

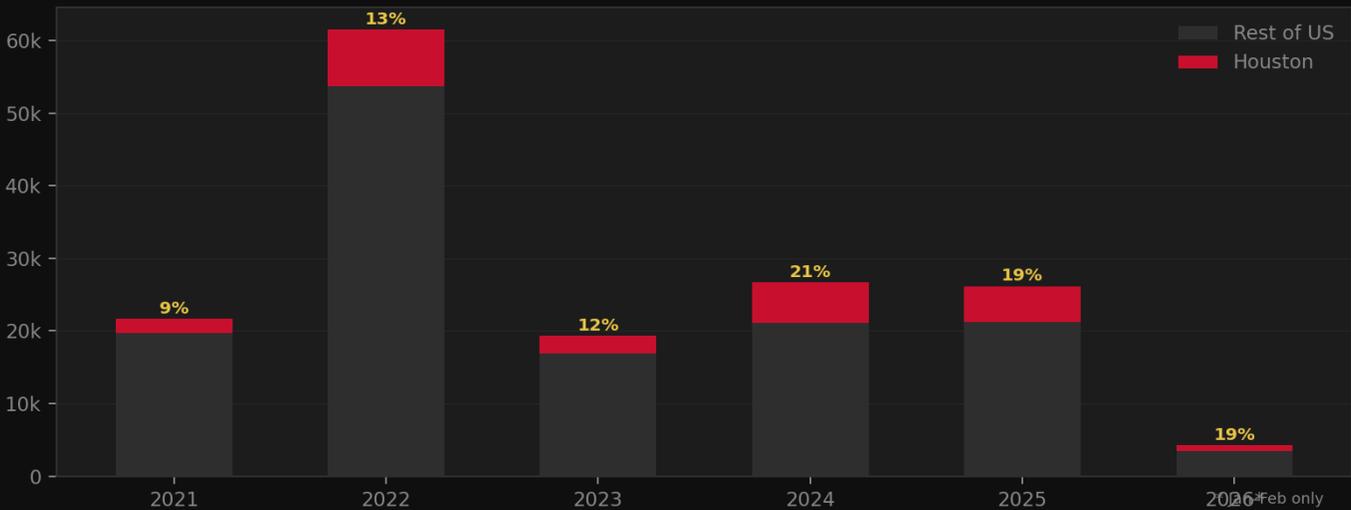
Blocked. No Way Through.

Union Pacific's impact on Houston's East End, documented through 23,587 federal reports filed with the Federal Railroad Administration. This is not a perception problem — it is a data problem, and the data is getting worse.

<h2>23K+</h2> <p>HOUSTON REPORTS 2021–2026 98.3% are Union Pacific</p>	<h2>1 in 5</h2> <p>US REPORTS ARE HOUSTON Up from 1 in 10 in 2021</p>	<h2>64%</h2> <p>OF HOUSTON HITS EAST END 15,146 crossings in our streets</p>	<h2>10K+</h2> <p>FIRST RESPONDER IMPACTS Documented since 2021</p>
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ANNUAL REPORTS · HOUSTON VS. UNITED STATES

Annual Blocked Crossing Reports — Houston vs. United States



Percentage labels show Houston's share of all US reports for that year. 2026 represents January–February only.

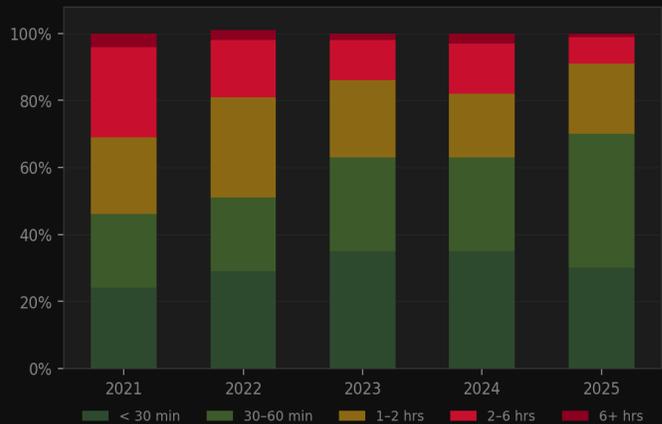
HOUSTON'S SHARE OF US REPORTS

Houston's Share of All US Blocked Crossing Reports



Share of national reports nearly doubled from 2021 to 2024

Duration Mix by Year — Houston Reports



Long stops declining — but total frequency has tripled

MONTHLY TREND - HOUSTON 2021-2026

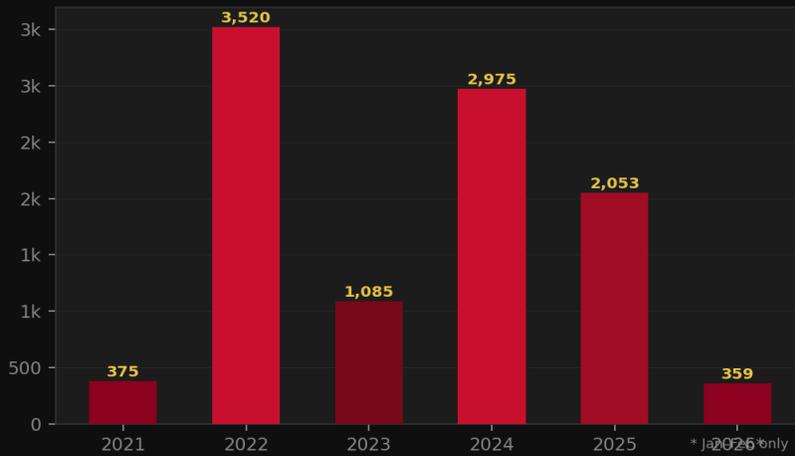
Monthly Blocked Crossing Reports — Houston, 2021-2026



Each data point is one calendar month. Year boundaries marked by dashed lines. Peak of 1,086 reports in January 2022.

FIRST RESPONDER IMPACT REPORTS BY YEAR

First Responder Impact Reports — Houston by Year



Reports explicitly noting emergency vehicles observed unable to cross. 10,367 total since 2021.

TOP STREETS — ALL-TIME HOUSTON REPORTS

RANK	STREET	REPORTS
#1	Eastwood Street ● EAST END	2,691
#2	Milby Street ● EAST END	2,318
#3	Leeland Street ● EAST END	2,101
#4	Cullen Boulevard ● EAST END	1,454
#5	Lockwood Street ● EAST END	1,134
#6	York Street ● EAST END	1,051
#7	Sampson Street ● EAST END	1,013
#8	McKinney Street ● EAST END	966
#9	Lawndale Street ● EAST END	859
#10	Dumble Street ● EAST END	814

KEY FINDINGS

144% INCREASE IN FREQUENCY

Houston blocked crossings grew from 2,029 (2021) to 4,943 (2025) — while the rest of the US did not see comparable growth.

NEARLY 1 IN 5 US REPORTS

Houston's share of national reports grew from 9.4% (2021) to 21.2% (2024), holding at 18–19% through 2025–2026.

SHORTER STOPS, SAME DAMAGE

Stops lasting 2+ hours fell from 30.8% to 8.5% (2021–2025). But total volume tripled — absolute long-stop counts remain nearly the same.

10,367 EMERGENCY IMPACTS

Reports documenting first responders unable to cross. A multi-year, documented public safety emergency.

98.3% UNION PACIFIC

Of all 23,587 Houston reports since 2021. This is not a freight rail problem — it is a Union Pacific operational problem.

MERGER WOULD WORSEN THIS

The proposed UP–NS merger (STB FD 36873) projects ~30% more train traffic through these corridors with no committed East End grade separations.

Data: FRA Blocked Crossing Portal · 159,538 national reports analyzed · January 2021 – February 2026 Houston, TX · East End · notanotherhouston.org · STB Docket FD 36873