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Blocked railroad crossings in Houston: 2026 report

Public reports to the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA), Jan 2020 to November 11, 2026, in the Houston metro area.

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27,486
blockage reports since Jan 2020

6,661
in the past 12 full months (Nov 2025 – Oct 2026)

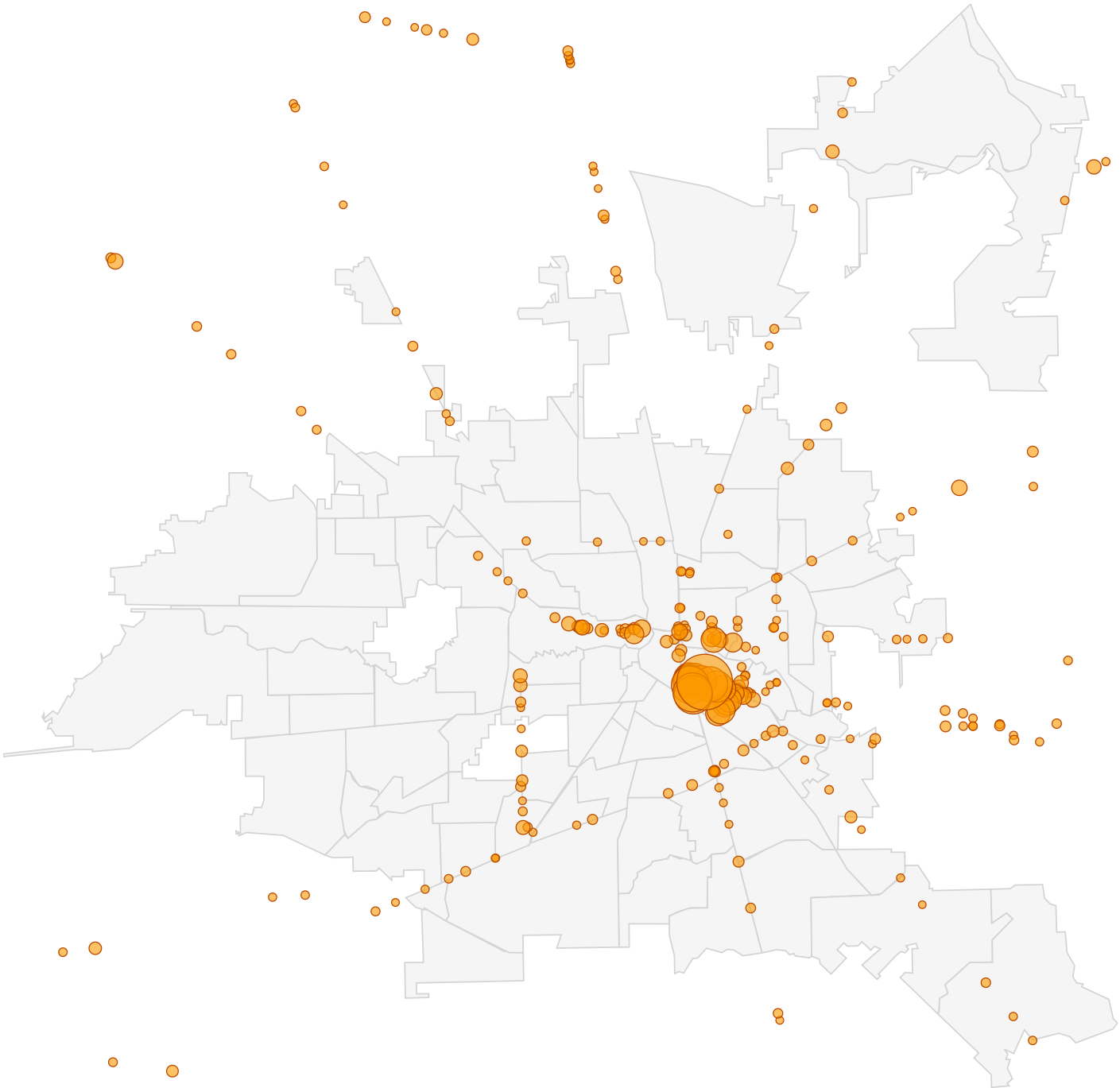
836
crossings reported

70%
of reports say it lasted over 30 minutes

Key findings

- People filed 6,661 reports from Nov 2025 to Oct 2026, 27% more than in the 12 months before (5,239).
- Two City of Houston super neighborhoods, on either side of the same tracks, account for 62% of the area's reports: Second Ward (9,204) and Greater Eastwood (7,770).
- Ten crossings account for 45% of reports. The most-reported is Eastwood Street (3,177 reports).
- 70% of reports say the crossing was blocked more than 30 minutes, and 39% more than an hour.
- 42% of reports say first responders couldn't get across, and 46% that people climbed on, over or through the train cars; over half of those reports are at the 10 most-reported crossings.

Where



Crossings reported 5 or more times in and around the City of Houston, on the city's 88 super neighborhoods. Dot size shows reports. Boundaries: City of Houston.

The most-reported crossings

The 15 crossings with the most reports since Jan 2020.

Crossing	Where	Reports	Nov 2025 – Oct 2026	Over 30 min	First responders couldn't cross
Eastwood Street	Second Ward (on the Greater Eastwood line)	3,177	943	47%	18%
Leeland Street	Greater Eastwood	1,420	291	75%	65%
Cullen Boulevard	Greater Eastwood	1,359	316	73%	64%
Milby Street	Greater Eastwood	1,290	286	77%	71%
South Lockwood Drive	Second Ward (on the Greater Eastwood line)	1,084	192	77%	58%
McKinney Street	Greater Eastwood	900	247	82%	76%
Dumble Street	Second Ward (on the Greater Eastwood line)	835	162	71%	52%
Oakhurst Street	Second Ward (on the Greater Eastwood line)	797	230	81%	61%
Milby Street	Second Ward (on the Greater Eastwood line)	787	242	77%	60%
York Street	Greater Eastwood	686	243	84%	72%
Lawndale Street	Greater Eastwood (on the Lawndale / Wayside line)	641	74	67%	17%
Sampson Street	Greater Eastwood	628	242	83%	70%
Sampson Street	Second Ward (on the Greater Eastwood line)	609	239	81%	56%

Crossing	Where	Reports	Nov 2025 – Oct 2026	Over 30 min	First responders couldn't cross
York Street	Second Ward (on the Greater Eastwood line)	580	228	84%	58%
Altic Street	Second Ward (on the Greater Eastwood line)	546	166	76%	67%

By neighborhood

Inside the City of Houston, by super neighborhood (the 52 with reports); outside the city, by place. 84% of reports are at crossings inside the city.

City of Houston super neighborhoods

Place	Reports	Nov 2025 – Oct 2026	Crossings	Most-reported crossing
Second Ward	9,204	2,595	21	Eastwood Street (3,177)
Greater Eastwood	7,770	1,805	9	Leeland Street (1,420)
Greater Fifth Ward	1,410	216	21	Hirsch Road (475)
Washington Avenue Coalition / Memorial Park	1,048	179	23	Silver Street (238)
Magnolia Park	861	573	26	Hughes Street (183)
Lawndale / Wayside	840	145	2	Polk Street (430)
Afton Oaks / River Oaks Area	189	32	5	San Felipe Road (87)
Downtown	165	48	5	North San Jacinto Street (57)
Near Southwest	163	16	7	Willowbend Boulevard (89)
Denver Harbor / Port Houston	136	31	25	Market Street (19)
Pecan Park	117	9	8	Lawndale Street (52)

Place	Reports	Nov 2025 – Oct 2026	Crossings	Most-reported crossing
Greater Ost / South Union	108	15	4	Martin Luther King Boulevard (33)
Gulfgate Riverview / Pine Valley	102	14	6	Telephone Road (35)
Kingwood Area	95	31	2	Hamblen Road (75)
Braeswood	92	18	3	Bellaire Boulevard (48)
East Little York / Homestead	92	17	3	North Wayside Drive (57)
Greater Inwood	68	12	5	Breen Road (54)
Golfcrest / Bellfort / Reveille	57	12	4	Airport Boulevard (36)
Meadowbrook / Allendale	56	1	7	Shaw Street (31)
Clinton Park Tri-community	53	34	9	Fidelity Street (35)
Kashmere Gardens	46	14	7	Cavalcade Street (17)
Westbury	44	16	4	Chimney Rock Road (22)
South Main	40	4	6	Fannin Street (25)
El Dorado / Oates Prairie	33	2	3	Liberty Road (19)
Spring Branch East	31	1	4	Antoine Street (14)
Clear Lake	31	5	4	Clear Lake City Boulevard (19)
Northshore	31	6	6	Federal Road (11)
Eastex - Jensen Area	29	7	11	Tidwell Road (13)
Central Northwest	24	9	9	E TC Jester Boulevard (9)
Harrisburg / Manchester / Smith Addition	23	1	7	Central Street (13)
Greater Hobby Area	23	6	2	Alameda / Genoa Road (22)
Near Northside	23	5	5	Irvington Boulevard (8)

Place	Reports	Nov 2025 – Oct 2026	Crossings	Most-reported crossing
Park Place	19	0	5	Park Terrace Boulevard (6)
Iah / Airport Area	16	9	2	Old Humble Road (15)
Edgebrook Area	14	1	3	South Shaver Street (8)
South Belt / Ellington	14	1	6	Genoa Red Bluff Road (5)
Lake Houston	13	5	2	Old Atascocita Road (10)
Trinity / Houston Gardens	13	1	4	Lockwood Drive (8)
Independence Heights	12	5	2	Yale Street (8)
Central Southwest	11	2	7	Reed Road (3)
Brays Oaks	8	4	1	Fondren Road (8)
Settegast	7	0	1	Liberty Road (7)
Carverdale	7	1	3	Gessner Road (4)
Fairbanks / Northwest Crossing	6	3	4	South Pinemont Drive (2)
Pleasantville Area	5	0	4	US 90 / McCarty Street (2)
Greenway / Upper Kirby Area	5	0	1	US 59 Eastbound Frontage Road (5)
Astrodome Area	5	0	5	Ua 0090 (1)
Sunnyside	3	0	3	Private road (1)
Langwood	2	0	1	Bingle Road (2)
Lazybrook / Timbergrove	2	0	1	Maxroy Street (2)
East Houston	2	0	2	Express Lane (1)
Macgregor	1	0	1	Rryard (1)

A crossing on the line between two super neighborhoods (often the tracks themselves) counts in one: the one its mapped location falls in. Several Second Ward crossings are on the tracks that divide Second Ward from Greater Eastwood.

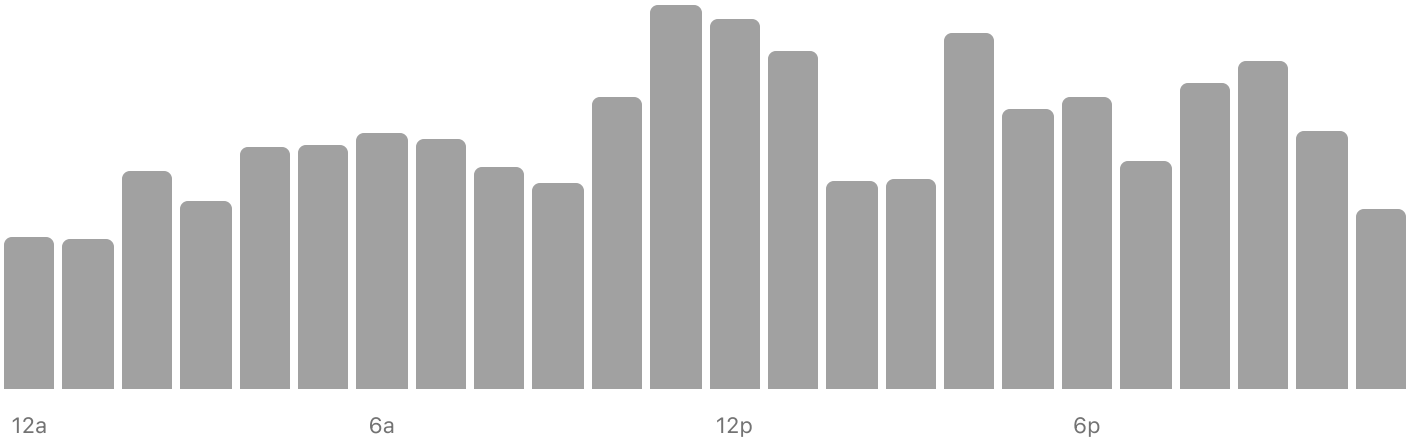
Outside the city

Place	Reports	Nov 2025 – Oct 2026	Crossings	Most-reported crossing
Houston (outside the super neighborhoods)	451	57	62	Pineland Road (123)
Baytown	428	65	39	FM 565 (100)
The Woodlands	264	22	10	Woodson Road (91)
Freeport	260	3	7	Old Surfside Road (227)
Spring	253	67	21	Mossy Oaks Road (48)
Alvin	219	29	12	Co Rd 281 (164)
Galveston	202	72	9	SH 275 / Haborside Drive (89)
Dayton	194	88	17	US 90 (117)
Cypress	190	72	7	Fry Road (125)
Pasadena	177	18	18	Jefferson Street / Up Cutoff (34)
Conroe	141	22	27	FM 1488 (32)
Crosby	111	10	12	Plaza Circle (35)
Huffman	106	19	3	FM 2100 (96)
Sugar Land	102	20	15	Harlem Road (59)
Deer Park	85	21	15	Houston Drive (19)
Angleton	76	6	8	West Phillips Road CR 219 (51)
Richmond	74	3	9	Royal Lakes Boulevard (47)
Tomball	72	10	12	Stuebner Airline Road (18)
South Houston	57	3	4	Winkler Drive-South Richey Street (50)

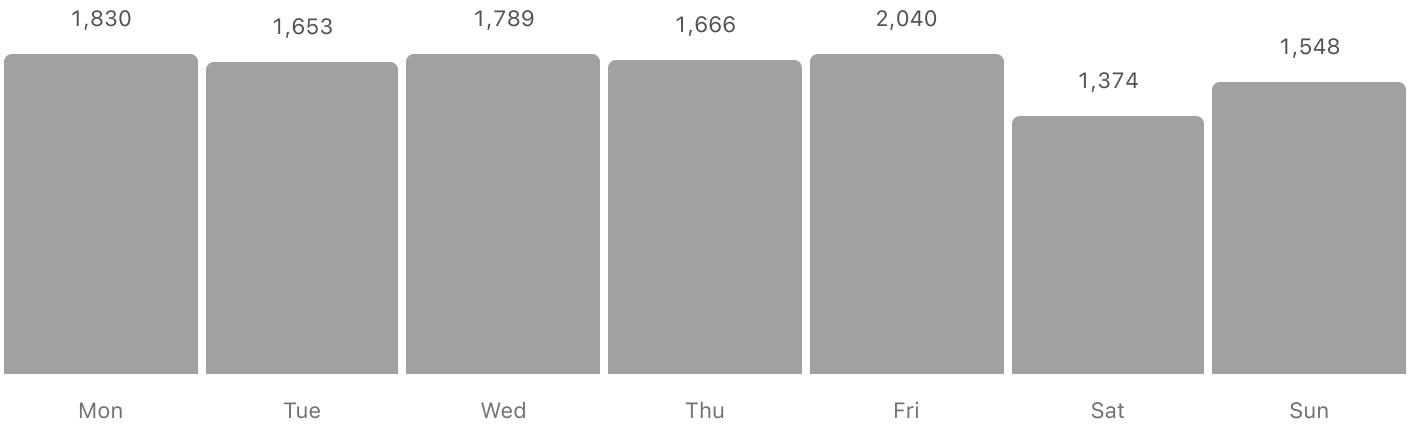
Place	Reports	Nov 2025 – Oct 2026	Crossings	Most-reported crossing
Pearland	56	3	4	Co Rd 128 (30)
Hockley	53	10	4	Becker Road (42)
Porter	52	10	11	Rinehart Road (11)
53 other places	694	120	189	

When

Across the area, crossings are reported blocked at every hour and on every day, and no time of day stands out strongly. Weekdays get 23% more reports a day than weekends. Single crossings differ; each crossing's page shows its own busiest times.

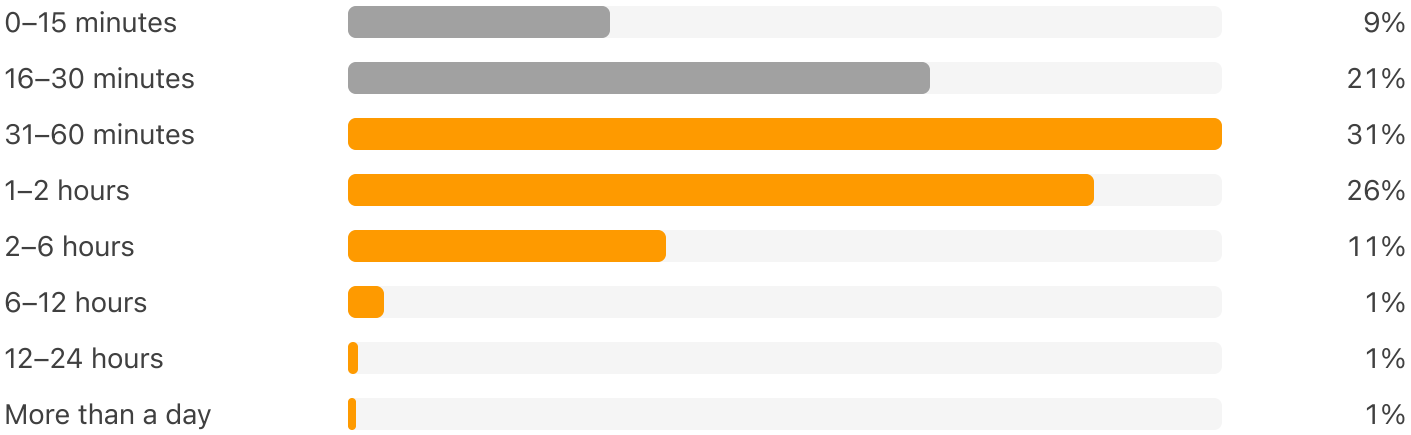


Reports by hour of day, local time, Nov 2024 – Nov 2026 (11,900 reports).



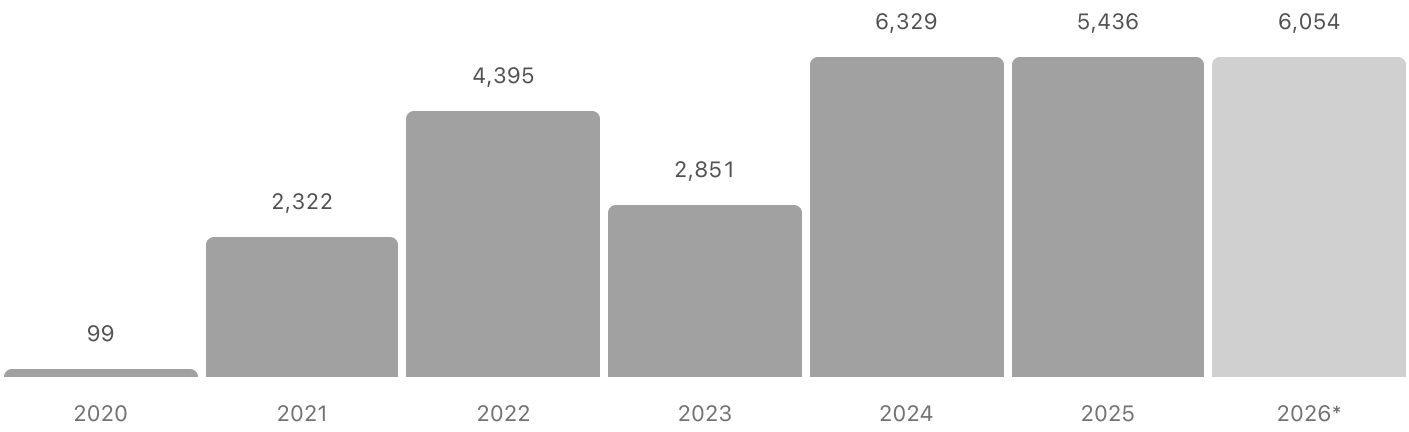
Reports by day of the week, over the same period.

How long



How long each report says the crossing was blocked, from the FRA form's choices (Jan 2020 – Nov 2026). It's the reporter's estimate, not a measurement.

Over time



Reports by year. *2026 runs to November 11, 2026. More reports can mean more blockages, or more people who know about the form.

Emergency access

In 42% of reports (11,605), the person reporting ticked that first responders were unable to cross the tracks.

In 46%, they ticked that they saw pedestrians climbing on, over or through the train cars.

They come mostly from a few East End crossings: 56% of the reports saying first responders couldn't cross are at the 10 most-reported crossings. At the area's other crossings, 34% of reports tick it.

These are what people saw and ticked on the FRA's form; nobody verifies them, and the FRA says its reports aren't a representative sample.

If you're stuck at a blocked crossing

Report it to the FRA: it takes a minute, and every report goes into these numbers. How to report a blocked crossing.

About this data

Source: the FRA's public reports (Public Blocked Crossing Incident Reporter), Jan 2020 to November 11, 2026, and the Department of Transportation's crossing inventory. Rows repeated exactly in the FRA's feed count once.

The area is the Census metro area (Houston-Pasadena-The Woodlands, TX), by each report's county. Super neighborhoods are the City of Houston's; a crossing counts in the one its mapped location falls in, though the tracks are often the line between two.

These are reports, not blockages: several people can report the same train. Nobody verifies them, and the FRA says they aren't a representative sample. Places where more people know about the form send more reports.

Figures are as of November 11, 2026; reports filed late can change them slightly.

FRA Public Blocked Crossing Incident Reporter · Crossing Inventory (Form 71) · City of Houston GIS, Super Neighborhoods (COH_SUPER_NEIGHBORHOODS) · U.S. Census Bureau, CBSA delineation (July 2023)

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