



Travel Patterns

in the New York Metropolitan Area

Third
Quarter (Q3) 2020

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Travel Patterns in the New York Metropolitan Area for 2020's third quarter provide an overview of regional travel patterns. NYMTC staff collected data 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.

In the third quarter (Q3) of 2020, the COVID-19 pandemic continued to cause a large drop in passenger travel of all transportation modes in the New York Metropolitan Area.

The number of vehicles that crossed the New York metropolitan area's major rivers decreased by about 14% or 0.25 million vehicles in Q3 2020, compared to Q3 2019.

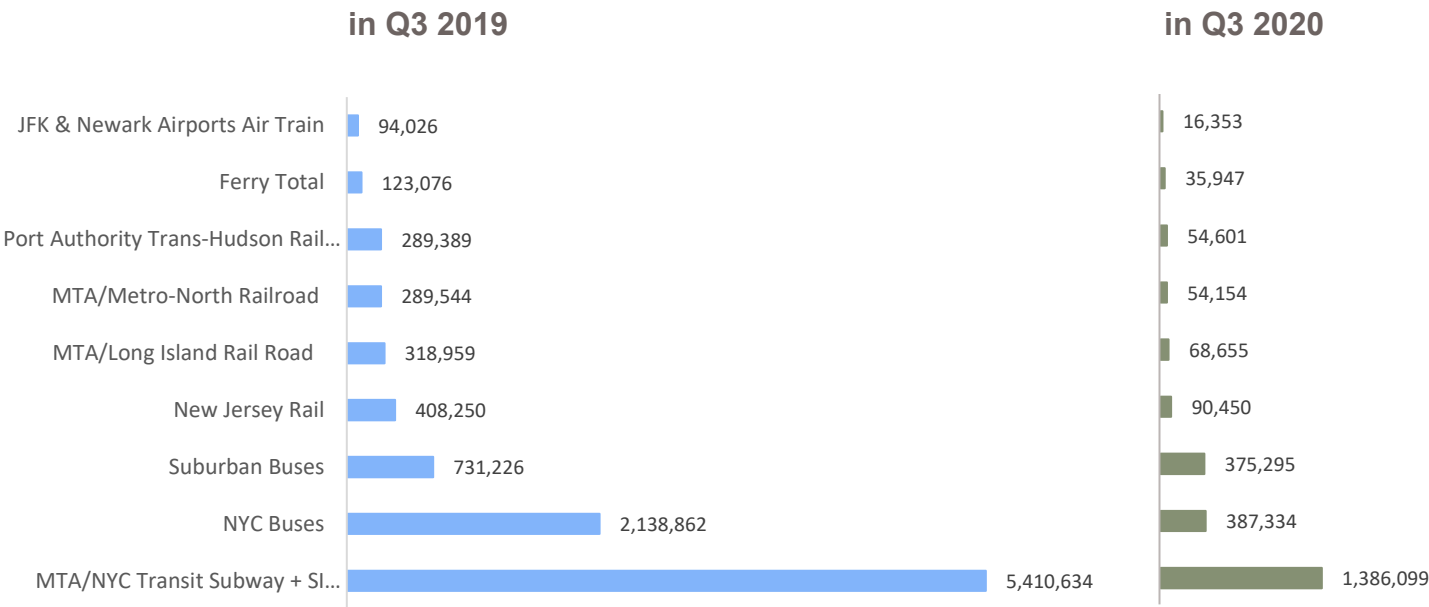
On an average weekday in the third quarter of 2020, there were nearly 2.5 million total bus, rail and ferry trips, which is about 7.3 million, or 75%, less trips than in the third quarter of 2019.

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VEHICLE RIVER CROSSINGS
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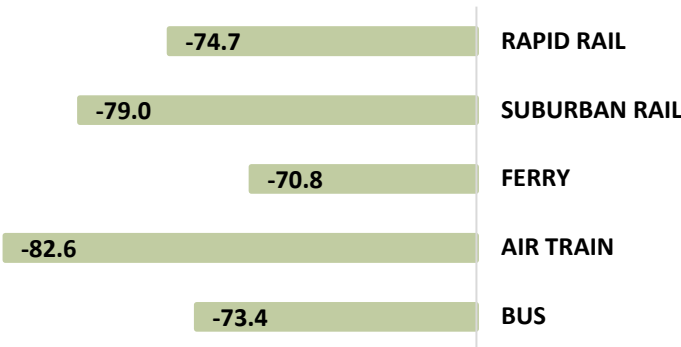
AVERAGE WEEKDAY
TRANSIT PASSENGER TRAVEL
decreased by 75% between
Q3-2019/Q3-2020

AVERAGE WEEKDAY BUS, RAIL, and FERRY TRIPS in the New York Metropolitan Area

Total Trips by Mode



Total Trips by Mode, Percentage Change from Q3 2019 to Q3 2020



MAJOR VEHICULAR RIVER CROSSINGS TRAFFIC

Third Quarter 2020

Monthly Comparison Q3-2019 vs. Q3-2020

VEHICLE RIVER CROSSINGS	Agency	Jul-20	Aug-20	Sep-20	Average Q3 2020	Q3 2019 to Q3 2020 % Change
EAST RIVER/LONG ISLAND SOUND CROSSINGS						
Ed Koch Queensborough Bridge (1)	NYC DOT	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Williamsburg Bridge (1)	NYC DOT	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Manhattan Bridge (1)	NYC DOT	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Brooklyn Bridge (1)	NYC DOT	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Queens Midtown Tunnel	MTA B&T (2)	60,047	65,193	68,455	64,565	-25.4
Hugh L. Carey Tunnel	MTA B&T	50,237	53,131	55,479	52,949	-7.1
RFK Bridge-Bronx Plaza (3)	MTA B&T	122,818	125,367	127,867	125,351	-16.1
RFK Bridge-Manhattan Plaza (3)	MTA B&T	33,963	35,415	35,556	34,978	-19.5
Bronx Whitestone Bridge	MTA B&T	115,402	125,560	124,300	121,754	-14.6
Throgs Neck Bridge	MTA B&T	104,251	105,299	104,234	104,595	-15.6
Total		486,718	509,965	515,891	504,191	-16.4
HUDSON RIVER CROSSINGS						
George Washington Bridge (Note 1)	PANY&NJ (4)	260,196	264,876	259,161	261,392	-9.8
Lincoln Tunnel (Note 1)	PANY&NJ	80,826	87,553	88,266	85,475	-15.3
Holland Tunnel (Note 1)	PANY&NJ	62,930	67,116	66,652	65,525	-22.9
Gov. Mario M. Cuomo Bridge (5)	NYS TA (6)	128,216	138,241	136,449	134,302	-17.9
Bear Mountain Bridge	NYS BA (7)	19,074	19,647	19,724	19,482	-16.2
Total		551,243	577,433	570,252	566,176	-14.5
ARTHUR KILL CROSSINGS						
Bayonne Bridge (Note 1)	PANY&NJ	17,687	18,288	18,432	18,129	-6.9
Goethals Bridge (Note 1)	PANY&NJ	88,183	92,197	90,429	90,237	-8.4
Outerbridge Crossing (Note 1)	PANY&NJ	76,931	80,042	77,626	78,180	-5.9
Total		182,801	190,527	186,487	186,546	-7.2
HARLEM RIVER CROSSINGS						
Henry Hudson Bridge	MTA B&T	55,007	59,547	63,596	59,383	-19.8
SOUTH SHORE/JAMAICA BAY CROSSINGS						
Marine Parkway Bridge	MTA B&T	25,098	25,269	23,066	24,478	-7.3
Cross Bay Bridge	MTA B&T	25,441	24,698	23,145	24,428	-7.0
Atlantic Beach Bridge (8)	NCBA (9)	18,683	18,532	16,235	17,816	-10.9
Total		69,222	68,499	62,446	66,722	-8.2
NEW YORK BAY CROSSINGS						
Verrazzano-Narrows Bridge	MTA B&T	190,719	198,254	200,911	196,628	-10.5
GRAND TOTAL		1,535,709	1,604,224	1,599,583	1,579,646	-13.8

(1) NYC DOT - New York City Department of Transportation (Monthly data not available. Average weekday data collected in October are used for the average 4th Qtr each year).

(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) Port Authority of New York & New Jersey

(5) The Tappan Zee Bridge was renamed to Gov. Mario M. Cuomo Bridge, in 2017

(6) New York State Thruway Authority

(7) New York State Bridge Authority

(8) Monthly average traffic data include weekends.

(9) Nassau County Bridge Authority

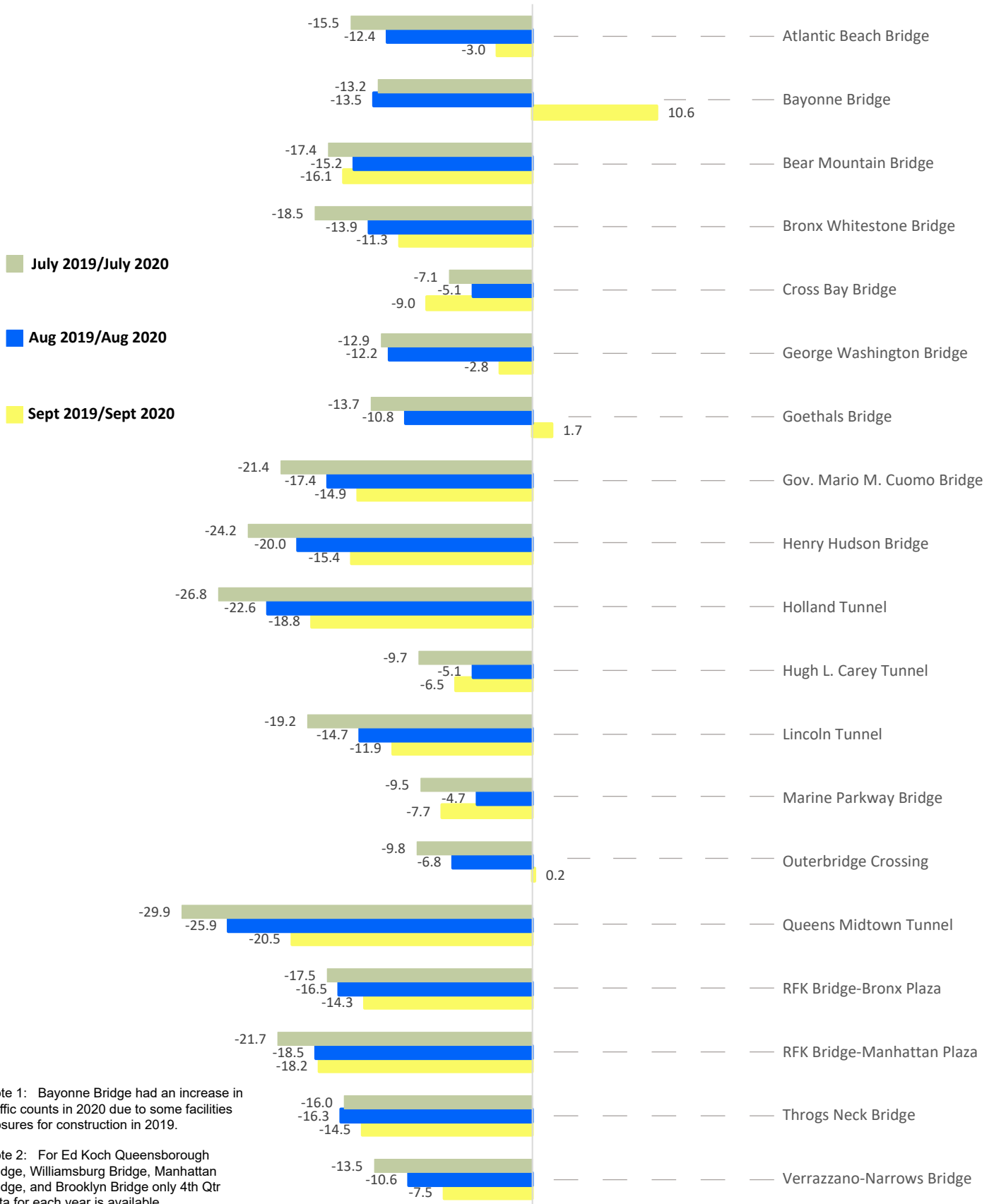
Note 1: Weighted average data provided by PANY&NJ.

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MAJOR VEHICULAR RIVER CROSSINGS

Average Weekday Traffic

Percentage Change from Q3 2019 to Q3 2020, by Month



AVERAGE WEEKDAY BUS & RAIL TRIPS

Third Quarter 2020

Monthly Comparison Q3-2019 vs. Q3-2020

BUS and RAIL RIDERSHIP		Jul-20	Aug-20	Sep-20	Average Q3 2020	Q3 2019 to Q3 2020 % Change
NEW YORK TRANSIT RAIL SYSTEM						
MTA/NYC Transit Subway	(1)	1,200,426	1,321,811	1,627,244	1,383,160	-74.4
MTA/Staten Island Railway		2,535	2,739	3,542	2,939	-80.3
MTA/Metro-North Railroad	(2)	48,453	50,024	63,985	54,154	-81.3
MTA/Long Island Rail Road		60,288	66,889	78,788	68,655	-78.5
MTA RAIL Total		1,311,702	1,441,463	1,773,559	1,508,908	-74.9
NEW YORK CITY BUSES						
MTA/NYC Transit Bus		21,881	51,598	866,417	313,299	-82.1
MTA Bus Company (formerly private buses)	(Note 1)	10,762	18,825	191,813	73,800	-60.7
Academy Bus		211	223	271	235	-82.1
Total NYC Buses		32,854	70,646	1,058,501	387,334	-80.0
PORT AUTHORITY TRANS-HUDSON (PATH) RAIL						
PATH-New York Stations		20,976	24,324	28,319	24,540	-81.2
PATH-New Jersey Stations		26,051	29,800	34,332	30,061	-81.1
PATH Total		47,027	54,124	62,651	54,601	-81.1
NEW JERSEY TRANSIT RAIL SYSTEM						
New Jersey Transit Rail	(3)	(3)	(3)	(3)	53,100	-83.7
Newark Light Rail	(4)	(3)	(3)	(3)	9,700	-52.8
New Jersey Transit HBLR	(5)	(3)	(3)	(3)	21,650	-59.5
River Line		(3)	(3)	(3)	6,000	-31.4
NJ Rail Total					90,450	-77.8
AIRPORT RAIL ACCESS						
Newark AirTrain	(6),	5,924	6,682	6,905	6,503	-79.9
JFK AirTrain	(6)	9,015	10,099	10,435	9,850	-84.0
Total Airport Rail Access		14,938	16,780	17,340	16,353	-82.6
SUBURBAN BUSES						
New Jersey Transit Bus		(3)	(3)	(3)	249,700	-52.0
Nassau Inter-County Express (NICE)		42,615	44,297	47,109	44,674	-45.7
Westchester County Bee-Line Bus		56,485	61,498	58,072	58,685	-32.0
Orange County Buses	(7)	(3)	(3)	(3)	3,498	-11.3
Putnam County Buses	(6)	166	166	202	178	-50.5
Rockland County Buses	(7), (Note 2)	4,518	4,760	5,268	4,849	-64.2
Hudson Link Bus		853	941	1,039	944	-36.1
Dutchess County Public Transit		1,464	1,320	1,375	1,386	-52.2
City of Long Beach		345	358	369	357	-62.8
Suffolk County Buses	(6), (8)	10,110	11,702	11,257	11,023	-43.0
Total Suburb Buses					375,295	-48.7
GRAND TOTAL					2,432,940	-74.3

(1) MTA - Metropolitan Transportation Authority

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

(3) Only quarterly data available.

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

(5) Hudson Bergen Light Rail

(6) Monthly average ridership data include weekends.

(7) Local and Express buses

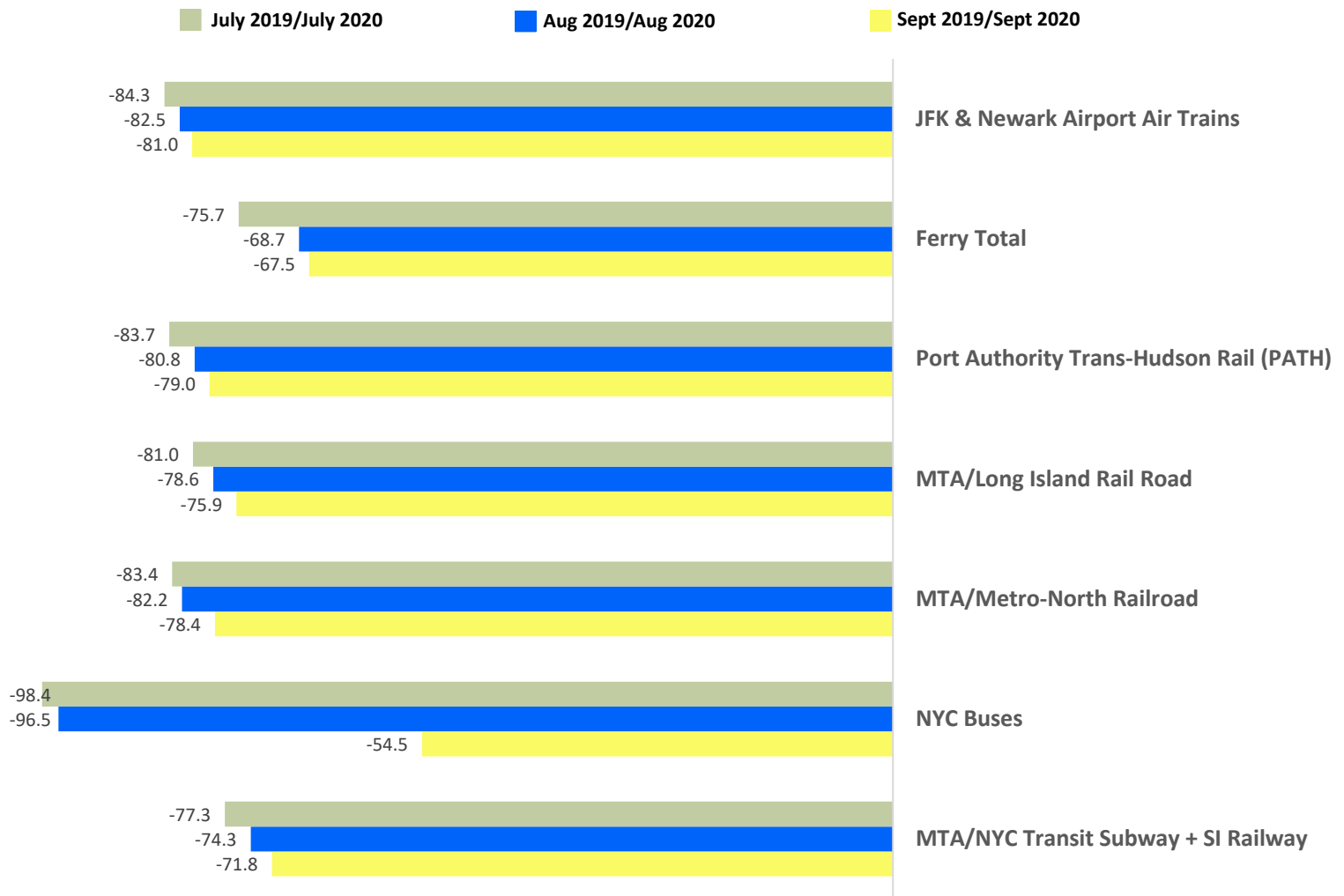
(8) Suffolk Cty includes local and pass-through buses, HART - Huntington Area Rapid Transit

Note 1: The numbers reflect only official paid ridership for Select Bus Service (SBS) and express buses. Fares on local buses were suspended from March 23rd to Aug. 30th and not included in the numbers.

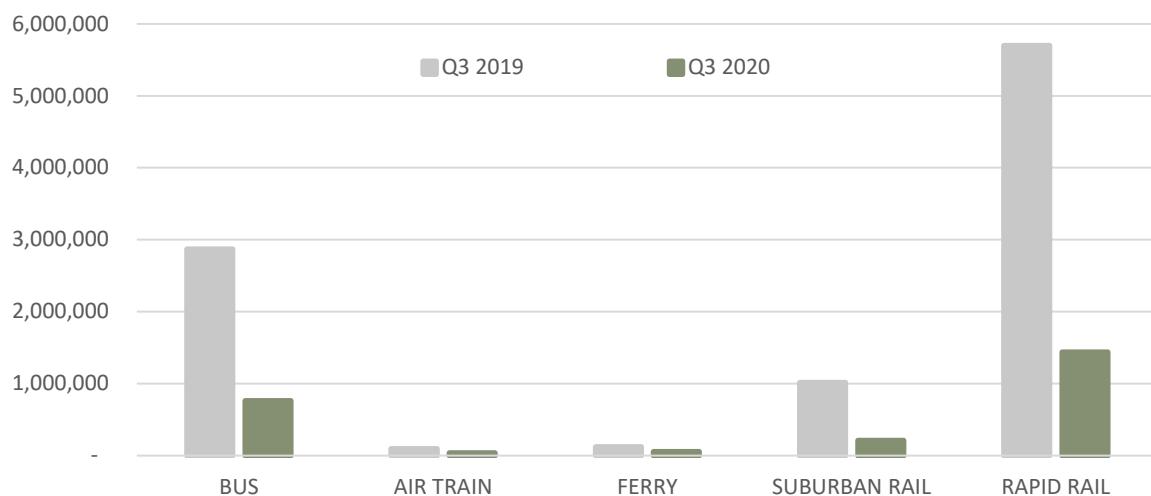
Note 2: Orange-Westchester Link (through buses) ridership in Rockland County include both private and County buses.

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 PASSENGERS by Public Transportation Mode Percentage Change from Q3 2019 to Q3 2020, by Month



TOTAL AVERAGE WEEKDAY PASSENGERS by Public Transportation Mode Q3 2019 vs. Q3 2020



AVERAGE WEEKDAY FERRY RIDERSHIP

Third Quarter 2020

Monthly Comparison Q3-2019 vs. Q3-2020

FERRY RIDERSHIP	Jul-20	Aug-20	Sep-20	Average Q3 2020	Q3 2019 to Q3 2020 % Change
Billybey Ferry					
Hoboken South					
Hoboken - Pier 11	-	-	49	49	-98.0
Hoboken - WFC (World Financial Center)	226	317	466	336	-87.8
Hoboken - Pier 79 (West 39th Street)	-	-	-	-	-100.0
Total	226	317	515	353	-93.8
Jersey City					
Paulus Hook - Pier 79 (West 39th St.)	-	-	-	-	-100.0
Paulus Hook - WFC	378	412	609	466	-87.9
Port Liberte - Pier 11	-	-	-	-	-100.0
Liberty Harbor - Pier 11	23	43	68	45	-90.7
Paulus Hook - Pier 11	62	97	138	99	-88.8
Harborside - Pier 79	-	-	-	-	-100.0
Harborside - Brookfield Place/ Battery Park City	-	-	-	-	-100.0
Total	463	552	815	610	-90.9
Billybey Total	689	869	1,330	963	-92.3
NY Waterway					
Weehawken/Hoboken North					
Weehawken - Pier 79 (West 39th St.)	782	911	1,134	942	-86.7
Weehawken - Hoboken North - WFC	-	-	-	-	-100.0
Hoboken North - Pier 79 (West 39th St.)	221	388	534	381	-84.6
Weehawken - Pier 11	-	-	-	-	-100.0
Lincoln Harbor - Pier 79 (West 39th St.)	83	152	186	140	-92.0
Edgewater - Pier 79 (West 39th St.)	-	-	-	-	-100.0
Weehawken - Brookfield Place (started 9/21/20)	-	-	99	99	n/a
Total	1,086	1,451	1,953	1,497	-89.8
Belford / Haverstraw / Newburgh					
Belford - Pier 11	96	123	178	132	-94.5
Haverstraw - Ossining	-	-	-	-	-100.0
Newburgh - Beacon	-	-	-	-	-100.0
Total	96	123	178	132	-96.0
NY Waterway Total	1,182	1,574	2,131	1,629	-91.0
Seastreak					
Atlantic Highlands-Pier 11, E34th St.	319	356	397	357	-86.8
Highlands-Pier 11, E34th St.	343	417	438	399	-81.7
Total Seastreak	662	773	835	757	-84.5
New York Water Taxi					
Ikea Terminal (Red Hook, Brooklyn) - Pier 11	-	-	-	-	-100.0
Hop-on/Hop-off Ferry Service (1)	-	-	-	-	-100.0
Total NYWater Taxi	-	-	-	-	-100.0
Liberty Park Water Taxi					
Liberty Landing - BPC (Battery Park City)	107	145	191	148	-88.4
Total Liberty Park Water Taxi	107	145	191	148	-88.4
Hornblower Marine Services					
East River Ferry Service	3,392	4,157	4,396	3,982	-56.5
Rockaway Service	2,002	2,407	1,629	2,013	-40.0
Brooklyn Service	1,096	1,427	1,306	1,276	-48.7
Astoria Service	2,146	2,637	3,231	2,671	-31.0
Sound View	1,757	2,063	1,986	1,935	-31.0
Lower East Side	-	-	-	-	-100.0
Total Hornblower Marine Services	10,393	12,691	12,548	11,877	-48.4
Total Average Weekday Private Ferries	13,033	16,052	17,035	15,373	-74.6
Staten Island Ferry	18,967	20,867	21,886	20,573	-67.1
GRAND TOTAL	32,000	36,919	38,921	35,947	-70.8

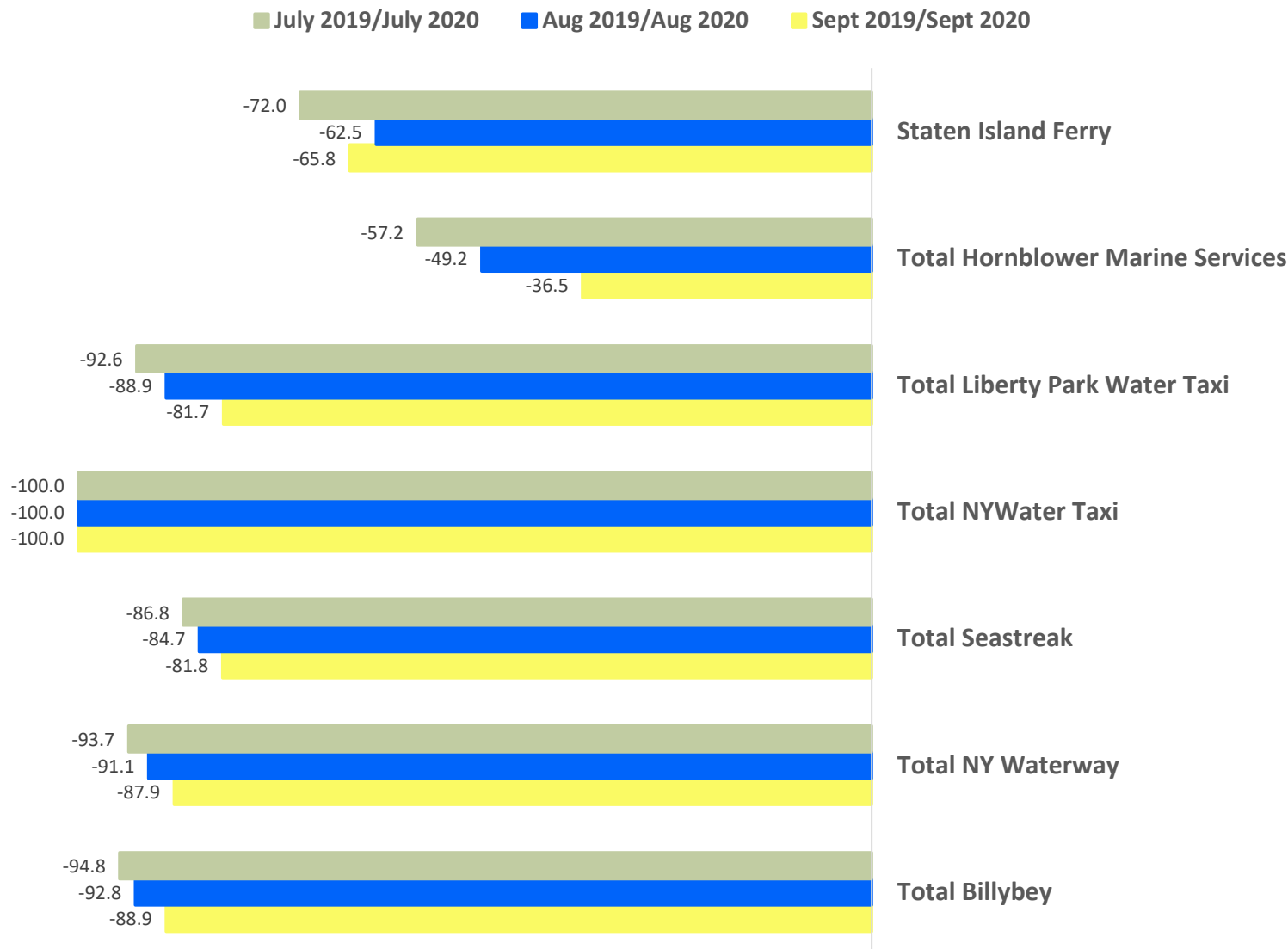
(1) South St. Seaport, Battery Park, Fulton Landing, West 44th St.

Sources: NYC DOT, PANYNJ

AVERAGE WEEKDAY FERRY RIDERSHIP

by Ferry Operator

Percentage Change from Q3 2019 to Q3 2020, by Month



TOTAL AVERAGE WEEKDAY FERRY RIDERSHIP

Q3 2019 vs. Q3 2020

