

Metro Ridership Snapshot



April 2026

Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority

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Note: Percentage changes in this document represent year-over-year changes in ridership, compared to the same time, location, and day type **one year ago** unless noted as 'pre-pandemic' which then represents a comparison to the same month from April 2019 - April 2020. For more details, see [How to Use and Interpret Metro Ridership Data](#).

Metro Bus ridership shown here is from Metro's automatic passenger counters (APCs), in both current and baseline months. Metro Rail ridership shown here is total (tap and no-tap) ridership recorded through faregates. Metro Access Network ridership refers to the combined ridership from Metro-operated paratransit service as well as from the Abilities-Ride program which launched in September 2020. Parking transactions are from the farebox system.

Overall Ridership in April

Total Ridership

- Compared to April 2025, total monthly ridership changed 0% overall, -1% on weekdays, +1% on Saturdays, and -3% on Sundays.

Rail

- Compared to April 2025, ridership changed by 2% overall, +2% on weekdays, +8% on Saturdays, and -1% on Sundays.

Bus

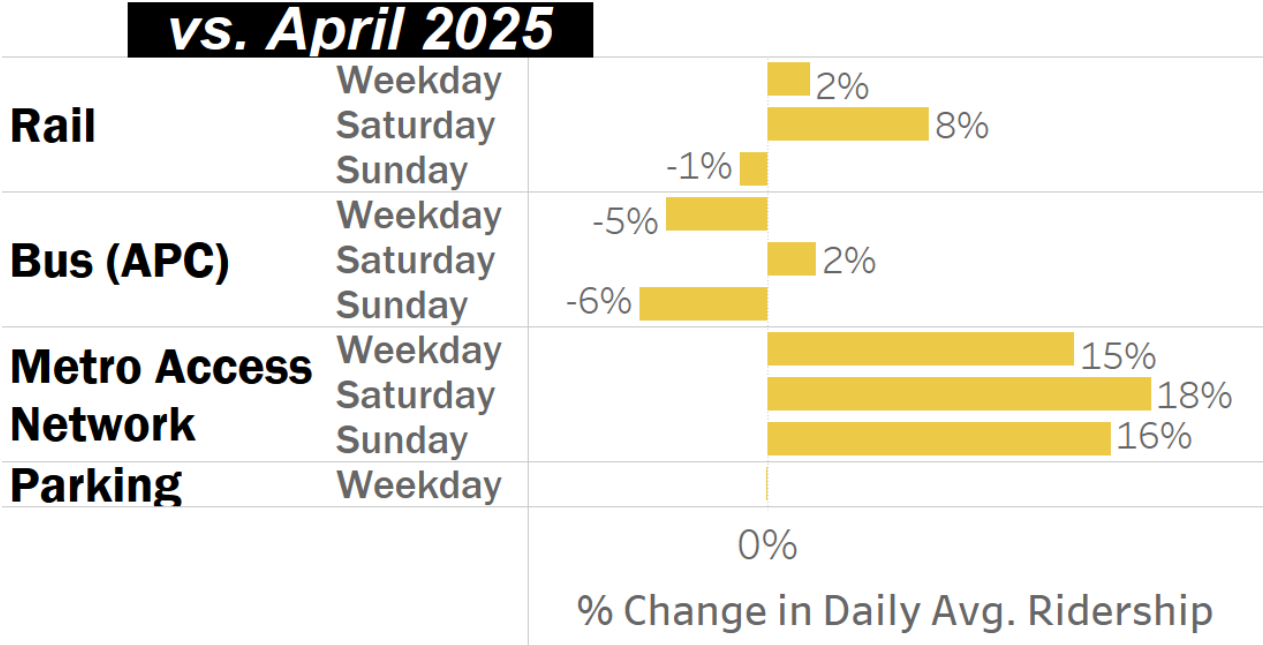
- Ridership changed by -4% overall, -5% on weekdays, +2% on Saturdays, and -6% on Sundays compared to April 2025.

Metro Access

- Compared to April 2025, ridership increased by 15% overall, +15% on weekdays, +18% on Saturdays, and +16% on Sundays.

Parking

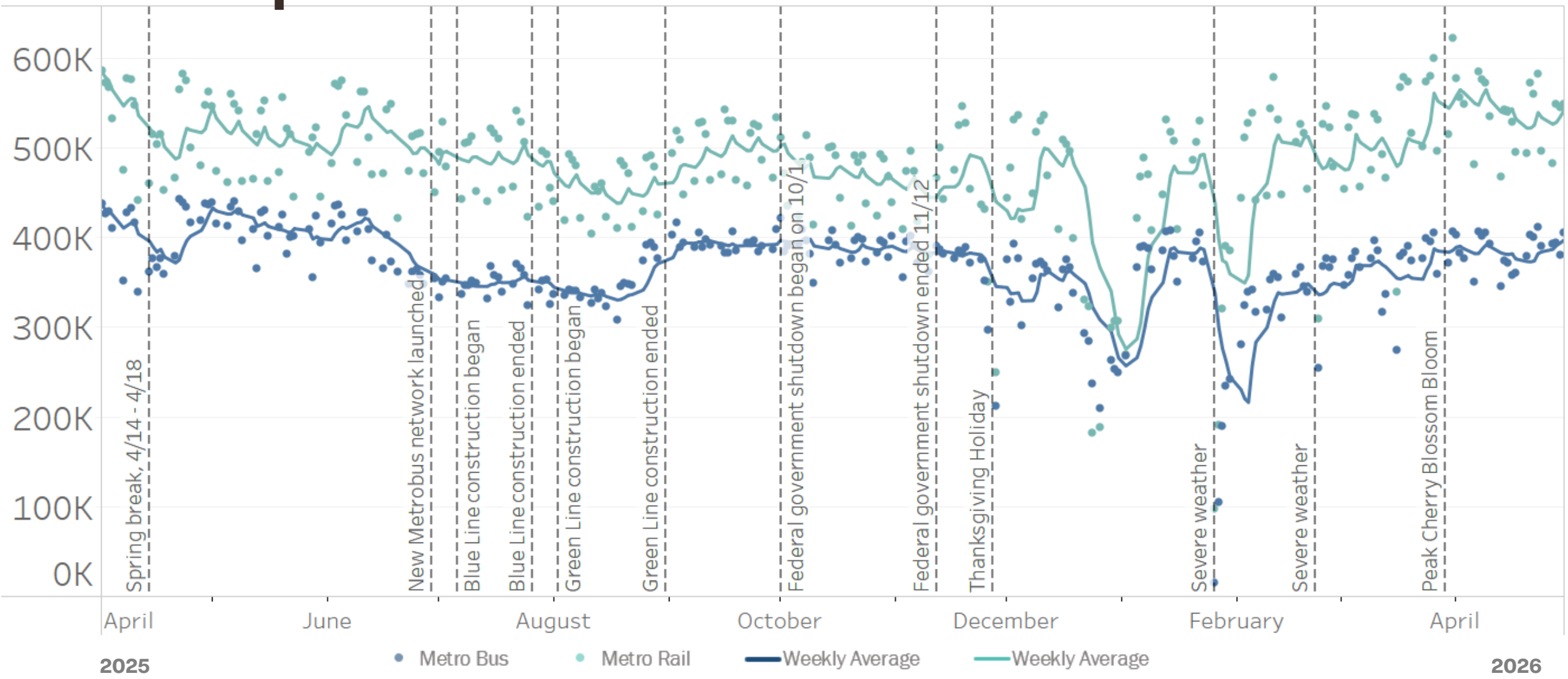
- Paid parking transactions have changed 0% compared to April 2025.



April 2026 Averages	Weekday	Saturday	Sunday	Total Rider..
Rail	538,000	393,100	249,200	14,406,000
Bus (APC)	385,800	261,100	202,900	10,345,000
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Parking	31,600			282,000



Ridership Trends Over the Past Year

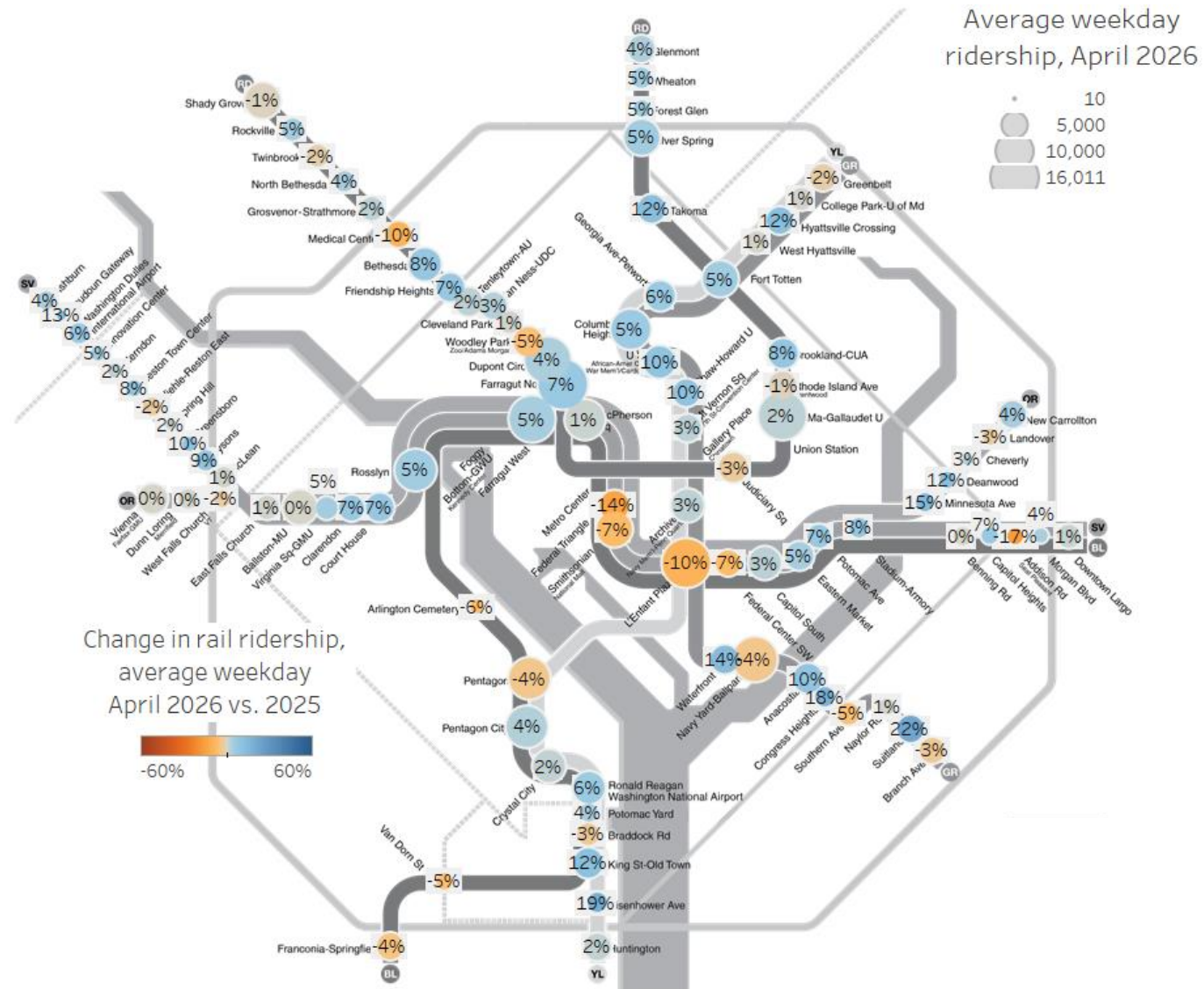


Metro Rail Ridership

- In April 2026, average daily Metro Rail ridership was 538,000 rides on weekdays, 393,100 on Saturdays, and 249,200 on Sundays.
- Ridership increased by 2 % overall, 2% on weekdays, 8% on Saturdays, and decreased 1% on Sundays compared to April 2025.
- About 1.4 % of customer time was crowded on average with most crowding occurring on Saturdays.

Notes:

- Blue/Silver Line service between Stadium-Armory and Downtown Largo stations was closed 4/25-4/26

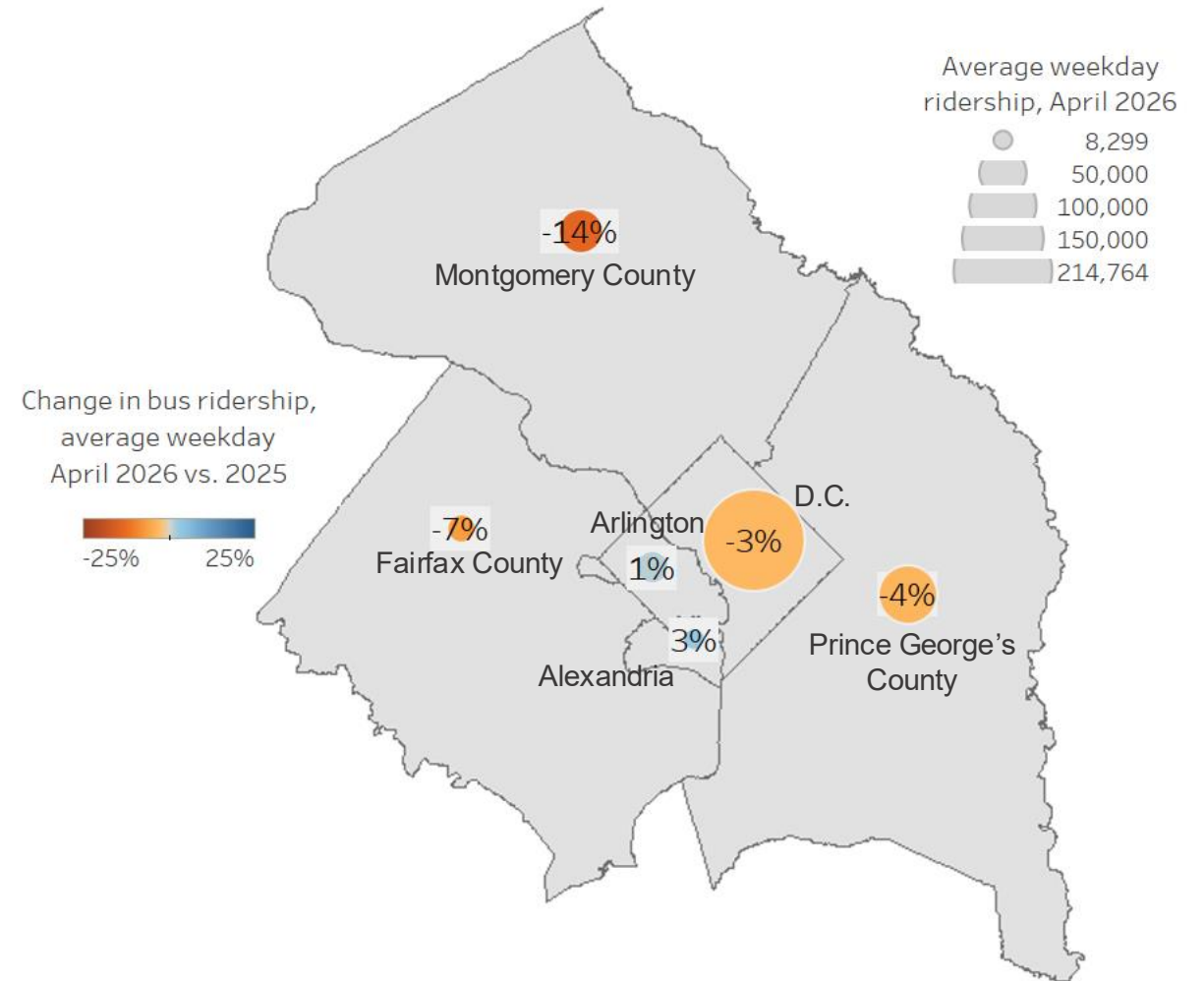


Metro Bus Ridership

- In April 2026, average daily Metro Bus ridership was 385,800 rides on weekdays, 261,100 on Saturdays, and 202,900 on Sundays.
- In April 2026, ridership decreased 4% overall, increased 5% on weekdays, increased 2% on Saturdays, and decreased 6% on Sundays.
- About 2.9% of customer time was crowded on average with most crowding occurring on weekdays.

Notes:

- There were approximately 8,200 total shuttle rides made in April 2026, serving customers on:
 - Blue/Silver Line service between Stadium Armory and Downtown Large stations on 4/25-4/26
- The Better Bus Network Redesign (BBNR) launched on 6/29/2025, a comprehensive overhaul of the entire Metro Bus network. Because all routes were changed, the graphic on the right now shows year-over-year change in ridership by jurisdiction.

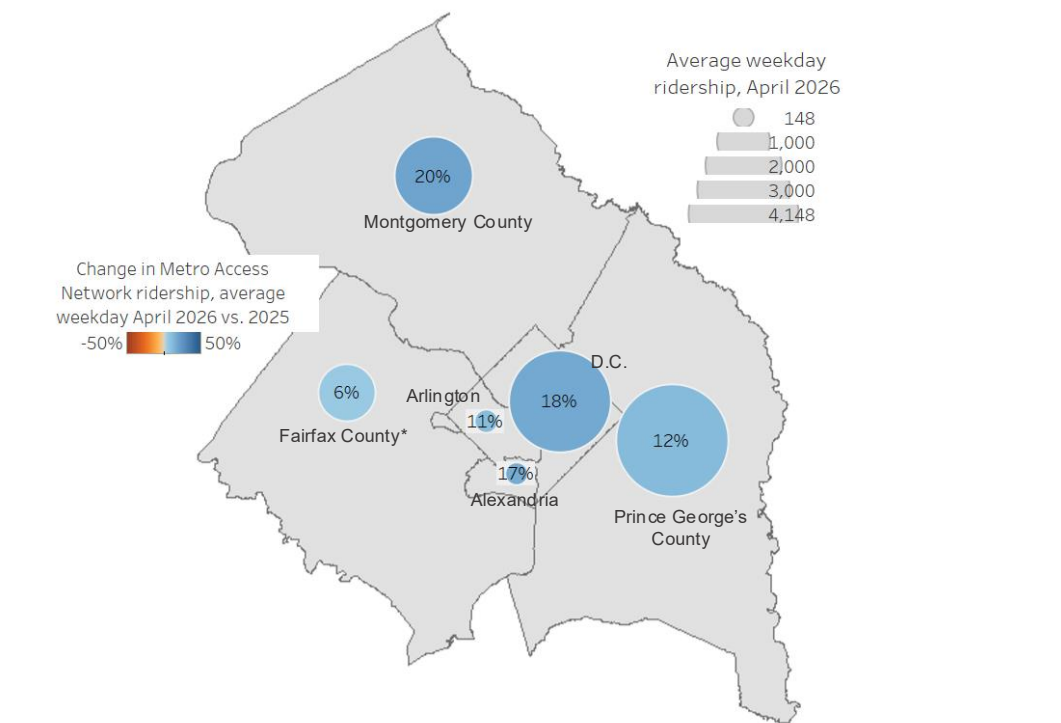


Metro Access Network Ridership

- In April 2026, the Metro Access network provided on average 10,900 rides on weekdays, 5,600 on Saturdays, and 5,000 on Sundays.
 - Metro Access paratransit service provided on average 3,500 rides on weekdays, 1,700 rides on Saturdays, and 1,500 rides on Sundays.
 - Abilities Ride providers received requests for an average of 7,400 rides per weekday, 3,900 rides per Saturday, and 3,500 rides per Sunday.
- Metro Access network ridership is up 15% overall, 15% on weekdays, 18% on Saturdays, and 16% on Sundays compared to April 2025.
 - Metro Access paratransit service ridership increased 1% on weekdays, increased 19% on Saturdays, and increased 20% on Sundays.
 - Abilities Ride ridership increased 22% on weekdays, increased 18% on Saturdays, and increased 15% on Sundays.

Notes:

- The Metro Access network comprises rides made via our paratransit service, Metro Access, as well as rides requested through the Abilities Ride program which is a curb-to-curb transportation option for Metro Access-enrolled customers who opt in and is operated by local taxi companies and transportation network companies.
- Metro Access-eligible customers' rail and bus rides are counted in overall rail and bus ridership.



April 2026 Averages	Weekday	Saturday	Sunday
Metro Access	3,500	1,700	1,500
Abilities Ride	7,400	3,900	3,500
Total	10,900	5,600	5,000

*Fairfax City and Falls Church are counted here as a part of Fairfax County



Metro Parking Transactions

- In April 2026, there were 31,600 average weekday paid parking transactions.
- Weekday paid parking transactions increased 0% compared to April 2025
- On April 1, 2026, Loudoun County Transit relocated commuter bus service to Loudoun Gateway.

