



Travel Patterns

in the New York Metropolitan Area

First
Quarter (Q1) 2017

Travel Patterns in the New York Metropolitan Area for 2017's First Quarter provides an overview of regional travel patterns. On an average weekday in the First Quarter, there were 9,950,033 total bus, rail and ferry trips as well as 1,577,442 vehicles traveled via the New York metropolitan area's major river crossings.

Data was collected from the agencies operating each facility. The information in this report is meant to provide a snapshot of travel from New York City, Long Island, the lower Hudson Valley and New Jersey. Regional travel patterns may change for a variety of reasons, including economic changes, service disruptions, construction, weather conditions or seasonal travel variations. More specific detail may be available directly through the facility operator.

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About the New York Metropolitan Transportation Council

The New York Metropolitan Transportation Council (NYMTC) is a regional council of governments that is the Metropolitan Planning Organization for New York City, Long Island and the lower Hudson Valley. NYMTC provides a collaborative planning forum to address transportation-related issues, develop regional plans and make decisions on the use of federal transportation funds for its planning area. NYMTC is comprised of nine voting members and seven advisory members who develop plans, goals and a shared vision for the region's transportation network. NYMTC's planning area covers 2,440 square miles and includes a population of 12.4 million, which was approximately 64% of New York State's population, based on the 2010 Census. For more information, please visit www.nymtc.org.

AVERAGE WEEKDAY BUS & RAIL TRIPS - FIRST QUARTER 2017

Monthly Comparison Q1-2016 vs. Q1-2017

Bus and Rail RIDERSHIP	Jan-17	Feb-17	Mar-17	Average Q1 2017	Q1 2016 / Q1 2017 % change
NEW YORK TRANSIT RAIL SYSTEM					
MTA/NYC Transit Subway	5,410,721	5,529,330	5,609,555	5,516,535	-1.6
MTA/Staten Island Railway	16,566	15,676	16,130	16,124	-1.0
MTA/Metro-North Railroad (1) , (2)	280,517	279,930	281,303	280,583	-0.4
MTA/Long Island Rail Road	304,399	301,738	300,813	302,317	1.6
MTA (2) RAIL Total	6,012,203	6,126,674	6,207,802	6,115,559	-1.4
NEW YORK CITY BUSES					
MTA/NYC Transit Bus	1,917,124	1,953,392	1,967,972	1,946,163	-5.4
MTA Bus Company (formerly private buses)	386,330	394,036	402,782	394,383	-2.3
Academy Bus (Note 3)	2,255	2,256	2,180	2,230	-6.5
Total NYC Buses	2,305,709	2,349,684	2,372,934	2,342,776	-4.9
PORT AUTHORITY TRANS-HUDSON RAIL					
PATH-New York Stations	118,903	117,862	118,860	118,542	3.7
PATH-New Jersey Stations	147,943	148,416	147,884	148,081	2.8
PATH Total	266,846	266,278	266,744	266,623	3.2
NEW JERSEY TRANSIT RAIL SYSTEM (3)					
New Jersey Transit Rail	(3)	(3)	(3)	304,450	-2.2
Newark Light Rail (4)	(3)	(3)	(3)	19,350	-5.6
New Jersey Transit HBLR (5)	(3)	(3)	(3)	50,250	-0.3
River Line	(3)	(3)	(3)	7,550	-6.2
NJ Rail Total				381,600	-2.2
AIRPORT RAIL ACCESS					
Newark AirTrain (6)	5,547	5,869	6,846	6,087	13.5
JFK AirTrain (6)	18,858	17,734	19,379	18,657	9.5
Total Airport Rail Access	24,405	23,603	26,225	24,745	10.5
SUBURBAN BUSES					
New Jersey Transit Bus	(3)	(3)	(3)	499,650	-3.1
Nassau Inter-County Express (NICE) (Note 1)	83,617	88,039	87,077	86,244	-0.3
Westchester County Bee-Line Bus	94,291	96,157	104,280	98,243	-2.7
Orange County Buses (7)	(3)	(3)	(3)	3,875	-2.0
Putnam County Buses (6)	352	364	352	356	-9.3
Rockland County Buses (7; Note 2)	(3)	(3)	(3)	15,818	-16.1
Dutchess County Public Transit	1,530	1,590	1,629	1,583	-4.1
City of Long Beach	1,112	1,085	1,075	1,091	-8.7
Suffolk County Buses (6), (8)	18,149	19,242	17,857	18,416	-11.3
Total Suburb Buses				725,276	-3.3
Grand Total				9,856,579	-2.3

(1) MTA/M-N Railroad ridership covers MTA trains leaving from GCT (Grand Central Terminal) and Penn Station (West of Hudson trains).

(2) MTA - Metropolitan Transportation Authority

(3) Only quarterly data available.

(4) Newark Light Rail data was formerly added to Hudson Bergen Light Rail (HBRL) System

(5) Hudson Bergen Light Rail System

(6) Monthly average ridership data include weekends.

(7) Local and Express buses

(8) Suffolk Cty includes local and pass-through buses,

HART - Huntington Area Rapid Transit

Note 1: As of December 31, 2011 Nassau County transferred MTA LI Bus operation to a private entity - Nassau Inter-County Express (NICE).

Note 2: Orange-Westchester Link (through buses) ridership in Rockland County include both private and County buses

Note 3: Since Jan. 2014, Academy operates the X23 and X24 routes between Manhattan and Staten Island, formerly operated by Atlantic Express.

Sources: Port Authority of New York & New Jersey, MTA, New Jersey Transit Co, NYS DOT, NYCDOT, Westchester DOT,

other NY counties bus operators

n/a - data not available

AVERAGE WEEKDAY FERRY RIDERSHIP - FIRST QUARTER 2017

Monthly Comparison Q1-2016 vs. Q1-2017

Ferry Ridership	Jan-17	Feb-17	Mar-17	Average Q1 2017	Q1 2016 / Q1 2017 % change
Billybey Ferry					
Hoboken South					
Hoboken - Pier 11	2,034	1,946	2,042	2,007	-23.6
Hoboken - WFC	1,858	1,835	1,876	1,856	-3.9
Total	3,892	3,781	3,918	3,864	-15.2
Jersey City					
Paulus Hook - Pier 79 (West 39th St.)	484	508	496	496	-2.7
Paulus Hook - WFC	2,613	2,747	2,826	2,729	-11.2
Port Liberte - Pier 11	338	328	330	332	-10.3
Liberty Harbor - Pier 11	528	504	504	512	-17.8
Paulus Hook - Pier 11	1,057	1,062	1,105	1,075	-23.0
Total	5,020	5,149	5,261	5,143	-13.9
Billybey Total	8,912	8,930	9,179	9,007	-14.5
NY Waterway					
Weehawken/Hoboken North					
Weehawken - Pier 79 (West 39th St.)	5,320	5,022	5,170	5,171	-1.3
Weehawken - Hoboken North - WFC	916	933	1,018	956	7.2
Hoboken North - Pier 79 (West 39th St.)	1,843	1,875	1,963	1,894	-5.8
Weehawken - Pier 11	998	1,003	1,044	1,015	-3.3
Lincoln Harbor - Pier 79 (West 39th St.)	1,437	1,456	1,524	1,472	-3.1
Edgewater - Pier 79 (West 39th St.)	934	935	979	949	11.3
Total	11,447	11,224	11,698	11,456	-0.9
Belford / Haverstraw / Newburgh					
Belford - Pier 11	2,003	2,009	2,060	2,024	4.1
Haverstraw - Ossining	459	429	458	449	0.2
Newburgh - Beacon	199	215	230	215	2.1
Total	2,661	2,653	2,748	2,687	
NY Waterway Total	14,108	13,877	14,446	14,144	-0.1
Seastreak					
Atlantic Highlands-Pier 11, E34th St.	1,887	1,910	2,039	1,945	13.3
Highlands-Pier 11, E34th St.	1,282	1,259	1,354	1,298	4.9
Atlantic Highlands - Paulus Hook - Hoboken	153	149	152	151	16.0
Total Seastreak	3,322	3,318	3,545	3,395	10.0
New York Water Taxi					
Ikea Terminal (Red Hook, Brooklyn) - Pier 11	196	186	297	226	-21.3
Hop-on/Hop-off Ferry Service (1)	347	209	244	267	-39.2
Total NYWater Taxi	543	395	541	493	-32.1
Liberty Park Water Taxi					
Liberty Landing - BPC	486	506	569	520	16.5
Total Liberty Park Water Taxi	486	506	569	520	16.5
Hornblower Marine Services					
East River Ferry Service	2,397	3,015	3,463	2,958	-5.0
Total Average Weekday Private Ferries	29,768	30,041	31,743	30,517	-4.8
Staten Island Ferry	59,883	63,532	65,395	62,937	2.7
TOTAL	89,651	93,573	97,138	93,454	0.1

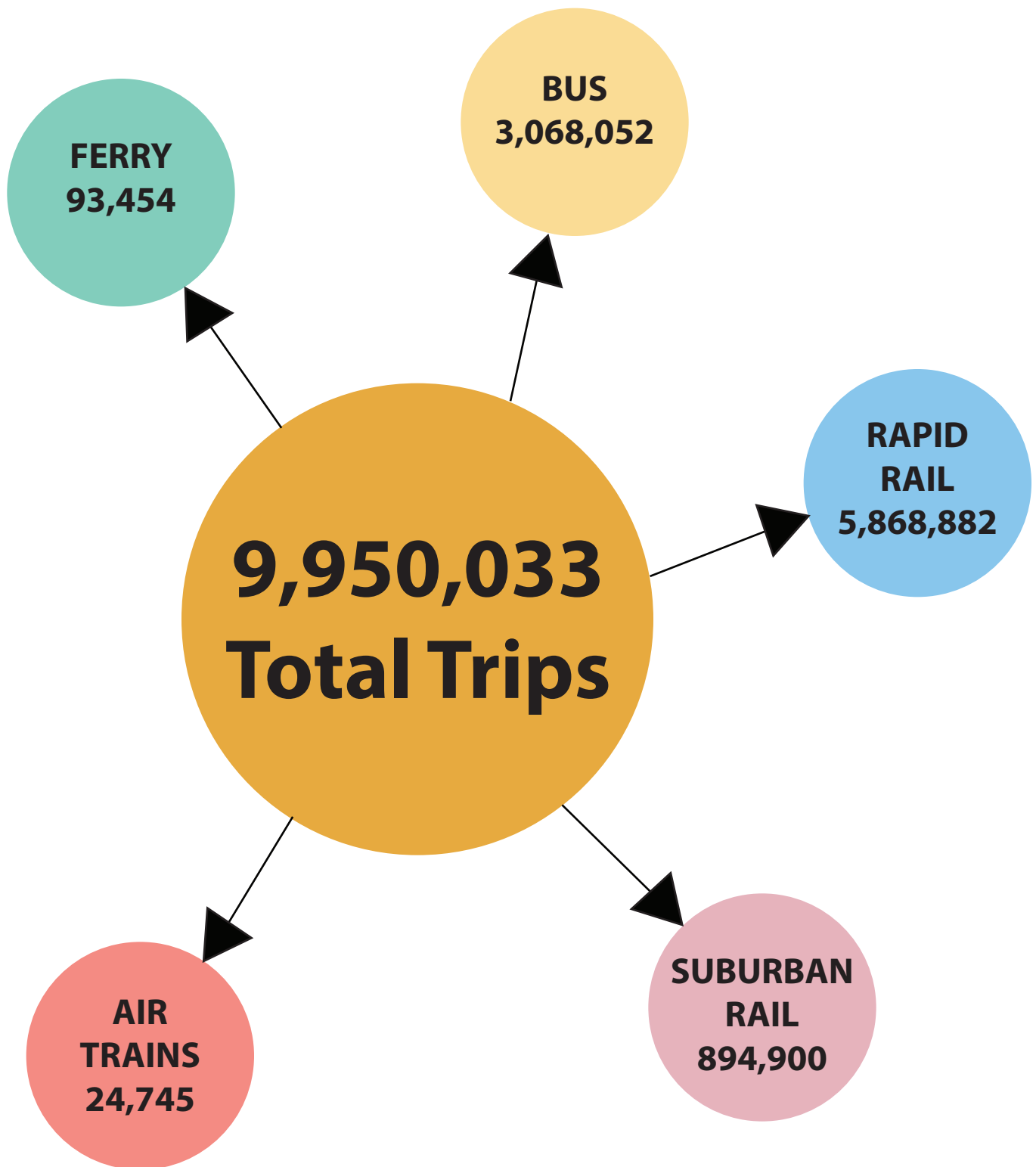
(1) - South St. Seaport, Battery Park, Fulton Landing, West 44th St.

n/a - data not available

Sources: NYC DOT, PANY&NJ,

AVERAGE WEEKDAY BUS, RAIL, and FERRY TRIPS

in the New York Metropolitan Area
First Quarter 2017



MAJOR VEHICULAR RIVER CROSSINGS TRAFFIC - FIRST QUARTER 2017

Monthly Average Weekday Traffic Q1-2016 vs. Q1-2017

Vehicle River Crossings	Agency	Jan-17	Jan-17	Jan-17	Average Q1 2017	Qtr-to-Qtr % change since 2016
EAST RIVER/LONG ISLAND SOUND CROSSINGS						
Ed Koch Queensborough Bridge (10)	NYC DOT	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)
Williamsburg Bridge	NYC DOT	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)
Manhattan Bridge	NYC DOT	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)
Brooklyn Bridge	NYC DOT	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)
Queens Midtown Tunnel	MTA B&T (2)	71,394	72,566	72,687	72,216	-8.6
Hugh L. Carey Tunnel (11)	MTA B&T	51,240	51,631	52,006	51,626	-1.3
RFK Bridge-Bronx Plaza (3)	MTA B&T	78,051	76,928	75,217	76,732	-1.9
RFK Bridge-Manhattan Plaza (3)	MTA B&T	85,584	84,620	86,310	85,505	-2.3
Bronx Whitestone Bridge	MTA B&T	116,591	116,466	120,318	117,792	2.3
Throgs Neck Bridge	MTA B&T	110,617	110,155	111,842	110,871	-0.6
Total (4)		513,477	512,366	518,380	514,741	-1.7
HUDSON RIVER CROSSINGS						
George Washington Bridge	PANY&NJ (5)	259,470	259,764	260,277	259,837	-1.3
Lincoln Tunnel	PANY&NJ	98,949	99,719	99,366	99,345	-1.7
Holland Tunnel	PANY&NJ	77,307	77,101	76,644	77,017	-4.9
Tappan Zee Bridge (7)	NYS TA (6)	129,296	131,089	136,597	132,327	1
Bear Mountain Bridge	NYS BA (8)	20,482	20,770	21,282	20,845	3.4
Total		585,503	588,442	594,166	589,371	-1.1
ARTHUR KILL CROSSINGS						
Bayonne Bridge (Note 1)	PANY&NJ (5)	10,485	10,861	12,243	11,196	2.1
Goethals Bridge	PANY&NJ	79,219	80,978	78,733	79,643	1.3
Outerbridge Crossing	PANY&NJ	76,380	77,222	76,901	76,834	1.9
Total		166,084	169,060	167,877	167,674	1.6
HARLEM RIVER CROSSINGS						
Henry Hudson Bridge	MTA B&T (2)	65,384	65,440	65,883	65,569	1.9
SOUTH SHORE/JAMAICA BAY CROSSINGS						
Marine Parkway Bridge	MTA B&T (2)	20,431	19,427	20,352	20,070	-1.4
Cross Bay Bridge	MTA B&T	22,362	21,338	22,294	21,998	0.9
Atlantic Beach Bridge (7)	NCBA (9)	13,429	12,384	14,013	13,276	-2.1
Total		56,222	53,149	56,659	55,344	-0.7
NEW YORK BAY CROSSINGS						
Verrazano-Narrows Bridge	MTA B&T (2)	185,617	183,515	185,100	184,744	1.2
GRAND TOTAL (4)		1,572,288	1,571,973	1,588,065	1,577,442	-0.6

(1) NYC DOT - New York City Department of Transportation (Only 4th Qtr East River bridges data for each year is available).

(2) MTA B&T- Metropolitan Transportation Authority, Bridges and Tunnels

(3) The **Triborough Bridge**, renamed to the **Robert F. Kennedy Bridge** in 2008, and sometimes referred to as the **RFK Triborough Bridge**

(4) Monthly totals exclude NYCDOT East River bridges

(5) Port Authority of New York & New Jersey

(6) New York State Thruway Authority

(7) Monthly average traffic data include weekends.

(8) New York State Bridge Authority

(9) Nassau County Bridge Authority

(10) The **Queensboro Bridge** was renamed to the **Ed Koch Queensboro Bridge**, in 2011

(11) The **Brooklyn-Battery Tunnel** was renamed to the **Hugh L. Carey Tunnel**, in 2012

Note 1: Traffic has significantly decreased since 2014, due to recurring closures of the Bayonne Bridge (BB) as part of the BB "Raise the Roadway" project.