

MTA Finance Committee

Transit Adjudication Bureau Report
2025 Key Performance Metrics

December 15, 2025

Overview of the Transit Adjudication Bureau

The Transit Adjudication Bureau (TAB) processes Notices of Violation (NOVs) issued for violations of the rules governing conduct in subway and bus facilities of the New York City transit system, including fare evasion. TAB enforces these rules by processing NOVs and imposing civil penalties, with the goal of promoting safety, compliance, and accountability on transit. NOVs may be issued by either the NYPD, MTAPD, or the EAGLE Team. TAB also administers an appeals process for individuals who wish to challenge an NOV.

TAB revenue consists of payments from: (1) fines in response to NOVs; (2) amounts collected through the garnishment of New York State tax refunds via the Statewide Offset Program (SWOP) for individuals who fail to pay; (3) MTA Bus reimbursements; and (4) other revenue sources.

TAB was established by the New York State Legislature and is an administrative tribunal within New York City Transit.

A note on comparing 2025 data to earlier years

On January 1, 2025, the fine structure for fare evasion violations changed. There were no changes to non-fare evasion violations.¹ Instead of flat fines (\$100 on NYCTA subways and buses and \$50 on MTA Bus Company buses), fines for fare evasion are now based on the number of violations committed during a four-year period:

	Full-fare customers	Fair Fare NYC participants
Warning (first offense)	Warning; no fine	
Tier Two ² (second offense)	\$100 fine Those who pay on time in full receive a \$50 credit on an OMNY card	\$50 fine Those who pay on time in full receive a \$25 credit on an OMNY card
Tier Three ² (third offense)	\$150 fine	\$75 fine

¹ Fines for non-fare evasion violations can be found at [MTA Rules of Conduct](#).

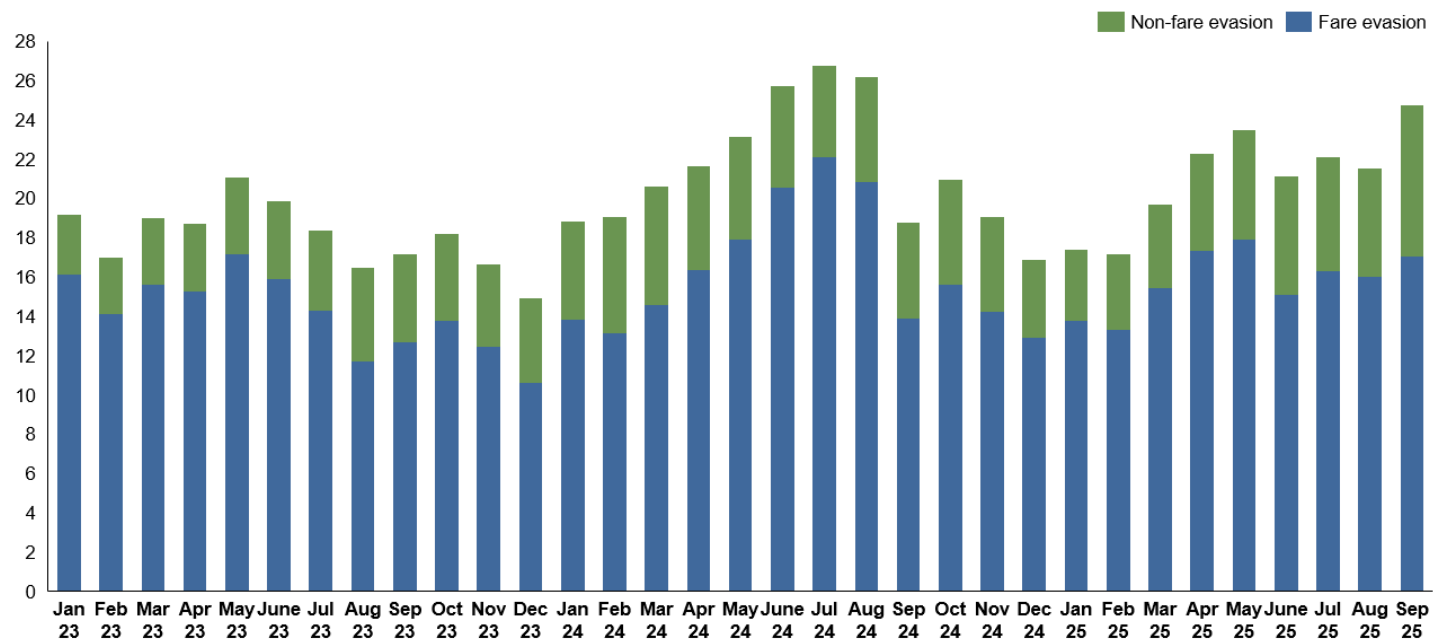
² Individuals in the Tier 2 and 3 categories who are eligible for the Fair Fares NYC program but are not enrolled have an opportunity to get their fine waived by enrolling in the program between the violation issuance date and hearing date.

Key Performance Metrics

Notices of Violation Received by TAB

TAB receives Notices of Violation for both fare evasion and other non-fare evasion offenses.³

Notices of Violation in thousands

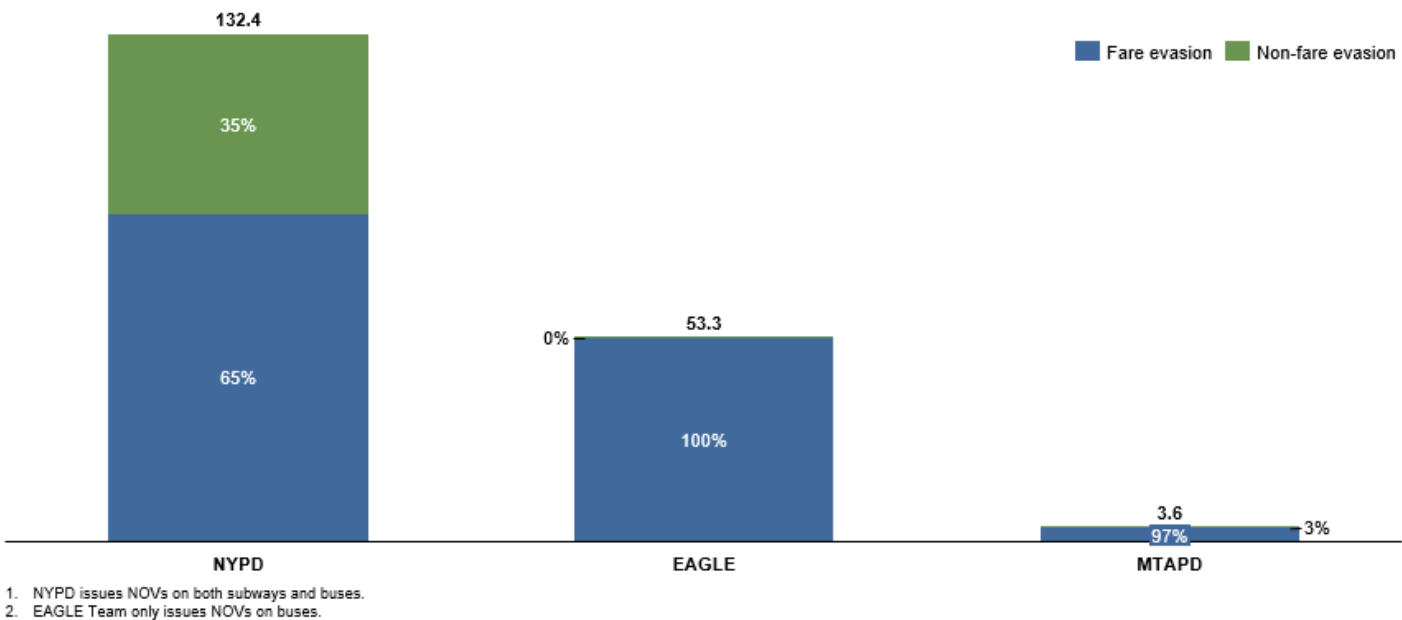


³ Non-fare evasion offenses include, but are not limited to, rule violations such as excessive noise, littering, smoking, and drinking alcohol.

Notices of Violation by Issuing Agency (January 2025–September 2025)

Fare evasion and non-fare evasion NOVs issued by NYPD, MTAPD, or the NYCT EAGLE Team (the EAGLE Team only issues NOVs on buses).

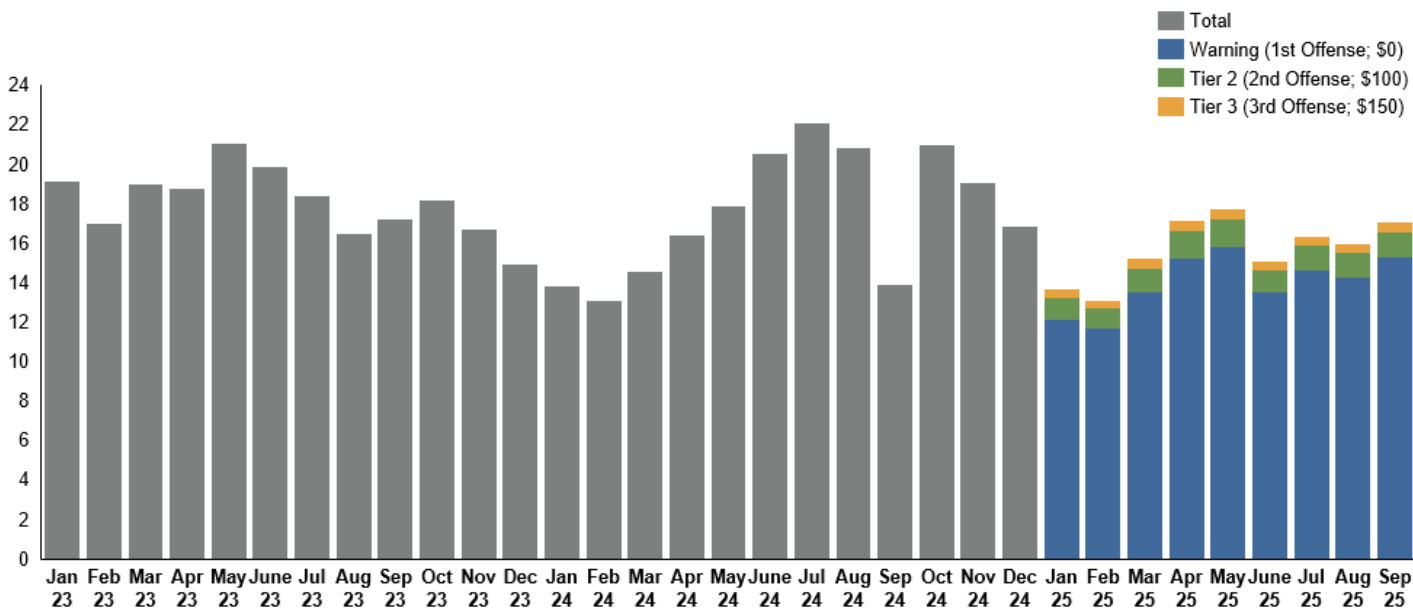
Notices of Violation in thousands



TAB Fare Evasion Notices of Violation

Prior to 2025 there were no violation tiers for fare evasion NOVs.

Notices of Violation in thousands



Total Revenues and Expenses

Revenues & Expenses, (January 2025–September 2025)

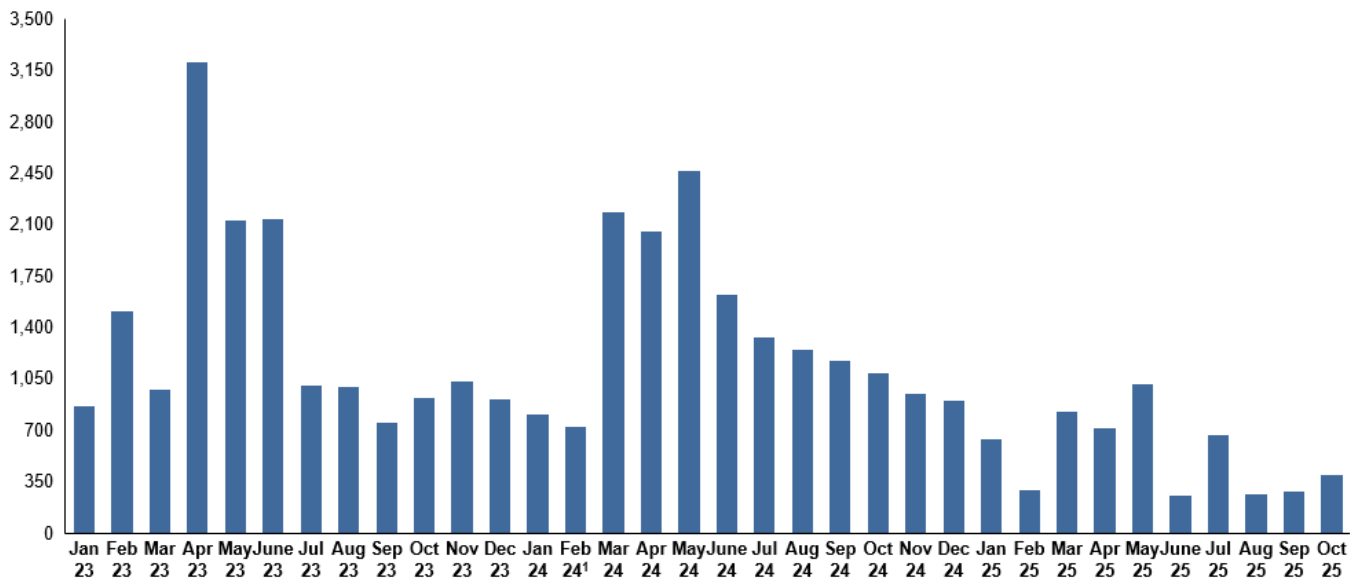
\$ in thousands

Total Revenue	\$7,257.2
Fine Revenue ¹	\$2,650.1
SWOP Revenue	\$2,029.4
MTA Bus Reimbursement ²	\$2,307.9
Other Revenue	\$269.9
Total Expenses	\$4,505.2
Overhead	\$3,247.5
Contracts	\$1,257.7

1. Fine revenue is less refunds and payment adjustments.
2. MTA Bus Company 2021–2024 reimbursement.

TAB Monthly Revenue

\$ in thousands



1. Excludes one time MTA Bus Company reimbursement in February 2025.

TAB Hearings

A case is adjudicated when a respondent requests a hearing, and a determination is made by a hearing officer.

In 2025 year to date, approximately 89% of the fare evasion offenses resulted in warnings. As a result, both the number of case adjudications and the amount of money collected by TAB have decreased.

TAB Monthly Hearings

Monthly hearings adjudicated by TAB. Includes both in-person and by-mail hearings.

