

Maine State Ferry Service

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Service Description and Fares

Maine State Ferry Service consists of state-sponsored ferry services operating to and from multiple inhabited and unbridged islands located off of Maine's Mid Coast. This includes:

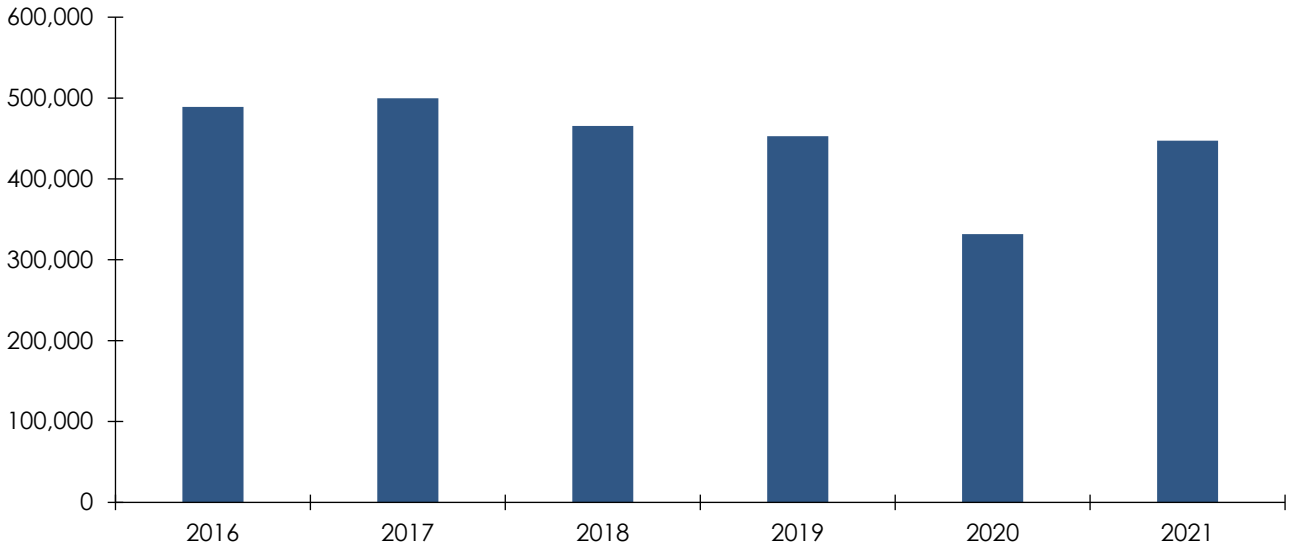
- » **Bass Harbor—Frenchboro:** Year-round service to Frenchboro from Bass Harbor.
- » **Bass Harbor—Swan's Island:** Year-round service to Swan's Island from Bass Harbor.
- » **Lincolnville—Islesboro:** Year-round service to Islesboro from Lincolnville.
- » **Rockland—Matinicus:** Year-round service to Matinicus from Rockland.
- » **Rockland—North Haven:** Year-round service to North Haven from Rockland.
- » **Rockland—Vinalhaven:** Year-round service to Vinalhaven from Rockland.

Fares vary based on the particular service and time of the year (peak summer, or off-peak).

Ridership

Total ridership for 2016 through 2021 is shown in Figure 1. From 2016 through 2019, ridership ranged from 450,000 to 500,000. Following a drop in 2020, ridership rebounded in 2021 to just under 450,000.

Figure 1 Maine State Ferry Service Annual Unlinked Trips (2016–2021)



Modal Operating Characteristics

Revenue miles and revenue hours are shown in Figure 2 and Figure 3. From 2016 through 2019, revenue miles and revenue hours held at approximately 140,000 and just under 14,000 respectively. Following a drop in 2020, both metrics rose to approximately 131,000 and 13,000 respectively.

Figure 2 Maine State Ferry Service Revenue Miles (2016–2021)

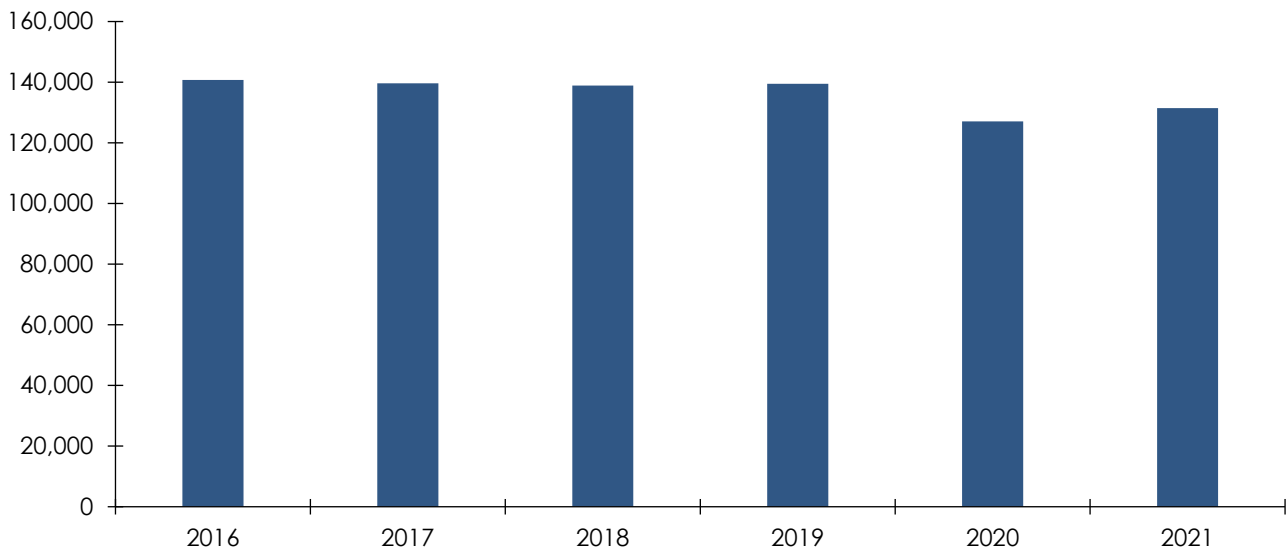
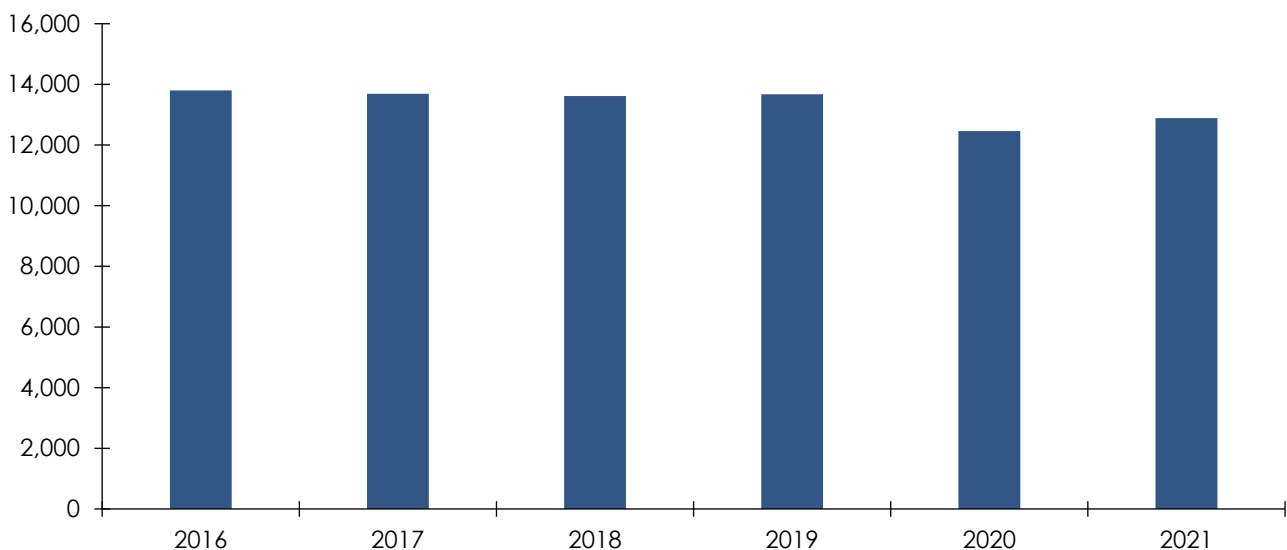


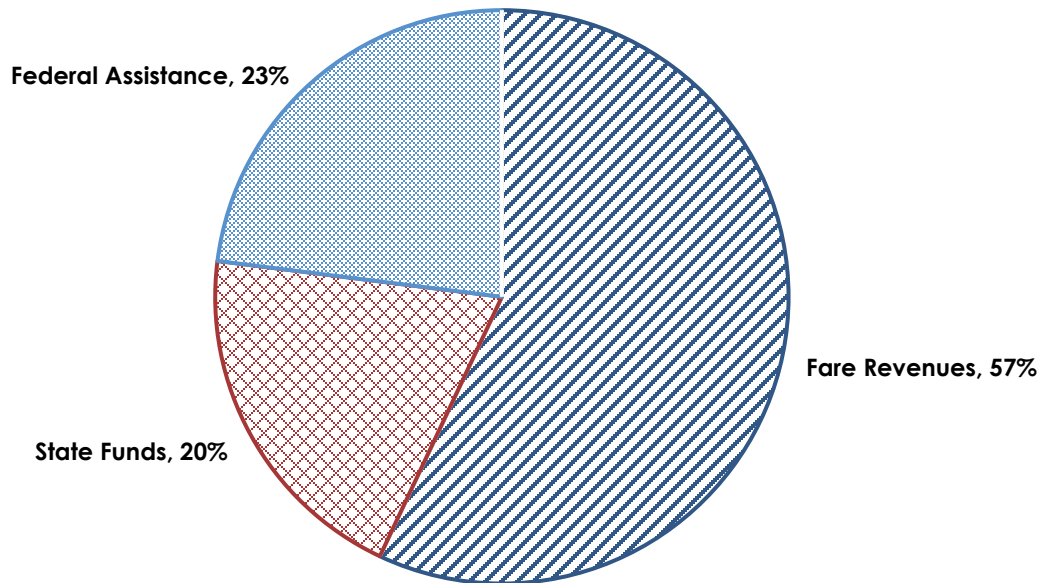
Figure 3 Maine State Ferry Service Revenue Hours (2016–2021)



Budget Metrics

The breakdown of operating expense funding sources for 2020 is shown in Figure 4. In 2020, fare revenues accounted for 57 percent of operating expense funding. Remaining funding was comprised of local funds (23 percent) and state funds (20 percent).

Figure 4 Maine State Ferry Service Operating Funding Sources (2020)



Asset Management

Transit asset management of Maine State Ferry Service is conducted through the Maine Tier II Transit Asset Management Plan for rural transit agencies. In 2022, the Maine State Ferry Service fleet consisted of:

- » 7 ferryboats