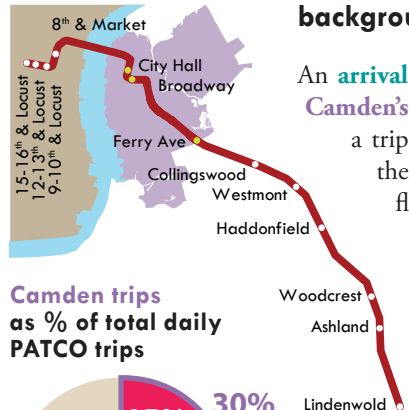


# PATCO Ridership Entering & Leaving Camden

9,125 daily passenger trips begin or end at Camden's 3 stations, 30% of PATCO's total.

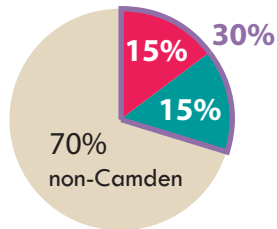
**Overview:** PATCO's Speedline, with one end rooted in the Camden county suburbs and the other in the heart of Philadelphia's center city, runs through the City of Camden with 3 of the line's 13 stations (**City Hall**, **Broadway**, and **Ferry Avenue**). With 23% of the stations, Camden nonetheless generates 30% of PATCO's riders. Since its inception in 1969, the Speedline has served both commuters and residents of the greater Philadelphia-Camden area. Recent ridership data<sup>1</sup> help illuminate both commuting patterns and daytime population. The morning rush yields a **net exodus (-2,034 outbound riders vs. +1,239 inbound)** peaking at 7am, and a **reverse commute** in the evening (peaking at 5pm). This pattern demonstrates just how critical the Speedline is for many residents working outside the City (84% of employed residents at last count<sup>2</sup>). The **effect on Camden's population** is a moderate loss during the early and middle hours of the day (at its lowest, dropping by **886 people**).



## background & definitions

An **arrival** is any trip that ends at one of **Camden's 3 stations**, while a **departure** is a trip that starts there. The graph at the right shows the hourly ebb and flow of passengers at Camden stations. Net **gain & loss** (below) are the differences between **arrivals** and **departures** in a given hour. They show the prevailing direction and degree of imbalance over time. The **daily population loss** (below right) shows the cumulative effect of each hour's net flow of passengers added to the hour before it. Camden trips (both arriving and departing) make up 30% of all PATCO trips.

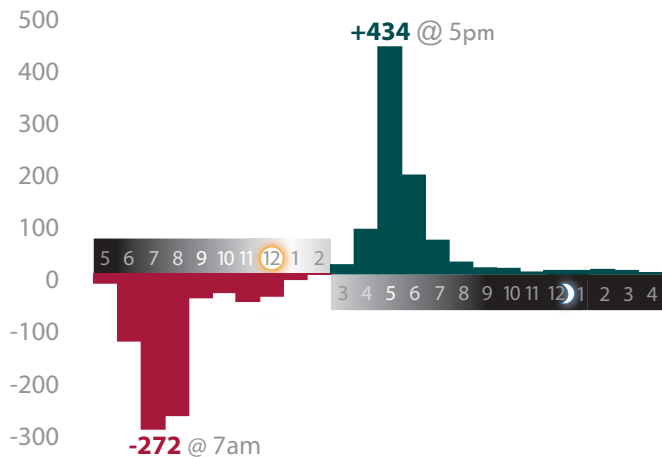
## Camden trips as % of total daily PATCO trips



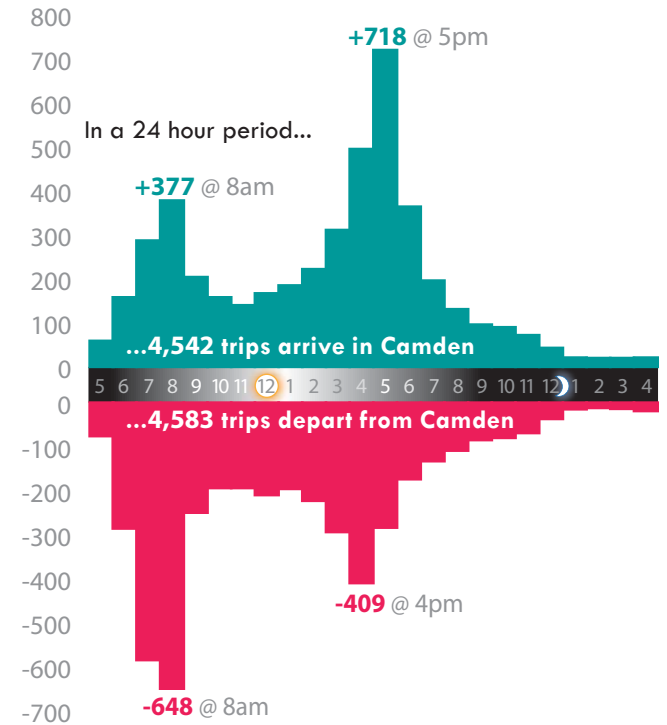
28,333 est. daily trips

## average hourly net passenger gain & loss in Camden:

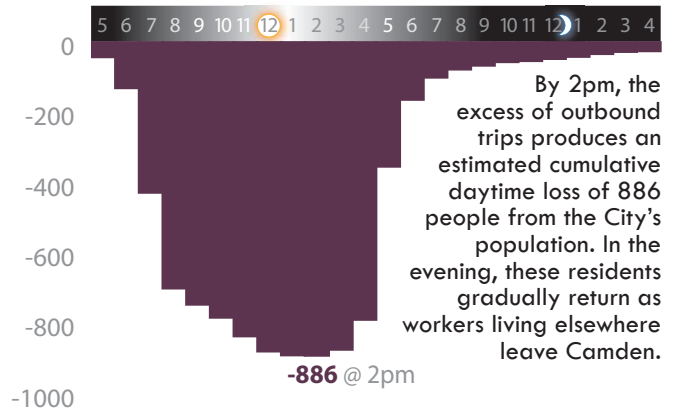
**arrivals** minus **departures** from the graph above right



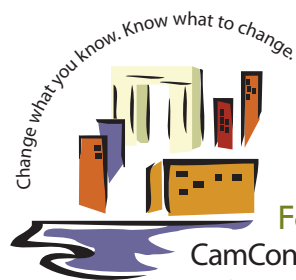
## average hourly trips arriving in & departing Camden



## Camden's daily population loss via PATCO



By 2pm, the excess of outbound trips produces an estimated cumulative daytime loss of 886 people from the City's population. In the evening, these residents gradually return as workers living elsewhere leave Camden.



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Sources: PATCO ridership data  
1. All numbers reflect average daily ridership from March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2008 to January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2010.  
2. Census Bureau LEHD, 2008