

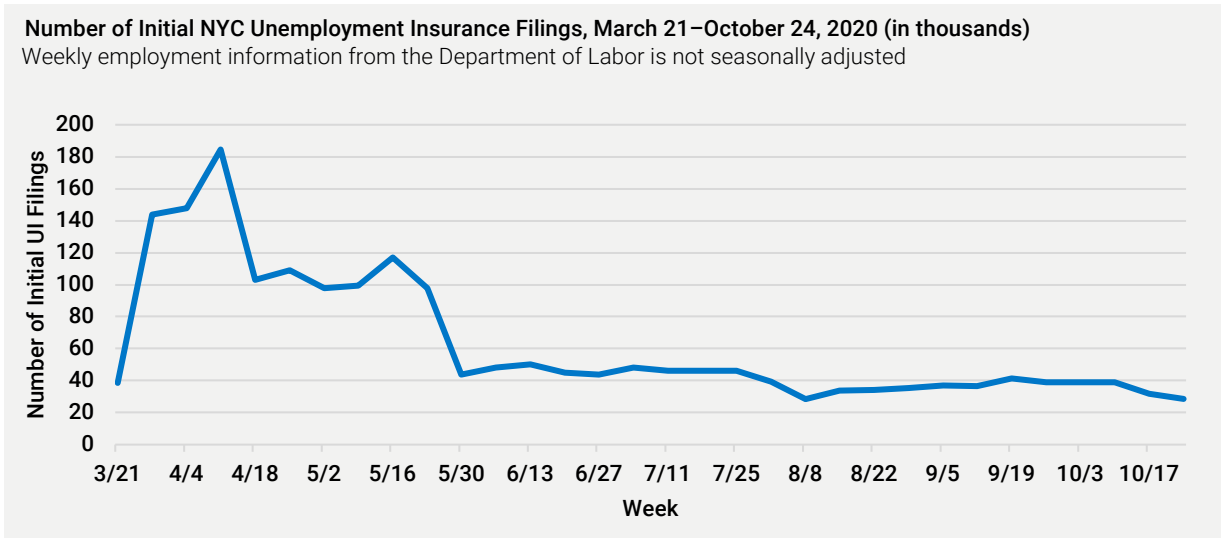
Economic Research & Policy Group (ERP)

Weekly Recovery Dashboard: **October 18, 2020**

Report Summary

- The week of October 18 saw the number initial unemployment filings (28,451) decrease by 11% from the prior week (-3,520). This is the first time since August 8 that this number dropped below 30,000 and continues a strong downward trend since it topped 40,000 in mid-September.
- The trends in bus and subway traffic show only modest increases over the last month. Although it is preferable to evaluate transportation data over several weeks, there are changes: Bus traffic during the weekdays for October 19–25 decreased by 1% from last week for a weekday average of 1.1M trips (46% of the 2019 baseline). Subway traffic increased by 1% and is still markedly below pre-pandemic levels, with a weekday average of 1.8M trips (30% of the 2019 baseline).
- The Mobility and Engagement Index (MEI) for October 18–24 increased from the prior week (+4.4 citywide). All boroughs saw higher levels of activity. Staten Island (+5.2) saw the largest increase in mobility, while Queens (+4.8), Manhattan (+4.6), the Bronx (+3.8), and Brooklyn (+3.2) also saw sizable gains. Overall, New York City continues to be markedly below pre-pandemic levels; however this week saw the highest NYC Composite Index after the April 11 trough (-48.4).

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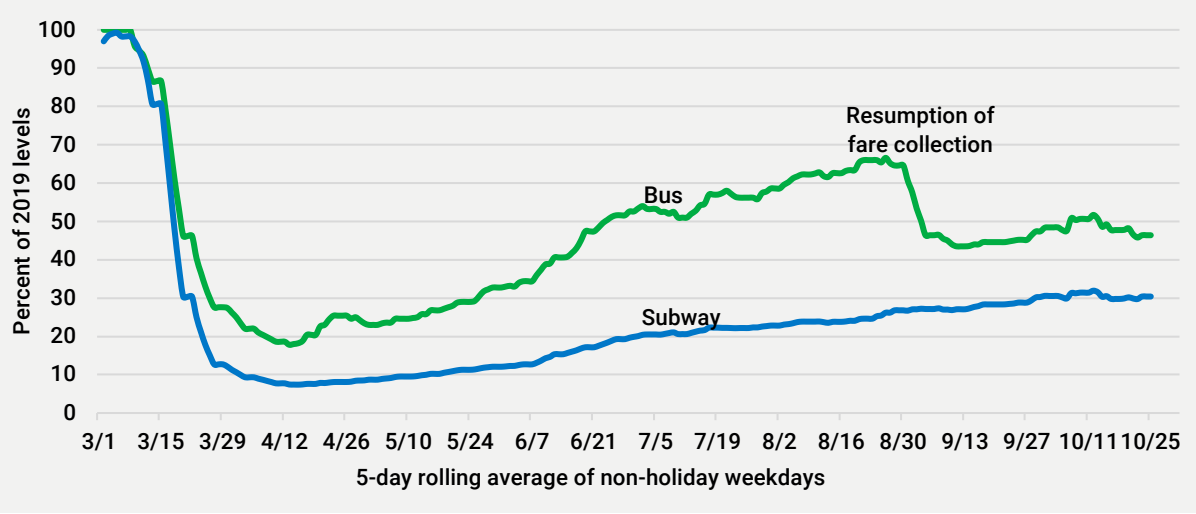


Source: [New York State Department of Labor](#)

Current week: October 24: 28,451 **Peak:** April 11: 184,525 **Trough:** August 8: 28,447

MTA Transportation Usage, Weekdays between March 1–October 25, 2020 (percent of 2019 levels)

Five-day rolling average of non-holiday weekdays on bus and subway



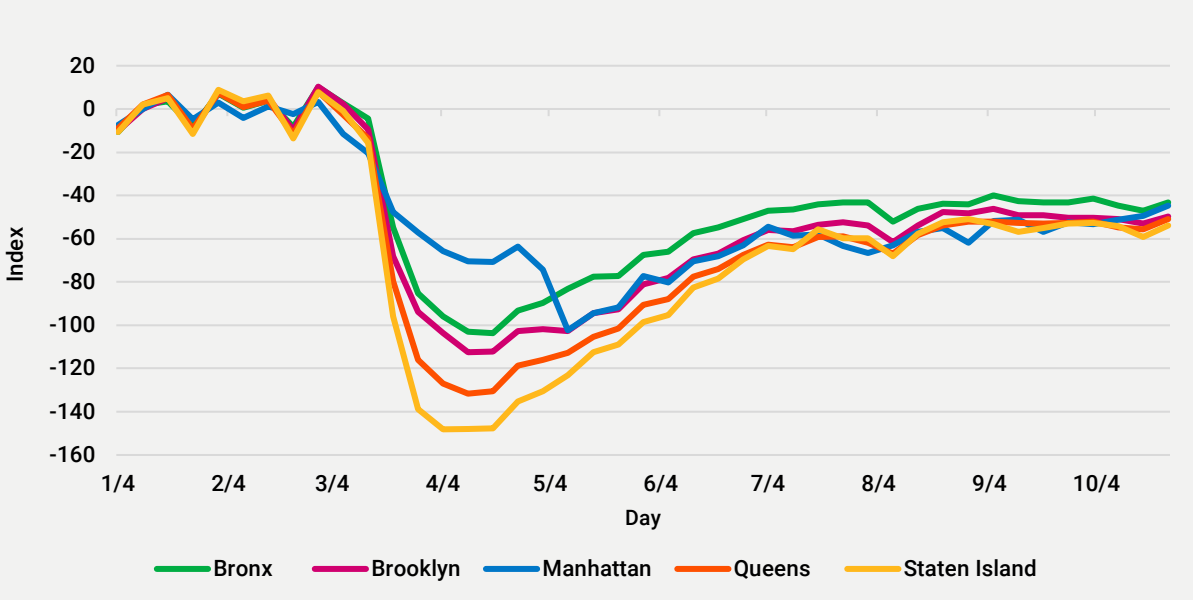
Source: [Metropolitan Transportation Authority](https://www.mta.info/press-releases/2020/08/2020-08-26-1361400)

Daily Total Estimated Ridership

Bus: **Current week:** October 23: 1,052,612 **Peak:** August 26: 1,361,400 **Trough:** April 12: 279,100
Subway: **Current week:** October 23: 1,841,935 **Peak:** October 15: 1,857,697 **Trough:** April 12: 199,696

Mobility and Engagement Index by borough, January 4–October 17, 2020 (indexed)

The Mobility and Engagement Index (MEI) is a composite of seven types of mobile phone geolocation data indicating activity outside the home, indexed to average January and February activity.



Source: Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas

Current week: October 24: -48.4 **Peak:** October 24: -48.4 **Trough:** April 11: -113.1

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