

Nanaimo Harbour – Gabriola Island

Monthly vehicle and passenger statistics

Updated to May 2026



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Monthly Traffic Statistics

BC Ferries 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 and represent the number of one-way trips made.

*** Charts and Tables elsewhere may convert the actual number of vehicles to AEQs (automobile equivalents), reflecting the additional deck space occupied by overlength and commercial vehicles.*

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 leap years.

Since the introduction of a two-vessel operation on this route in April 2022, vehicle traffic (and, to a lesser extent, passenger traffic) can be seen to have increased steadily and is now at the highest level ever recorded.

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Passengers carried each month since 2022

Passengers Carried	2022		2023		2024		2025		2026	
		% +/-		% +/-		% +/-		% +/-		% +/-
January	45,683	7.12	60,351	32.11	55,651	-7.79	63,761	14.57	64,686	1.45
February	51,648	28.08	53,903	4.37	62,307	15.59	52,745	-15.35	61,722	17.02
March	60,318	12.75	69,538	15.29	69,458	-0.12	70,937	2.13	71,150	0.30
April	62,872	21.30	69,026	9.79	70,112	1.57	75,447	7.61	76,243	1.06
May	71,334	32.10	78,587	10.17	78,218	-0.47	82,267	5.18	83,640	1.67
June	73,212	20.48	80,877	10.47	78,668	-2.73	84,998	8.05		
July	82,178	5.89	91,253	11.04	93,198	2.13	97,805	4.94		
August	90,045	11.81	96,154	6.78	95,140	-1.05	101,530	6.72		
September	73,653	11.71	75,927	3.09	77,464	2.02	81,100	4.69		
October	72,550	16.86	73,016	0.64	74,862	2.53	77,876	4.03		
November	61,733	15.12	65,444	6.01	64,936	-0.78	68,071	4.83		
December	58,397	15.19	64,247	10.02	68,301	6.31	70,468	3.17		

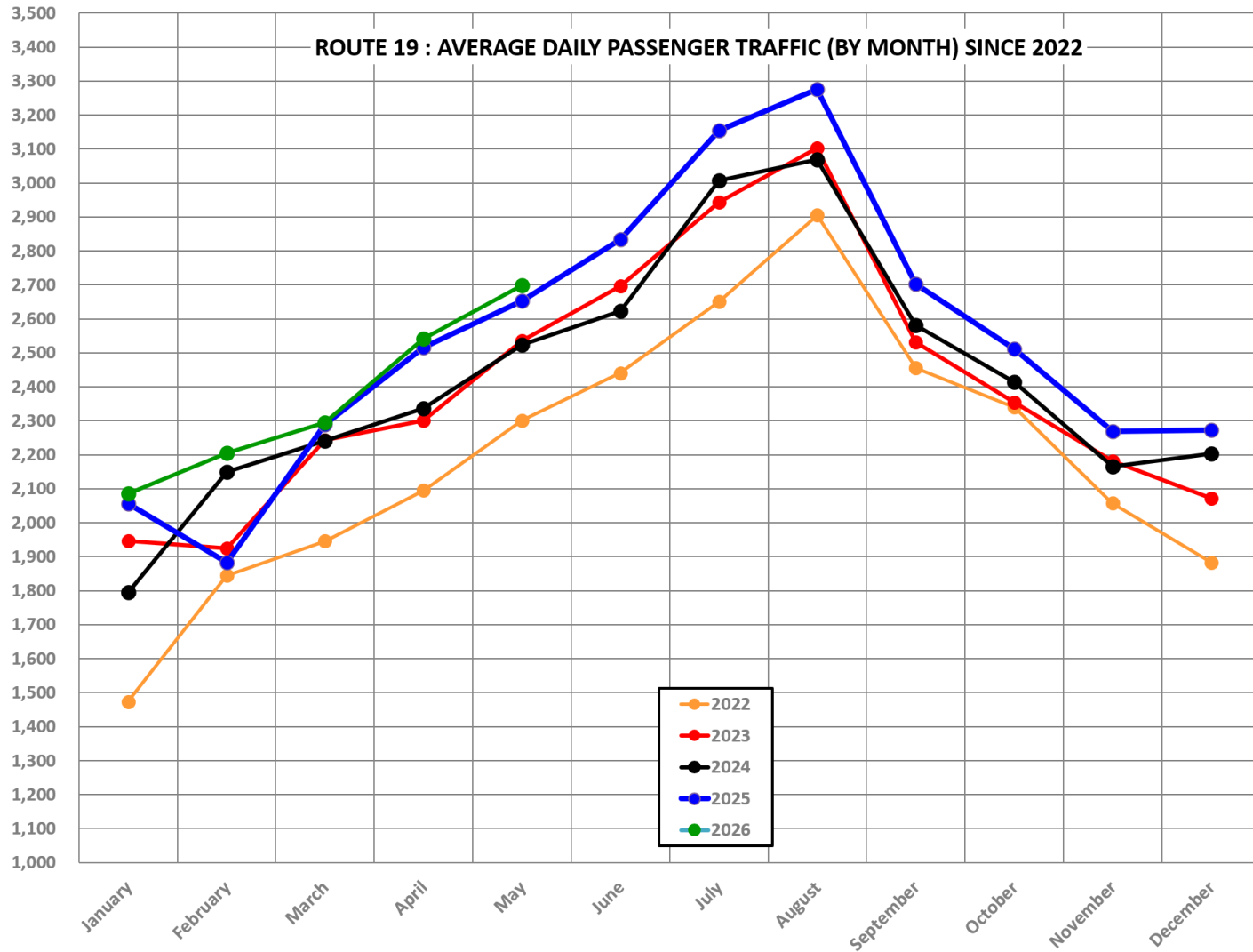
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Vehicles carried each month since 2022

Vehicles Carried	2022		2023		2024		2025		2026	
		% +/-		% +/-		% +/-		% +/-		% +/-
January	25,524	2.63	33,523	31.34	30,622	-8.65	35,394	15.58	34,729	-1.88
February	28,407	21.57	29,521	3.92	33,621	13.89	29,354	-12.69	33,671	14.71
March	33,071	5.61	38,420	16.17	37,112	-3.40	38,839	4.65	39,158	0.82
April	33,369	12.36	36,885	10.54	37,908	2.77	40,028	5.59	40,941	2.28
May	37,648	21.82	41,422	10.02	41,369	-0.13	43,746	5.75	42,805	-2.15
June	38,444	13.77	42,346	10.15	40,891	-3.44	43,014	5.19		
July	40,819	7.89	44,175	8.22	45,637	3.31	46,892	2.75		
August	44,564	17.93	46,268	3.82	45,046	-2.64	46,423	3.06		
September	38,149	15.00	38,983	2.19	40,025	2.67	40,841	2.04		
October	38,517	17.51	38,870	0.92	40,193	3.40	40,800	1.51		
November	34,016	20.74	35,790	5.22	35,636	-0.43	36,071	1.22		
December	31,186	15.23	34,395	10.29	36,886	7.24	37,272	1.05		

Average number of passengers carried per day



Average number of vehicles carried per day

