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120 years of the Manhattan Subway

The New York City Subway system has been an invaluable mode of transportation since the start of the 20th century. This graphic explores the complex expansion of the NYC Subways by the subway lines' year open.



Present in 1905

Present in 1930 Present in 1955

Present in 1980 Present in 2005

Formerly BRT ••• Formerly IND

Formerly IRT

NYC MTA

Fare Price:

2013: \$2.75 1995: \$1.50 1975: \$0.50 1904: \$0.05 1948: \$0.10

A very brief history:

The first subway system was completed in 1904 by the Interborough Rapid Transit Company (IRT). Soon after, the Brooklyn Rapid Transit Company (BRT) expanded the subway system into Brooklyn and Queens. New York City board of Transportation opened the Eighth Avenue line in 1932, dubbed the Independant Subway System (IND). The IND, unlike IRT or BRT, was intended to be fully owned and operated by the municipal government. The city then purchased both the IRT and BRT in 1940, creating the public system we still have today.

Timeline:

1870-1873: Beach Pneumatic Subway opens

1904: IRT first opens

1913: Dual Contracts signed

1932: Eights Ave Subway open (IND)

1940: Sixth Ave Subway open (IND)

1951: Rockaway line acquired from the LIRR

1973: 63rd St Tunnel Completed

1988: Service through 63rd St tunnel initiated

2017: 2nd Ave Subway completed

