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TRANSPORTATION VOLUME IN AND OUT OF MANHATTAN'S CENTRAL BUSINESS DISTRICT ADVANCES ACROSS THE BOARD ACCORDING TO NYMTC'S NEW HUB BOUND TRAVEL DATA REPORT

NEW YORK, March 18, 2025 – Sizeable increases in the number of people entering and exiting Manhattan's Central Business District (CBD) were documented across the board in the New York Metropolitan Transportation Council's ([NYMTC](#)) annual Hub Bound Travel Data Report, a study which measures and examines the scale of public and private transportation modes used to access the busiest part of the city.

Nearly 5.8 million people entered and exited the CBD on a fall day in October 2023, an increase of 269,000 individuals or 4.9% compared to 2022. Of these, roughly 4 million traveled via **buses, trains, subways, and ferries** marking a 6.6% increase from 2022, with roughly 250,000 more individuals opting for public transit. The **subway** remained the most preferred mode of transport, with 2.9 million or 51% of people choosing this method to reach and exit the CBD. This represented a 2.6% increase from 2022.

In 2023, **buses** brought roughly 215,000 passengers daily into the Hub. Nearly 72% (or around 155,000) of these were New Jersey bus riders using express routes. Nearly 100% of bus commuters coming from Brooklyn and about 81% coming from Queens were express bus passengers. However, only about 25% of all bus passengers entering the Hub via the 60th Street Sector were express bus commuters; 75% of this sector's bus riders used local Manhattan buses to enter the CBD.

Suburban and intercity rail ridership experienced a notable increase, rising by 113,000 passengers in 2023 – nearly a 24% increase – bringing the total to 297,000 rail commuters entering the area.

Approximately 1.6 million people entered and exited the Hub via **autos, taxis, vans, and trucks**, representing an additional 14,300 people (a 0.9% increase) from 2022. Of the vehicles that entered and left Manhattan's Central Business District (CBD) in 2023, 42% used the 60th Street Sector, which encompasses avenues east and west of Central Park. The remaining traffic came from other sectors: Brooklyn (27%), Queens (16%), and New Jersey (15%).

Ferry ridership skippered in 92,000 commuters to and from the CBD, with the Staten Island Ferry leading the pack by carrying 53% of these passengers. New Jersey ferries sailed in next at 30% and the remaining 16.7% hailed from the Brooklyn, Queens, and north of 60th Street. Meanwhile, the Roosevelt Island Tramway transported roughly 10,600 commuters in both directions - a whopping 92% increase from the previous year, which may have been due to the lack of F train service to Roosevelt Island during construction.

Nearly 83,400 people who entered and left the CBD did so on **bicycle**, marking a 5.9% increase from 2022 or an additional 4,700 cyclists. Notably, 67% of these cycling commuters entered from north of 60th Street while the remaining 33% entered from Brooklyn (23%), Queens (9%), and Staten Island (1%).

“Hub Bound’s remarkable history dates back to 1924 when it was first published by the Regional Plan Association,” said NYMTC Executive Director Adam Levine. “Since that time, and even more so today, the report remains a significant piece of transportation research for NYMTC member agencies who base many decisions on its continually changing user patterns and preferences.”

As was also documented in the 2022 Hub Bound Travel Data Report, the highest influx of people into the CBD during 2023 happened between the 8:00 a.m. through 9:00 a.m. morning peak period. About 380,000 people entered the area during that hour in 2023, with the subway transporting about 57% of these commuters. The 5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. hour recorded the highest outbound traffic, with roughly 360,000 people leaving the CBD. Again, the subway took the lead, carrying 56% of these travelers.

Interestingly enough, about 27% of travelers crossing the CBD boundaries during the morning peak period (7:00 AM - 10:00 AM) traveled counter to the predominant direction of travel. Overall, the morning reverse travel increased by about 2.6%.

Despite the significant increases shown in the 2023 Hub Bound Travel Data, changes in travel behavior due to the Covid-19 Pandemic remain. However, there has been continuous and steady increase in travel since 2020.

The 2023 Hub Bound Travel Data Report is available for download in Excel and .pdf formats at www.nymtc.org under Data and Modeling. The data can also be visualized using [NYMTC’s Transportation Information Gateway \(TIG\)](#).

The Hub Bound Travel Data Report does not include data on people arriving by foot, air, private cruise, or commercial ships.

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ABOUT NYMTC

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