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**OVER 6 MILLION PEOPLE TRAVEL IN AND OUT OF
MANHATTAN'S CENTRAL BUSINESS DISTRICT EACH DAY,
ACCORDING TO NYMTC'S NEW HUB BOUND TRAVEL DATA REPORT
Transportation Volume Increases Across the Board, But Still Lower Than Pre-Covid**

NEW YORK, March 30, 2026 – Nearly 6.3 million people entered and exited Manhattan's Central Business District (CBD) during a typical fall weekday in 2024, reflecting nearly 600,000 more people than in 2023, according to the New York Metropolitan Transportation Council's ([NYMTC](#)) annual Hub Bound Travel Data Report (Hub Bound).

Released in mid-March 2026, Hub Bound, NYMTC's signature report, tracks the incredible volume of public and private travel happening on a single day in the CBD, which is defined as all areas south of 60th Street in Manhattan.

To enter and exit Manhattan's CBD, roughly 4.6 million people used public transportation, representing a 14.4% increase over 2023 levels. Close to 1.6 million people used **autos, taxis, vans, and trucks** — a 1.9% decrease from 2023. Approximately 98,000 daily **bicycle trips** were recorded – reflecting 1.6% of the modeshare and an 18% increase from 2023. Many bicyclists (65%) entered at 60th Street while 25% crossed into the CBD from Brooklyn and 9% crossed from Queens. The **Roosevelt Island Tramway** saw a 34% decline in ridership from 2023, largely due to resumption in regular F train service whose disruption caused a 92% increase in 2023 compared to 2022.

While travel into the CBD has certainly rebounded since the COVID shutdown, overall volumes remain far below 2019 levels, when approximately 7.6 million travelers entered and exited the CBD. Study analysts speculate that shifts in work-from-home policies may have solidified changes in travel trends.

According to Hub Bound's findings, MTA NYC Transit **subways** carried 80% of all rail passengers while suburban and intercity rail services and **express bus ridership** made up almost 89% of all bus travel into the CBD. Interestingly, 84% of bus riders commuted from New Jersey.

Ferry ridership increased by 2.5%, with Staten Island Ferry passengers accounting for 54% of total ferry trips.

During 2024, the busiest morning hour was from 8 a.m. to 9 a.m., with 452,000 entries into the CBD, or 18.9% higher than 2023. The evening peak happened between 5 p.m. – 6 p.m. when 406,000 people exited the CBD, representing an increase of 12.7% from 2023.

The subway system continued to be the most popular mode of public transportation in 2024, transporting nearly 3.5 million passengers to and from the CBD in a single day. Suburban and intercity rail trains brought about 307,000 passengers into the CBD on the survey date, a total of 13% of all public transit passengers. This represents close to 10% of all daily travelers entering the Hub. It was the third most prevalent mode of entry into the Hub after the subway and private motor vehicles.

Since the first Hub Bound survey in 1924, private motor vehicles, including autos, taxis, vans, and trucks, have been the second most common mode of transportation after the subway system. In 2024, about 785,000 people entered the Hub using private motor vehicles. This represents about 15,000 fewer passengers than in 2023.

“This year’s Hub Bound marks 100 years of Hub Bound tracking since the first report was published by the Regional Plan Association in 1924,” said Adam Levine, executive director of NYMTC. “It’s interesting to see how far we’ve come – and how some of the percentages have stayed relatively the same. For certain, many of these statistics will be even more interesting next year when we compare them to statistics gathered during the introductory year of congestion pricing,” he added.

The 2024 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 \(TIG\)](#), and a NYMTC Brown Bag webinar providing an overview of the report’s findings can be found on NYMTC’s [YouTube](#).

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

NYMTC extends its thanks to the 17 information sources that make up the Hub Bound Travel Data Report:

- Amtrak
- Hornblower NYC Ferry
- Liberty Landing Ferry
- Metropolitan Transportation Authority (MTA) Planning
- MTA Bus Company
- MTA Long Island Rail Road

- MTA Metro-North Railroad
- MTA NYC Transit
- New Jersey Transit
- The New York City Department of Transportation (NYC DOT)
- New York Water Taxi
- Port Authority of New York & New Jersey (PANYNJ)
- NY Waterway
- Roosevelt Island Operating Corporation of the State of New York
- Seastreak Ferry
- Staten Island Ferry
- Westchester County Department of Public Works and Transportation

ABOUT THE NEW YORK METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION COUNCIL (NYMTC)

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