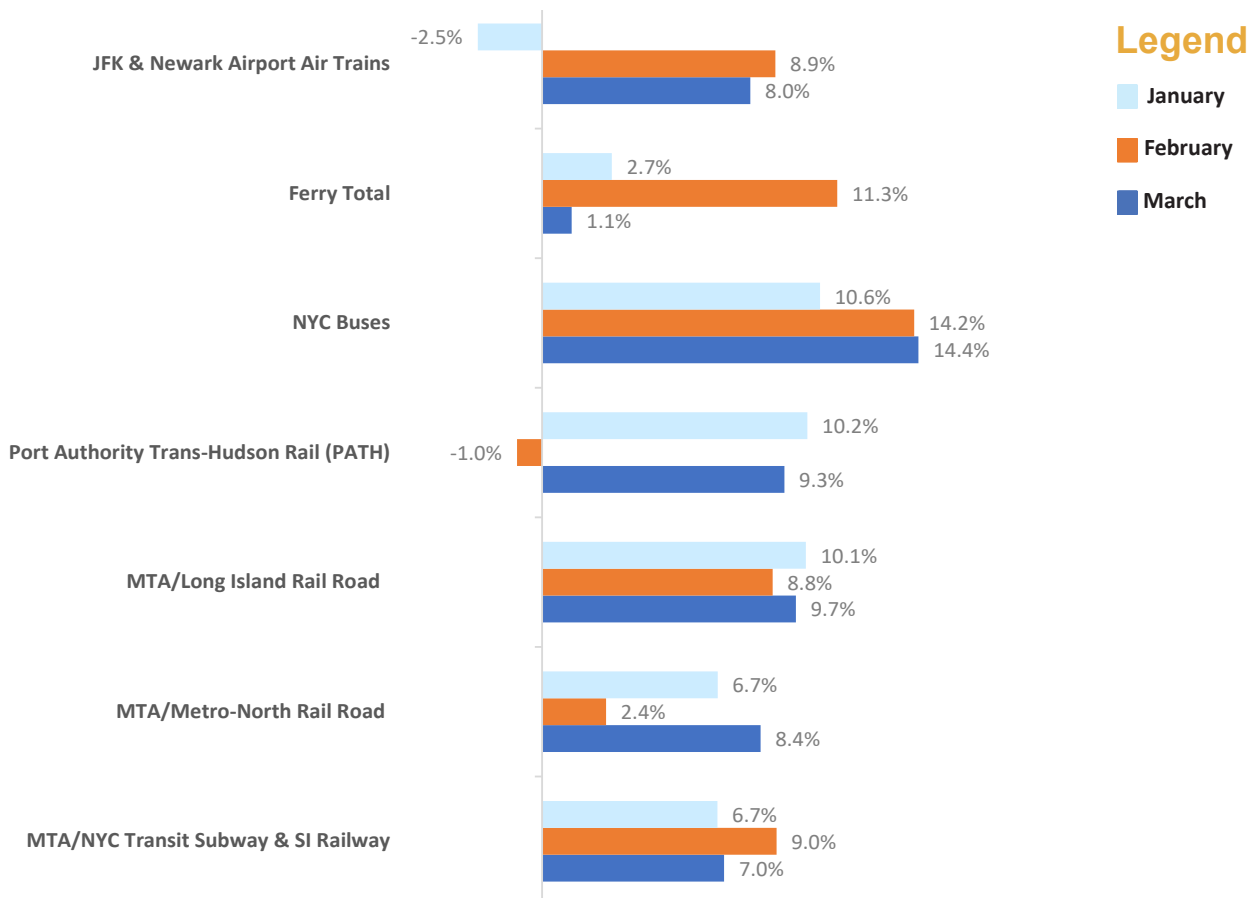
(7) Hudson Link Bus service started in October 2018. It replaced the former Tappan Zee Express Bus, which ran between White Plains and Suffern. The bus service is often referred to simply as the "Hudson Link". The bus is operated by Transdev under contract to the New York State Department of Transportation.

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

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

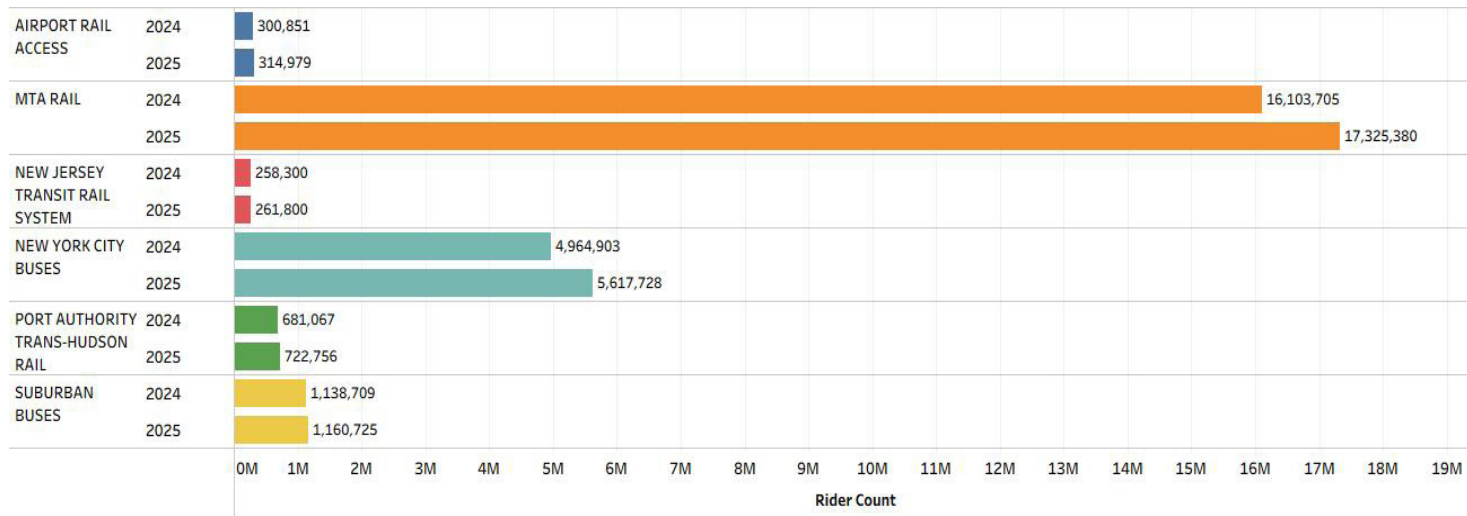
First Quarter, 2025, Year-Over-Year on a Monthly Basis



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

Comparison of Weekday Average Passenger Volumes by Public Transportation Mode

First Quarter, 2024 and 2025



Ferry Ridership First Quarter, 2025

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

Ferry Routes		Jan 2025	Feb 2025	Mar 2025	2025 Qtr 1 Average	2024 to 2025 % Change	2019 to 2025 % Change
NYC Ferry							
East River	East River	4,582	4,962	7,548	5,697	31	
Rockaway	Rockaway	909	1,054	1,216	1,060	8	
South Brooklyn	South Brooklyn	860	857	1,138	951	12	
Astoria	Astoria	2,938	3,060	3,479	3,159	-1	
Soundview	Soundview	1,798	1,812	2,048	1,886	2	
St. George	St. George	1,277	1,324	1,539	1,380	10	
NYC Ferry, Total		12,365	13,070	16,967	14,134	13	49
Staten Island Ferry		37,848	40,192	44,678	40,906	0	-41
Public Ferries, Total		50,213	53,262	61,646	55,040	3	-30
NY Waterway							
Pier 11	Paulus Hook	240	255	251	249	3	
	Liberty Harbor	160	141	156	152	-17	
	Hoboken - NJ Transit	469	989	495	651	40	
	Weehawken	315	346	298	320	-6	
	Edgewater-Downtown	93	108	107	103	-15	
	Hoboken (14 Street Pier)	163	131	154	149	-41	
	Port Liberte	163	164	167	165	24	
BMB	Governors Island	2,028	2,399	2,835	2,421	-8	
World Financial Center/ BPT	Paulus Hook	1,811	1,903	2,109	1,941	-6	
	Hoboken - NJ Transit	1,707	5,245	1,901	2,951	121	
	Weehawken	499	490	540	510	5	
	Hoboken 14	494	882	546	641	76	
	South Amboy	245	212	203	220	30	
Pier 79	Weehawken Midtown	3,683	3,296	3,683	3,554	-15	
	Lincoln Harbor	974	1,034	1,137	1,049	5	
	Edgewater	356	364	412	377	-6	
	Hoboken North (14)	1,238	1,552	1,355	1,382	5	
	Lincoln Harbor - HoboN	62	46	-	36	29	
	Paulus Hook	199	190	231	206	-2	
	Hoboken - NJ Transit	145	867	155	389	212	
	South Amboy	7	8	7	7	-1	
NY Waterway, Total*		15,061	20,682	16,843	17,529	9	-34
Seastreak							
Pier 11	Atlantic Highlands	792	804	878	825	3	
	Highlands	843	816	835	831	14	
	Belford	555	562	592	570	-3	
Pier 79	Belford	52	46	55	51	-6	
Belford	Brookfield Place	641	626	664	644	10	
	Paulus Hook	59	62	58	60	4	
East 34th Street	Atlantic Highlands	645	651	712	669	-4	
	Highlands	817	784	819	807	13	
Seastreak, Total		4,404	4,351	4,614	4,456	6	17
NY Water Taxi							
NYU / Langone Shuttle	E 34 St	193	198	196	196	4	
	Sunset Park /BAT	192	200	199	197	4	
NY Water Taxi, Total		385	399	395	393	4	-41
Liberty Landing Ferry							
WFC/BPT	Liberty Landing, Total	179	399	230	269	31	-55
Private Ferries, Total		20,029	25,830	22,081	22,647	9	-45
Ferries, Grand Total		70,242	79,093	83,726	77,687	5	-29

* 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.

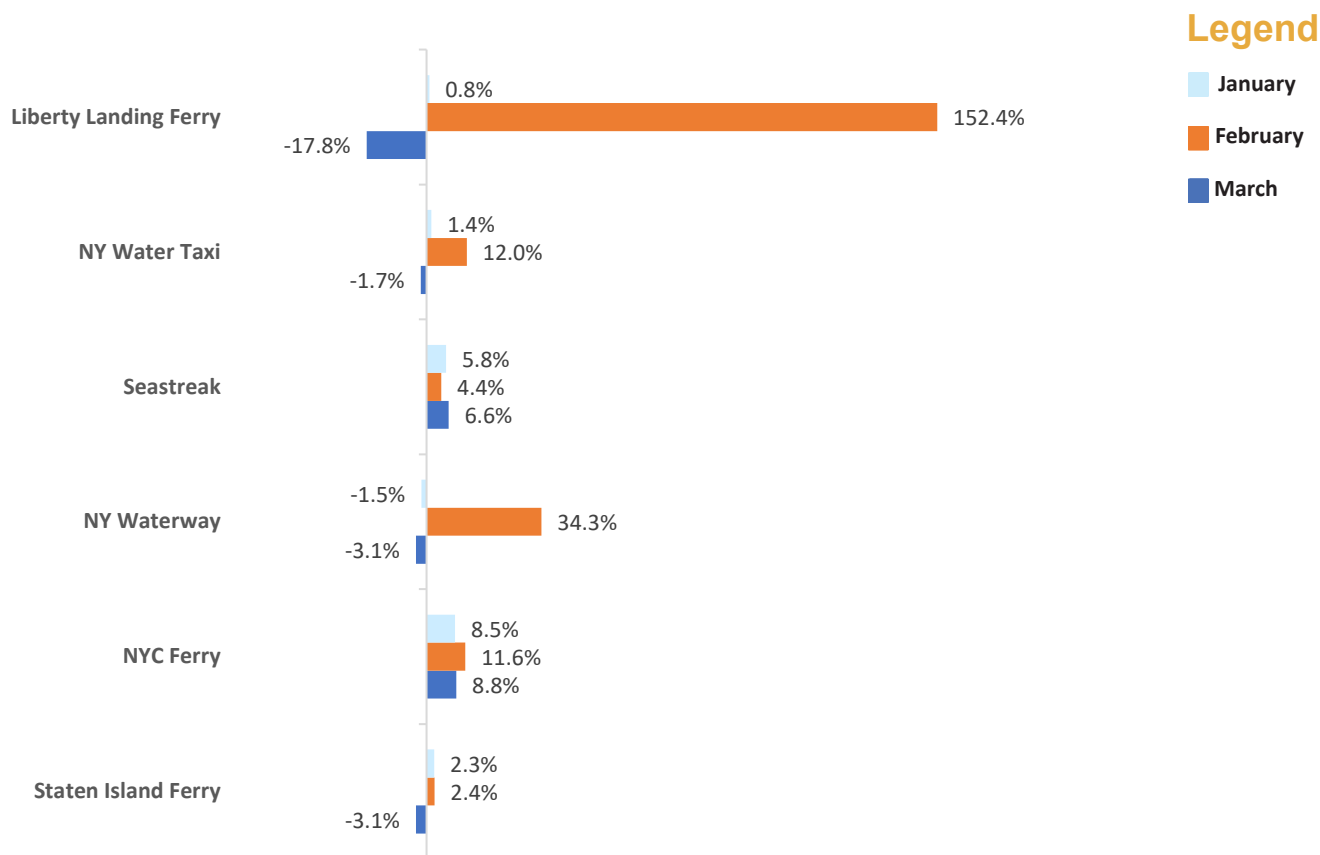
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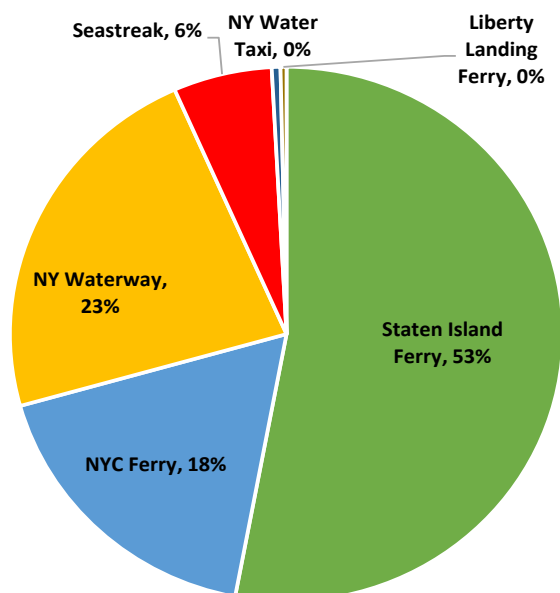
Change in Average Weekday Ferry Ridership

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



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

Weekday Average Ferry Ridership for First Quarter Months, 2025



*Public Ferries include Staten Island Ferry and NYC Ferry.