



Travel Patterns

in the New York Metropolitan Area

Third
Quarter (Q3) 2017

Travel Patterns in the New York Metropolitan Area for 2017's Third Quarter provides an overview of regional travel patterns. On an average weekday in the Third Quarter, there were 9,860,461 total bus, rail and ferry trips as well as 1,795,966 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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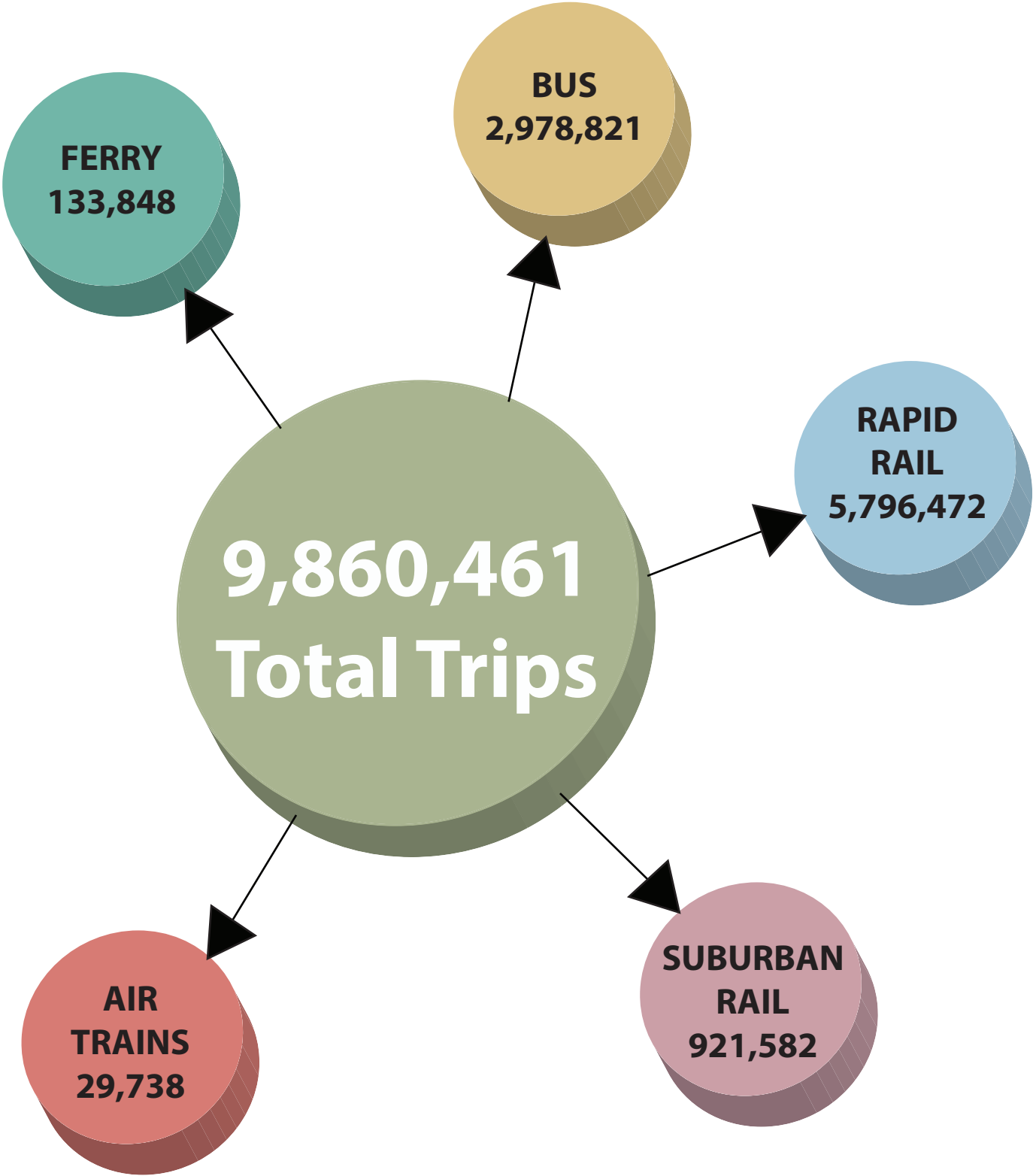
About the New York Metropolitan Transportation Council

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, and FERRY TRIPS

in the New York Metropolitan Area

Third Quarter 2017



Note: Due to rounding, numbers presented throughout this report may not add up precisely to the totals provided.

AVERAGE WEEKDAY BUS & RAIL TRIPS

Third Quarter 2017

Monthly Comparison Q3-2016 vs. Q3-2017

Bus and Rail RIDERSHIP	Jul-17	Aug-17	Sep-17	Average Q3 2017	Q3 2016 / Q3 2017 % change
NEW YORK TRANSIT RAIL SYSTEM					
MTA/NYC Transit Subway	5,330,092	5,197,367	5,713,700	5,413,720	-1.8
MTA/Staten Island Railway	14,161	13,787	17,744	15,231	1.4
MTA/Metro-North Railroad (1) , (2)	294,434	284,615	294,809	291,286	-0.4
MTA/Long Island Rail Road	318,758	299,106	322,174	313,346	-0.8
MTA (2) RAIL Total	5,957,445	5,794,875	6,348,427	6,033,582	-1.7
NEW YORK CITY BUSES					
MTA/NYC Transit Bus	1,799,327	1,743,857	1,988,088	1,843,757	-6.4
MTA Bus Company (formerly private buses)	377,376	369,341	412,007	386,241	-3.1
Academy Bus (Note 3)	1,985	1,966	2,035	1,995	-8.1
Total NYC Buses	2,178,688	2,115,164	2,402,130	2,231,994	-5.8
PORT AUTHORITY TRANS-HUDSON RAIL					
PATH-New York Stations	135,840	135,280	131,230	134,117	10.3
PATH-New Jersey Stations	161,654	161,720	162,192	161,855	6.6
PATH Total	297,494	297,000	293,422	295,972	8.2
NEW JERSEY TRANSIT RAIL SYSTEM (3)					
New Jersey Transit Rail	(3)	(3)	(3)	308,200	-4.9
Newark Light Rail (4)	(3)	(3)	(3)	19,000	-3.6
New Jersey Transit HBLR (5)	(3)	(3)	(3)	52,550	0.1
River Line	(3)	(3)	(3)	8,750	-9.8
NJ Rail Total				388,500	-4.3
AIRPORT RAIL ACCESS					
Newark AirTrain (6)	7,748	8,066	7,839	7,884	13.5
JFK AirTrain (6)	21,316	23,018	21,227	21,853	1.2
Total Airport Rail Access	29,063	31,084	29,066	29,738	4.2
SUBURBAN BUSES					
New Jersey Transit Bus	(3)	(3)	(3)	517,650	-3.2
Nassau Inter-County Express (NICE) (Note 1)	83,546	82,787	88,528	84,954	-7.5
Westchester County Bee-Line Bus	94,842	92,395	106,840	98,026	-1.7
Orange County Buses (7)	(3)	(3)	(3)	3,914	-4.6
Putnam County Buses (6)	355	412	367	378	-6.2
Rockland County Buses (7; Note 2)	16,270	17,333	16,766	16,790	-6.7
Dutchess County Public Transit	2,036	2,139	2,461	2,212	22.1
City of Long Beach	1,288	1,295	1,177	1,253	-4.8
Suffolk County Buses (6), (8)	21,979	20,269	22,704	21,651	-4.8
Total Suburb Buses				746,827	-3.6
Grand Total				9,726,613	-2.6

(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

AVERAGE WEEKDAY FERRY RIDERSHIP

Third Quarter 2017

Monthly Comparison Q3-2016 vs. Q3-2017

Ferry Ridership	Jul-17	Aug-17	Sep-17	Average Q3/ 2017	Q3 2016 Q3 2017 % change
Billybey Ferry					
Hoboken South					
Hoboken - Pier 11	2,912	3,245	2,657	2,938	21.6
Hoboken - WFC	3,357	3,827	2,594	3,260	44.9
Hoboken - Pier 79 (West 39th Street) (1)	2,358	2,141	153	1,551	n/c
Total	8,627	9,214	5,404	7,748	66.1
Jersey City					
Paulus Hook - Pier 79 (West 39th St.)	628	611	608	616	-1.4
Paulus Hook - WFC	4,249	3,885	3,786	3,973	-6.9
Port Liberte - Pier 11	270	268	260	266	-30.1
Liberty Harbor - Pier 11	593	560	558	570	-4.0
Paulus Hook - Pier 11	1,478	1,555	1,341	1,458	-0.3
Total	7,217	6,879	6,554	6,883	-6.1
Billybey Total	15,844	16,093	11,958	14,632	22.0
NY Waterway					
Weehawken/Hoboken North					
Weehawken - Pier 79 (West 39th St.)	6,607	6,334	5,860	6,267	-1.9
Weehawken - Hoboken North - WFC	1,124	1,096	1,110	1,110	5.1
Hoboken North - Pier 79 (West 39th St.)	2,304	2,252	2,302	2,286	-5.6
Weehawken - Pier 11	1,127	1,081	1,114	1,107	-1.0
Lincoln Harbor - Pier 79 (West 39th St.)	1,924	1,836	1,876	1,878	5.7
Edgewater - Pier 79 (West 39th St.)	1,001	1,011	1,058	1,023	-3.1
Total	14,087	13,609	13,320	13,672	-1.0
Belford / Haverstraw / Newburgh					
Belford - Pier 11	2,552	2,405	2,358	2,438	15.6
Haverstraw - Ossining	493	583	516	530	-1.8
Newburgh - Beacon	272	275	244	264	-2.7
Total	3,317	3,263	3,118	3,233	
NY Waterway Total	17,404	16,872	16,438	16,905	1.0
Seastreak					
Atlantic Highlands-Pier 11, E34th St.	2,557	2,392	2,323	2,424	0.4
Highlands-Pier 11, E34th St.	2,278	2,098	1,826	2,067	13.4
Atlantic Highlands - Paulus Hook - Hoboken	169	190	193	184	11.4
Seastreak Total	5,004	4,680	4,342	4,675	6.2
New York Water Taxi					
Ikea Terminal (Red Hook, Brooklyn) - Pier 11	484	549	499	511	-4.7
Hop-on/Hop-off Ferry Service (2)	910	942	911	921	-45.5
NYWater Taxi Total	1,394	1,491	1,410	1,432	-35.7
Liberty Park Water Taxi					
Liberty Landing - BPC	1,380	1,280	859	1,173	11.1
Liberty Park Water Taxi Total	1,380	1,280	859	1,173	11.1
Hornblower Marine Services					
East River Ferry Service	7,520	7,907	7,081	7,503	24.6
Rockaway Service	3,009	3,143	2,252	2,801	n/c
Brooklyn Service	2,523	2,464	2,016	2,335	n/c
Astoria Service (3)	n/a	376	2,805	1,590	n/c
Hornblower Marine Services Total	13,053	13,891	14,154	12,639	n/c
Private Ferries Total	54,079	54,307	49,160	51,455	21.3
Staten Island Ferry	84,298	83,569	79,313	82,393	5.3
TOTAL	138,377	137,876	128,473	133,848	10.9

(1) - July 10 - September 1, 2017- Amtrak Construction at Penn Station. 25% of trains diverted to Hoboken Terminal.

New service commences from Hoboken to W. 39th Street.

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

n/a - data not available n/c - data not comparable

(3) - Astoria Service connecting Astoria to Lower Manhattan launched in August 2017.

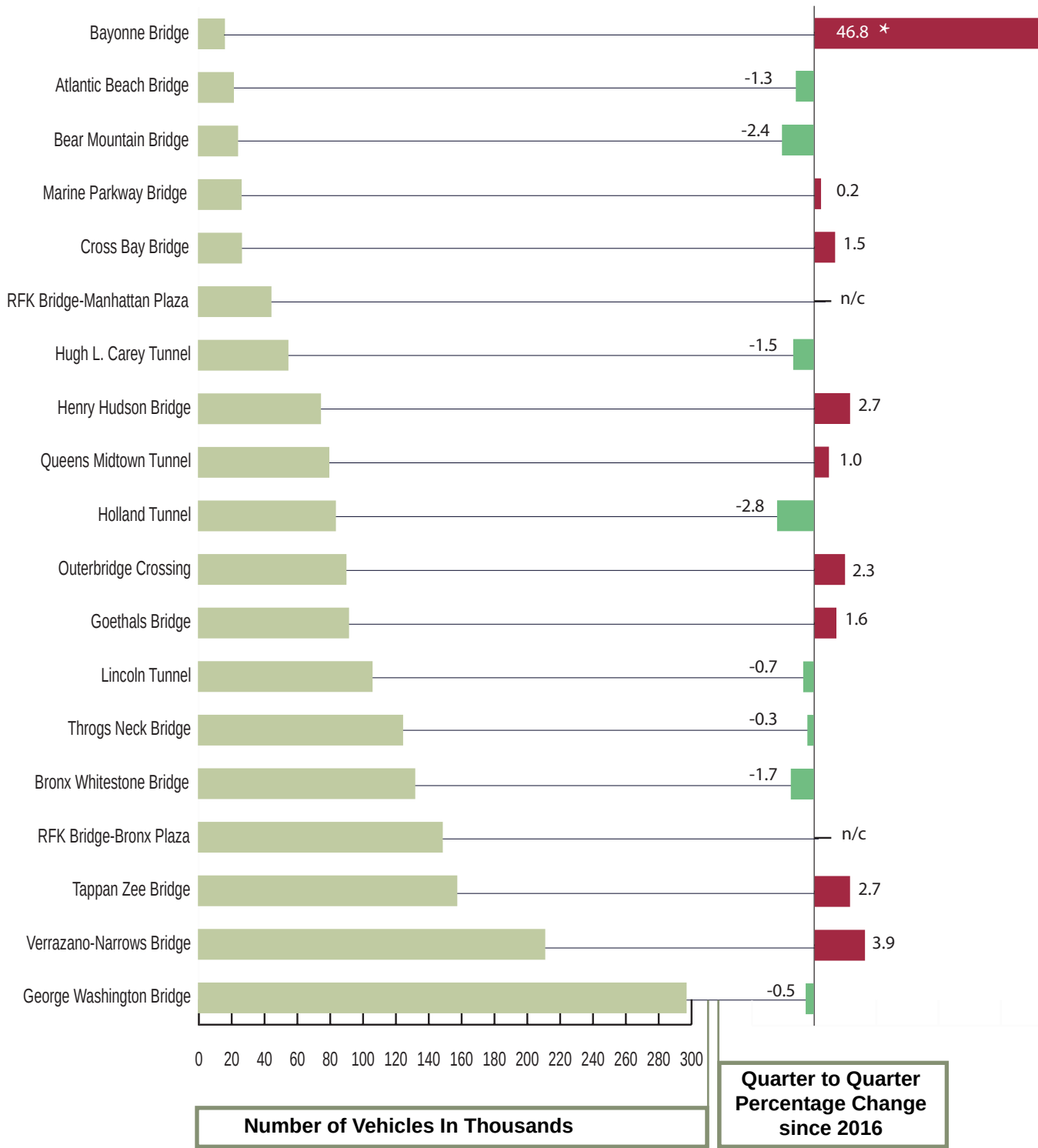
Sources: NYC DOT, PANY&NJ

MAJOR VEHICULAR RIVER CROSSINGS

in the New York Metropolitan Area

Average Weekday Traffic

Third Quarter 2017



Note - For Ed Koch Queensborough Bridge, Williamsburg Bridge, Manhattan Bridge, and Brooklyn Bridge only 4th Qtr data for each year is available.

* - See the note (1) on page 5

n/c - Data not comparable. See the note (2) on page 5

MAJOR VEHICULAR RIVER CROSSINGS TRAFFIC

Third Quarter 2017

Monthly Comparison Q3-2016 vs. Q3-2017

Vehicle River Crossings	Agency	Jul-17	Aug-17	Sep-17	Average Q3 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)	77,473	78,969	80,253	78,898	1.0
Hugh L. Carey Tunnel (11)	MTA B&T	52,744	54,050	55,151	53,982	-1.5
RFK Bridge-Bronx Plaza (3)	MTA B&T	147,225	148,759	147,944	147,976	Note (2)
RFK Bridge-Manhattan Plaza (3)	MTA B&T	42,569	44,027	44,359	43,652	Note (2)
Bronx Whitestone Bridge	MTA B&T	132,120	133,383	128,121	131,208	-1.7
Throgs Neck Bridge	MTA B&T	124,781	125,165	121,500	123,815	-0.3
Total (4)		576,912	584,353	577,328	579,531	0.9
HUDSON RIVER CROSSINGS						
George Washington Bridge	PANY&NJ (5)	300,357	302,681	286,305	296,447	-0.5
Lincoln Tunnel	PANY&NJ	104,164	104,658	106,843	105,222	-0.7
Holland Tunnel	PANY&NJ	83,053	82,757	82,873	82,894	-2.8
Tappan Zee Bridge (7)	NYS TA (6)	157,485	159,714	153,210	156,803	2.7
Bear Mountain Bridge	NYS BA (8)	22,904	23,477	23,655	23,345	-2.4
Total		667,962	673,287	652,884	664,711	-0.2
ARTHUR KILL CROSSINGS						
Bayonne Bridge Note (1)	PANY&NJ (5)	15,737	14,954	15,307	15,333	46.8
Goethals Bridge	PANY&NJ	91,114	92,934	88,618	90,889	1.6
Outerbridge Crossing	PANY&NJ	91,435	91,172	85,357	89,321	2.3
Total		198,286	199,060	189,281	195,542	4.4
HARLEM RIVER CROSSINGS						
Henry Hudson Bridge	MTA B&T (2)	73,259	73,649	74,553	73,820	2.7
SOUTH SHORE/JAMAICA BAY CROSSINGS						
Marine Parkway Bridge	MTA B&T (2)	26,467	25,758	24,290	25,505	0.2
Cross Bay Bridge	MTA B&T	26,427	25,624	25,070	25,707	1.5
Atlantic Beach Bridge (7)	NCBA (9)	22,835	22,144	17,383	20,787	-1.3
Total		75,729	73,526	66,743	71,999	0.2
NEW YORK BAY CROSSINGS						
Verrazano-Narrows Bridge	MTA B&T (2)	208,413	211,934	210,740	210,362	3.9
GRAND TOTAL (4)		1,800,561	1,815,809	1,771,529	1,795,966	1.3

(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): Significant increase due to recurring closures of the Bayonne Bridge (BB) as part of the BB "Raise the Roadway" project in 2016 and new elevated roadway opening and start of cashless tolling in February 2017.

Note (2): In June 2017 the RFK Bridge went to cashless tolling with a brand new tolling configuration.

- The Manhattan Plaza tolls are now collected only at the entry of the bridge from Manhattan. This reduces the transactions prior to June 2017.

- The Bronx Plaza tolls are now collected at the entry of the bridge from the Major Deegan and Bruckner Expressway, and also at the entry of the bridge from Astoria. This increases the transactions from prior June 2017.