

Travel Patterns

in the New York Metropolitan Area

Fourth
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2025 - Fourth Quarter

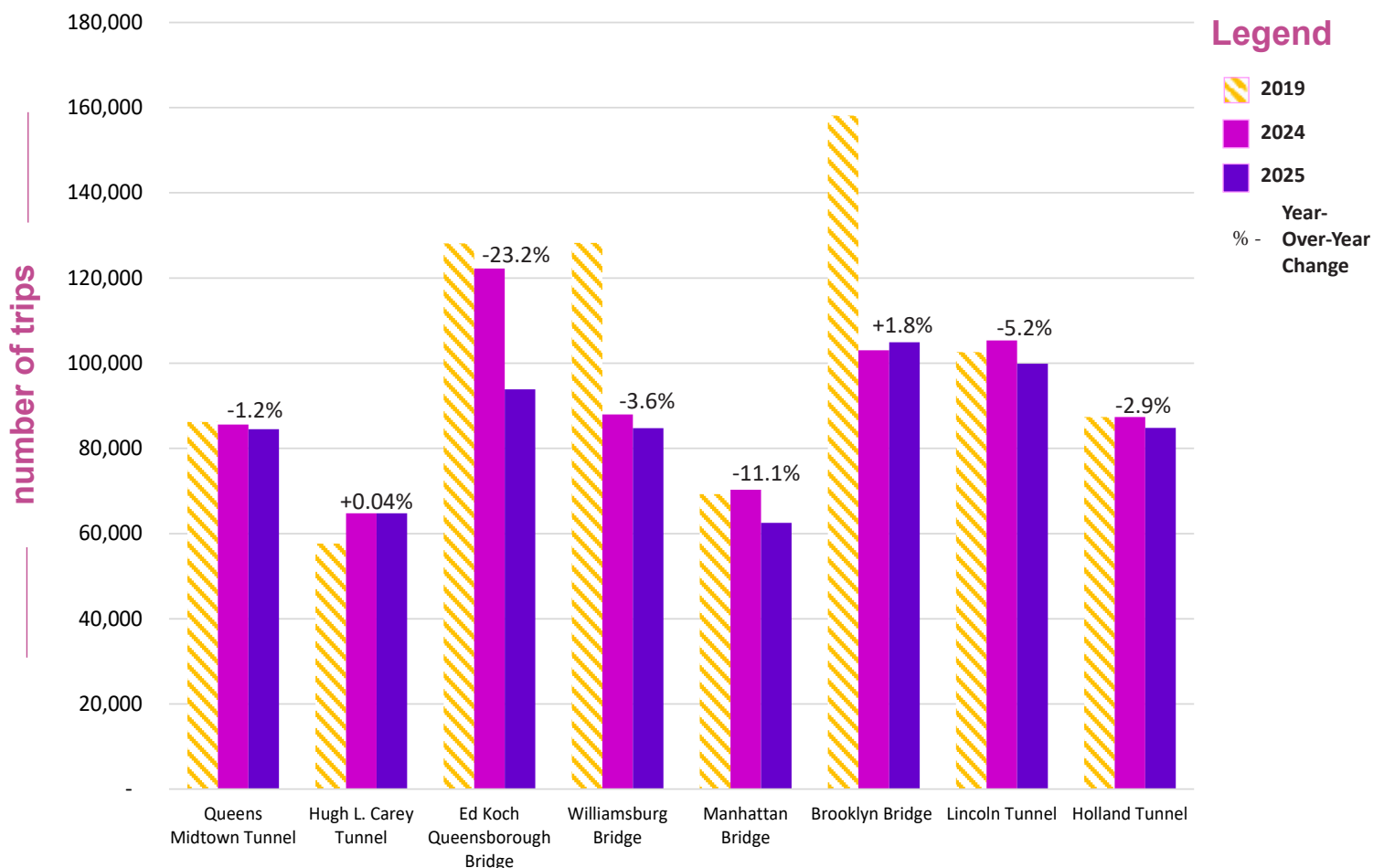
The information in this report is meant to provide a snapshot of travel from New York City, Long Island, the Lower Hudson Valley and northern New Jersey. Regional travel patterns may change for a variety of reasons, including economic changes, service disruptions, construction, weather conditions or 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 2025, reductions in travel due to the COVID-19 pandemic remain, but appear to be trending upward. In the aftermath of congestion pricing since the first quarter of 2025, fourth quarter river crossing volumes decreased for all bridges and tunnels leading to Manhattan Central Business District compared to 2024, except for the Brooklyn Bridge.

Highlights

- In 2025, vehicle river crossings volume decreased by about 20 thousand or 1% compared to 2024. This is also about 110 thousand or 4.81% lower than in 2019.
- In 2025, transit trip volume increased by about 80 thousand or about 1.11% compared to 2024. This is still about 2.7 million or 27% less than in 2019.

Weekday Average* River Crossings in NYC Congestion Zone 4th Quarter (2019 - 2025) 2024 to 2025 Percent Changes Shown



*Ed Koch QBB count in the above graph excludes Northbound ramp counts, which pass over the CBD, showing results only for the CBD entries for all 3 years.

Traffic Volumes at Major Vehicular River Crossings

Fourth Quarter, 2025

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

River Crossing		Agency	Oct 2025	Nov 2025	Dec 2025	2025 Qtr 4 Average	2024 to 2025 % Change	2019 to 2025 % Change
East River and Long Island Sound Crossings								
Queens Midtown Tunnel		MTA B&T	86,846	84,470	82,301	84,539	-1.2	-1.9
Hugh L. Carey Tunnel	(1)	MTA B&T	64,577	65,511	64,283	64,790	0.0	12.3
RFK Bridge-Bronx Plaza	(2)	MTA B&T	147,816	146,660	143,426	145,967	-0.3	1.5
RFK Bridge-Manhattan Plaza	(2)	MTA B&T	48,348	47,473	47,267	47,696	1.5	13.1
Bronx Whitestone Bridge		MTA B&T	139,190	141,134	135,354	138,560	2.9	2.2
Throgs Neck Bridge		MTA B&T	122,028	119,753	118,876	120,219	-2.4	2.7
Ed Koch Queensborough Bridge	(3)	NYC DOT				132,767	-3.6	-18.4
Williamsburg Bridge	(3)	NYC DOT				84,781	-3.6	-33.9
Manhattan Bridge	(3)	NYC DOT				62,512	-11.1	-9.7
Brooklyn Bridge	(3)	NYC DOT				104,909	1.8	-33.7
Total			608,805	605,001	591,507	986,740	-1.4	-10.4
Hudson River Crossings								
George Washington Bridge	(4)	PANY&NJ	273,258	274,384	276,122	274,579	1.0	-2.5
Lincoln Tunnel	(4)	PANY&NJ	101,352	100,712	97,579	99,850	-5.2	-2.7
Holland Tunnel	(4)	PANY&NJ	84,377	84,130	85,849	84,822	-2.9	-2.9
Gov. Mario M. Cuomo Bridge	(5), (6)	NYS TA	155,260	152,086	141,666	149,671	-3.5	-1.7
Bear Mountain Bridge		NYS BA	22,977	22,718	20,400	22,032	4.7	1.0
Total			637,225	634,029	621,616	630,953	-1.5	-2.3
Arthur Kill Crossings								
Bayonne Bridge	(4)	PANY&NJ	22,626	23,213	22,884	22,882	-1.0	8.5
Goethals Bridge	(4)	PANY&NJ	102,828	103,468	102,605	102,931	1.8	7.9
Outerbridge Crossing	(4)	PANY&NJ	79,847	80,006	78,779	79,518	-0.5	-1.6
Total			205,301	206,687	204,268	205,331	0.6	4.0
Harlem River Crossings								
Henry Hudson Bridge		MTA B&T	75,887	74,146	72,052	74,028	0.6	-0.7
South Shore and Jamaica Bay Crossings								
Marine Parkway Bridge		MTA B&T	22,390	22,603	21,861	22,285	0.2	-2.6
Cross Bay Bridge		MTA B&T	21,912	21,382	20,999	21,431	-2.4	-9.7
Atlantic Beach Bridge		NCBA	13,898	13,566	12,734	13,399	5.0	-2.7
Total			58,200	57,550	55,594	57,115	0.3	-5.5
New York Bay Crossings								
Verrazzano-Narrows Bridge		MTA B&T	226,367	227,989	224,950	226,435	0.6	6.9
GRAND TOTAL			1,811,784	1,805,403	1,769,987	2,180,602	-0.9	-4.8

Notes:

(1) Hugh L. Carrey Tunnel was called Brooklyn Battery Tunnel prior to 2012.

(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) Figures for NYCDOT owned East River Bridges is an estimate based on data collected in October for the NYMTC's annual Hub Bound Report

(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).

*Beginning from 2021, data across Ed Koch QBB was impacted by a new method of collection.

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

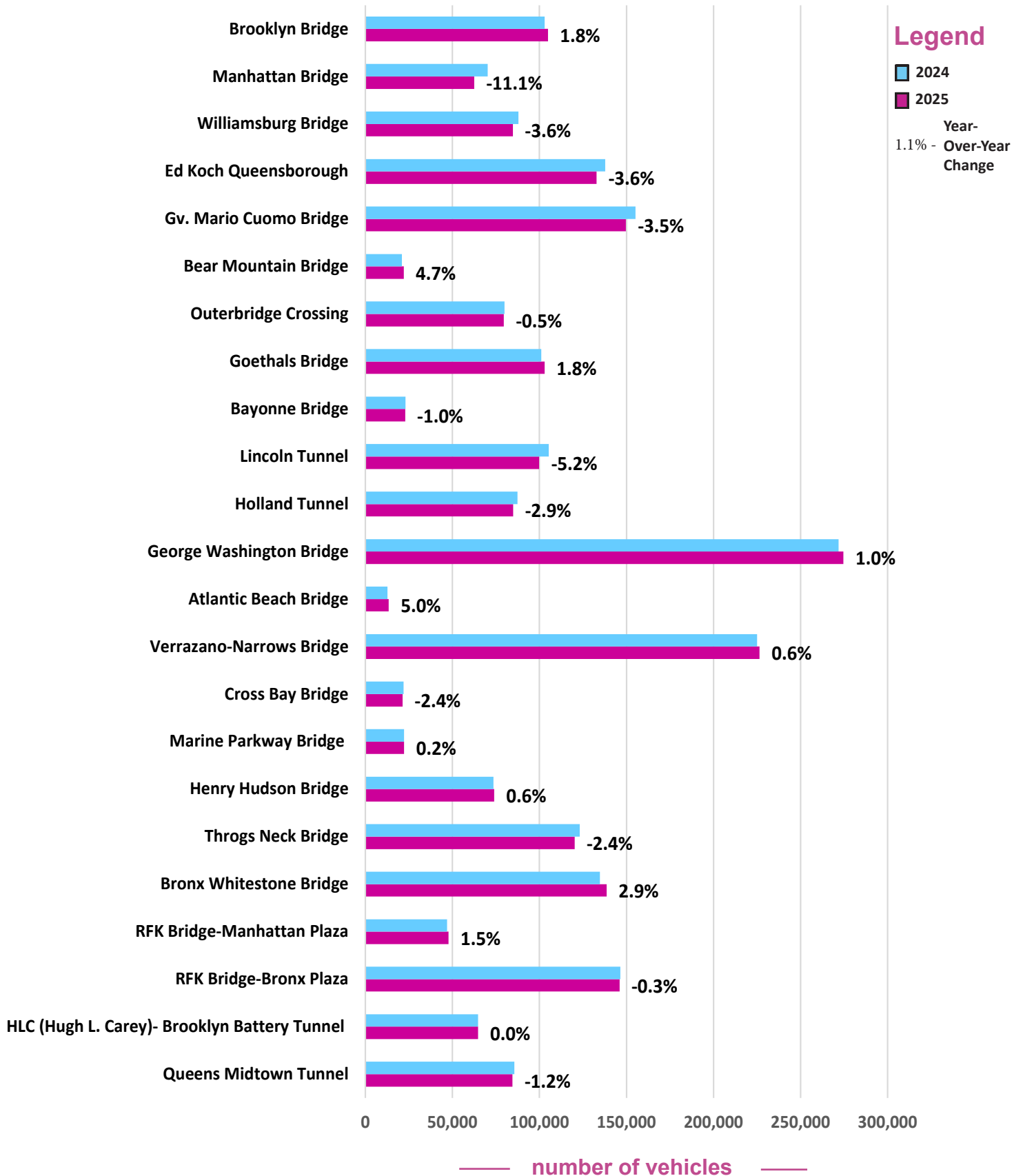
NCBA - Nassau County Bridge Authority

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

Traffic Volume Changes at Major River Crossings

Year-Over-Year Weekday Data

Fourth Quarter, 2025



Weekday Average Transit Ridership - Bus & Rail

Fourth Quarter, 2025

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

Transit Agencies and Mode of Travel	Oct 2025	Nov 2025	Dec 2025	2025 Qtr 4 Average	2024 to 2025 % Change	2019 to 2025 % Change
Rail System - Metropolitan Transportation Authority						
MTA/NYC Transit Subway	4,161,254	4,148,544	4,009,182	4,106,327	3.8	-26.3
MTA/Staten Island Railway	8,497	8,329	7,654	8,160	-0.4	-50.1
MTA/Metro-North Railroad	245,946	241,422	228,170	238,513	4.7	-18.7
MTA/Long Island Rail Road (1)	275,706	316,494	273,632	288,611	8.3	-9.7
Total	4,691,403	4,714,789	4,518,638	4,641,610	4.1	-25.2
New York City Bus System						
MTA/NYC Transit Bus	1,098,388	1,049,604	960,074	1,036,022	-5.0	-41.2
MTA Bus Company	281,891	271,330	253,211	268,811	-6.8	-30.7
Total	1,380,279	1,320,934	1,213,285	1,304,833	-5.4	-39.3
Trans-Hudson (PATH) Rail - The Port Authority of New York and New Jersey						
PATH-New York Stations	97,641	94,152	84,325	92,039	2.9	-27.2
PATH-New Jersey Stations	119,000	116,173	103,605	112,926	5.0	-27.3
Total	216,641	210,325	187,930	204,965	4.0	-27.2
New Jersey Transit Rail System (2)						
New Jersey Transit Rail				217,950	1.4	-32.5
Newark Light Rail (3)				17,550	-2.0	-19.1
Hudson Bergen Light Rail				49,350	-3.9	-4.8
River Line				5,200	7.2	-37.6
Total				290,050	0.4	-28.3
Airport Rail Access - The Port Authority of New York and New Jersey						
Newark AirTrain (4)	21,224	20,654	22,355	21,411	0.0	-29.7
JFK AirTrain (4)	75,037	71,089	75,739	73,955	4.2	32.2
Total	96,261	91,743	98,094	95,366	3.2	10.4
Suburban Bus Systems						
New Jersey Transit Bus*	(2)	(2)	(2)	452,500	-5.5	-11.4
Nassau Inter-County Express (NICE)	64,517	63,592	62,574	63,561	-11.8	-19.8
Westchester County Bee-Line Bus	85,963	84,261	75,699	81,974	-7.3	-3.2
Orange County Buses (5)	(2)	(2)	(2)	8,140	-6.6	123.7
Putnam County Buses (4)	324	265	248	279	-3.8	-10.9
Rockland County Buses (5), (6)	11,114	10,068	9,734	10,305	25.5	-13.8
Hudson Link Buses (7)	1,827	1,725	1,420	1,657	0.1	23.0
Dutchess County Public Transit	3,946	3,309	3,234	3,496	-2.4	20.5
City of Long Beach	469	461	453	461	-1.6	-50.8
Suffolk County Buses (8)	17,807	17,974	14,562	16,781	-1.4	-3.4
Total				639,155	-5.9	-10.4
GRAND TOTAL				7,175,979	1.1	-27.1

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.

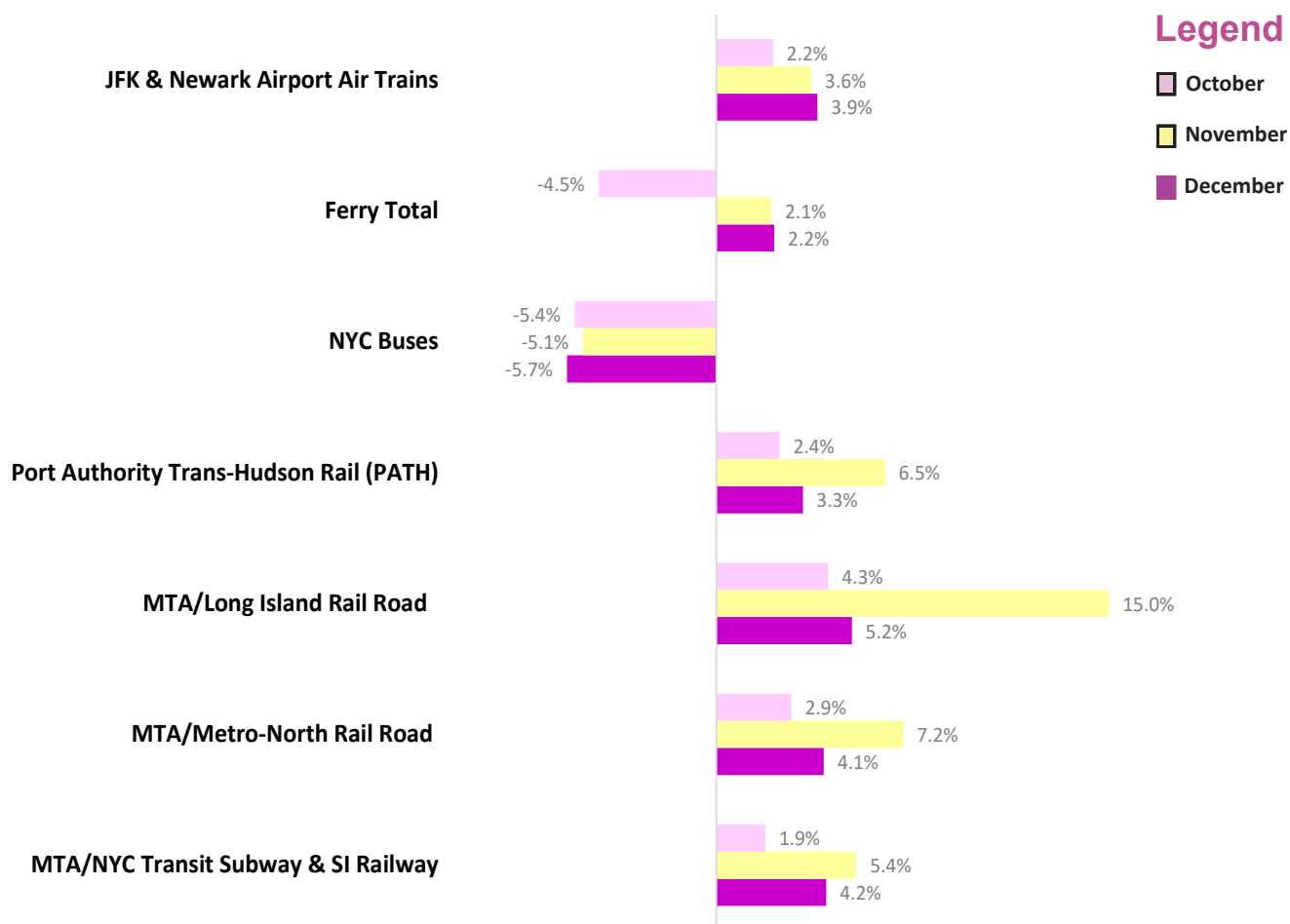
(8) Suffolk County includes local and pass-through buses, and Huntington Area Rapid Transit (HART).

* 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.

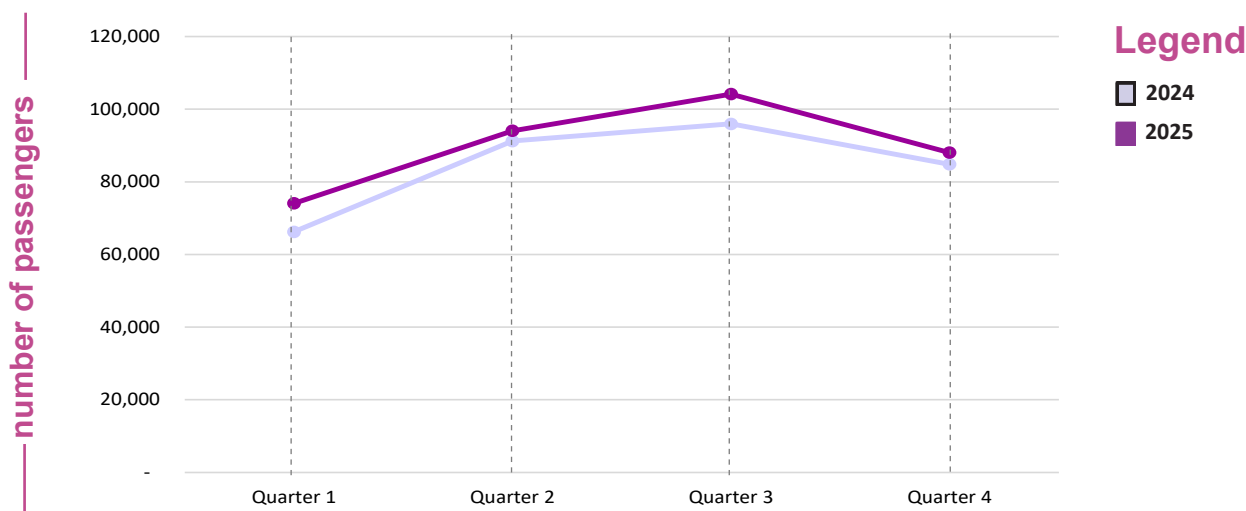
Changes in Weekday Average Public Transportation Ridership by Category

Fourth 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.

Weekday Average of Transit Passengers by Quarters 2024 vs. 2025



Ferry Ridership

Fourth Quarter, 2025

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

Ferry Routes		Oct 2025	Nov 2025	Dec 2025	2025 Qtr 4 Average	2024 to 2025 % Change	2019 to 2025 % Change**
NYC Ferry							
East River	East River	7,530	6,061	6,612	6,734	10	
Rockaway Soundview	Rockaway Soundview			1,811	1,811	n/c	
Rockaway	Rockaway	1,200	1,042	220	821	-37	
South Brooklyn	South Brooklyn	1,769	1,268	757	1,265	-15	
Astoria	Astoria	3,806	3,437	2,742	3,328	-11	
Soundview	Soundview	2,192	1,909	408	1,503	-33	
St. George	St. George	1,906	1,777	2,112	1,932	4	
Governor's Island	Governors Island	104	-	-	35	-53	
NYC Ferry, Total		18,506	15,495	14,662	16,221	-4	16
Staten Island Ferry		49,920	45,084	47,727	47,577	-1	-25
Public Ferries, Total		68,426	60,579	62,389	63,798	-1	-18
NY Waterway*							
Pier 11	Paulus Hook	260	246	208	238	-3	
	Liberty Harbor	189	152	136	159	-2	
	Hoboken	518	483	410	470	8	
	Weehawken	271	261	217	250	-14	
	South Amboy	164	176	133	158	n/c	
	Edgewater-Downtown	145	139	99	128	23	
	Hoboken 14	166	158	132	152	-4	
	Port Liberte	256	238	213	236	24	
BMB	Governors Island	3,677	2,711	2,289	2,892	-11	
World Financial Center/ BPT	Paulus Hook	2,444	2,175	1,591	2,070	-4	
	Hoboken	2,433	2,185	1,584	2,067	32	
	Weehawken Hoboken North	541	531	401	491	6	
	Hoboken 14	629	605	443	559	15	
	South Amboy	223	222	158	201	-13	
Pier 79	Weehawken Midtown	4,710	4,699	4,375	4,595	-3	
	Lincoln Harbor	1,383	1,307	1,089	1,259	4	
	Edgewater	564	455	345	454	23	
	Hoboken North (14)	1,551	1,422	1,112	1,361	-14	
	Lincoln Harbor - Hoboken North	-	-	92	31	-21	
	Paulus Hook	265	226	159	217	-5	
	Hoboken	200	170	117	162	13	
	South Amboy	10	10	7	9	-17	
NY Waterway, Total		20,598	18,569	15,308	18,159	0	-32
Seastreak							
BMB Slip #5	Atlantic Highlands	975	970	842	929	0	
	Highlands	881	938	811	877	19	
	Belford	650	686	535	623	7	
Pier 79	Belford	85	88	84	86	12	
Belford	Brookfield Place	683	680	497	620	10	
	Paulus Hook	66	66	45	59	11	
East 34th Street	Atlantic Highlands	816	815	706	779	-11	
	Highlands	872	951	815	879	21	
Seastreak, Total		5,028	5,194	4,334	4,852	7	19
NY Water Taxi							
NYU / Langone Shuttle	E 34 St	216	221	181	206	9	
	Sunset Park /BAT	224	230	191	215	13	
NY Water Taxi, Total		440	451	371	421	11	-29
Liberty Landing Ferry							
WFC/BPT	Liberty Landing, Total	335	260	218	271	-11	-62
Private Ferries, Total		26,401	24,474	20,231	23,702	2	-48
Ferries, Grand Total		94,827	85,053	82,620	87,500	-1	-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.

** 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.

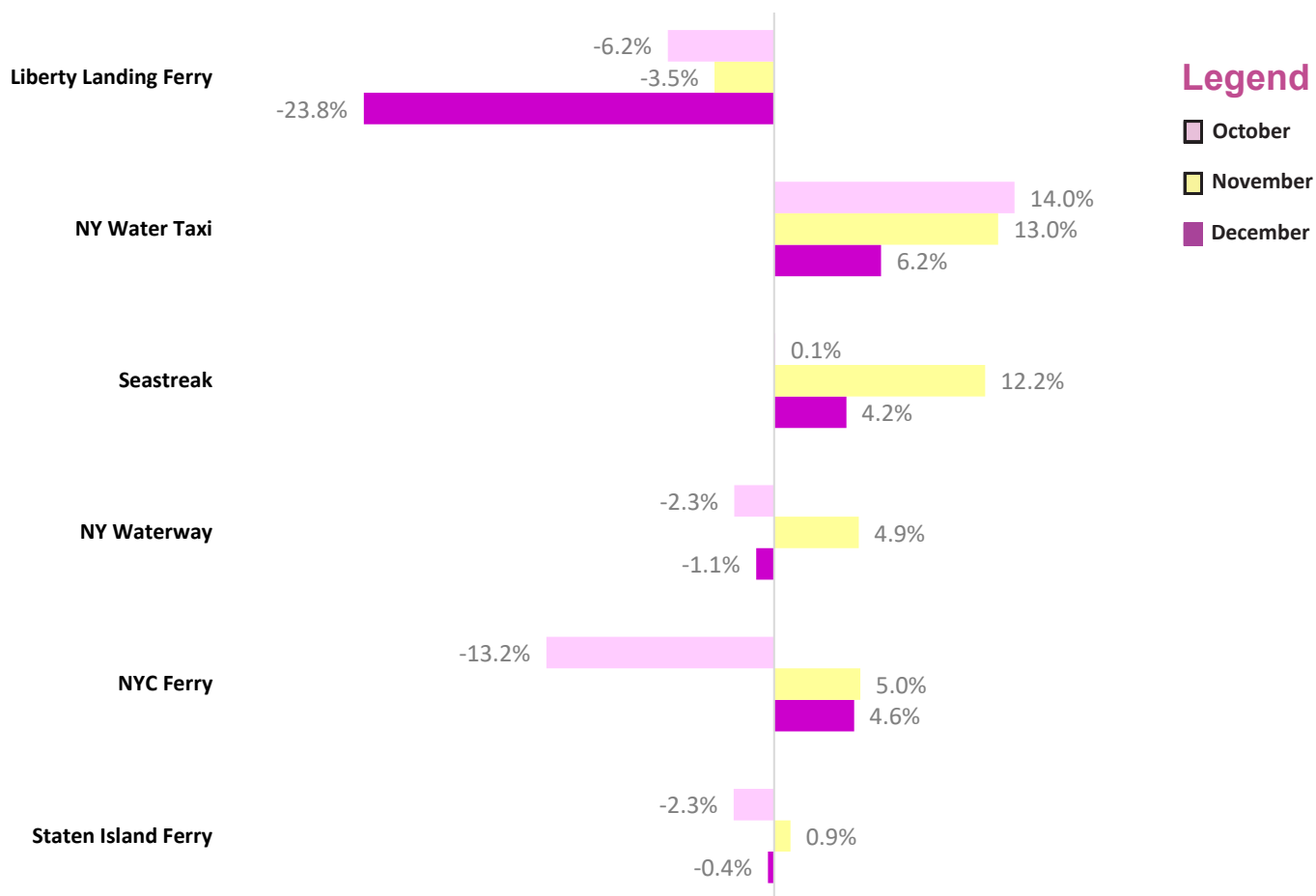
Additionally, some ferry routes with less than 100 passenger counts are omitted from this table but are included in the [Excel tables](#).

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 Weekday Average Ferry Ridership

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



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

Weekday Average Ferry Ridership All Quarters, 2025

