

# BC Ferries Route 19 Nanaimo – Gabriola Island



Monthly Traffic Summary  
updated to December 31, 2024

© Gabriola Island Ferry Advisory Committee

# Monthly Traffic Summary

## Route 19 : Nanaimo – Gabriola Island

These tables and graphs show the actual number of vehicles\*\* and passengers boarding the ferry at Nanaimo Harbour or Gabriola Island, therefore representing the number of one-way trips made.

*\*\* Other charts showing Capacity Utilisation convert these vehicle numbers into AEQs (Automobile Equivalents) reflecting the fact that larger vehicles occupy more than one standard car length of deck space. The number of AEQs reported in any period will typically be between 6% and 7% more than the actual vehicle count, depending on the number of large commercial vehicles carried.*

To account for the fact that the length of each calendar month varies between 28 and 31 days, the graphs depict the DAILY average number of passengers and vehicles travelling, to even out the different lengths of each calendar month and offer a more accurate representation of seasonal variations. The graphs also take account of the extra day that occurs in February each leap year, so data for 2020 and 2024 is adjusted to reflect 29 days instead of 28.

# Monthly Traffic Summary

## Passengers carried each month since 2019

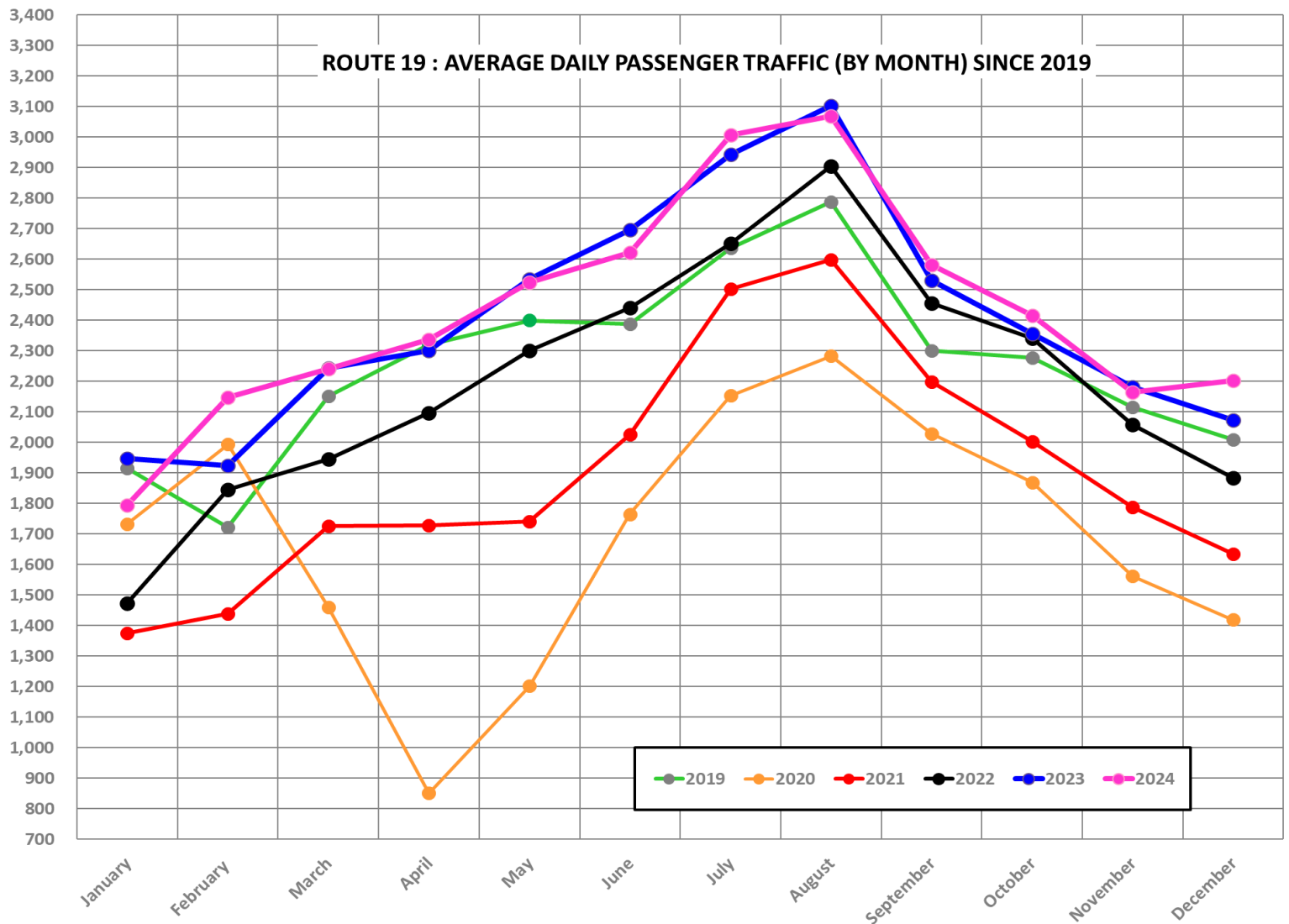
Passengers Carried	2019		2020		2021		2022		2023		2024	
		% +/-		% +/-		% +/-		% +/-		% +/-		% +/-
January	59,408	7.65	53,730	-9.56	42,647	-20.63	45,683	7.12	60,351	32.11	55,651	-7.79
February	48,197	-7.21	57,835	20.00	40,325	-30.28	51,648	28.08	53,903	4.37	62,307	15.59
March	66,733	5.54	45,276	-32.15	53,495	18.15	60,318	12.75	69,538	15.29	69,458	-0.12
April	69,594	7.89	25,531	-63.31	51,833	103.02	62,872	21.30	69,026	9.79	70,112	1.57
May	74,386	0.76	37,284	-49.88	54,002	44.84	71,334	32.10	78,587	10.17	78,218	-0.47
June	71,660	0.31	52,963	-26.09	60,767	14.73	73,212	20.48	80,877	10.47	78,668	-2.73
July	81,714	-2.50	66,737	-18.33	77,609	16.29	82,178	5.89	91,253	11.04	93,198	2.13
August	86,399	-1.30	70,782	-18.08	80,536	13.78	90,045	11.81	96,154	6.78	95,140	-1.05
September	69,010	0.89	60,879	-11.78	65,933	8.30	73,653	11.71	75,927	3.09	77,464	2.02
October	70,562	0.95	57,958	-17.86	62,081	7.11	72,550	16.86	73,016	0.64	74,862	2.53
November	63,438	0.09	46,850	-26.15	53,626	14.46	61,733	15.12	65,444	6.01	64,936	-0.78
December	62,303	0.28	43,988	-29.40	50,696	15.25	58,397	15.19	64,247	10.02	68,301	6.31

# Monthly Traffic Summary

## Vehicles carried each month since 2019

Vehicles Carried	2019		2020		2021		2022		2023		2024	
		% +/-		% +/-		% +/-		% +/-		% +/-		% +/-
January	28,259	9.48	25,694	-9.08	24,871	-3.20	25,524	2.63	33,523	31.34	30,622	-8.65
February	22,738	-5.59	27,365	20.35	23,366	-14.61	28,407	21.57	29,521	3.92	33,621	13.89
March	31,295	5.83	23,793	-23.97	31,313	31.61	33,071	5.61	38,420	16.17	37,112	-3.40
April	32,247	6.39	16,630	-48.43	29,697	78.57	33,369	12.36	36,885	10.54	37,908	2.77
May	33,714	-0.07	23,119	-31.43	30,904	33.67	37,648	21.82	41,422	10.02	41,369	-0.13
June	33,234	1.31	30,338	-8.71	33,791	11.38	38,444	13.77	42,346	10.15	40,891	-3.44
July	36,711	0.40	35,129	-4.31	37,834	7.70	40,819	7.89	44,175	8.22	45,637	3.31
August	37,253	0.17	35,470	-4.79	37,790	6.54	44,564	17.93	46,268	3.82	45,046	-2.64
September	32,457	4.81	32,362	-0.29	33,174	2.51	38,149	15.00	38,983	2.19	40,025	2.67
October	33,111	3.29	31,899	-3.66	32,779	2.76	38,517	17.51	38,870	0.92	40,193	3.40
November	29,271	-0.84	27,064	-7.54	28,173	4.10	34,016	20.74	35,790	5.22	35,636	-0.43
December	29,826	1.01	25,904	-13.15	27,064	4.48	31,186	15.23	34,395	10.29	36,886	7.24

# Average number of passengers per day



# Average number of vehicles per day

