

# Metro Ridership Snapshot



February 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 March 2019 - February 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 show 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 February

## Total Ridership

- Compared to February 2025, total monthly ridership increased 2% overall, 4% on weekdays, 5% on Saturdays, and decreased 12% on Sundays.

## Rail

- Compared to February 2025, ridership increased by 15% overall, 17% on weekdays, 16% on Saturdays, and decreased 1% on Sundays.

## Bus

- Ridership decreased 11% overall, 11% on weekdays, 7% on Saturdays, and 23% on Sundays compared to February 2025.

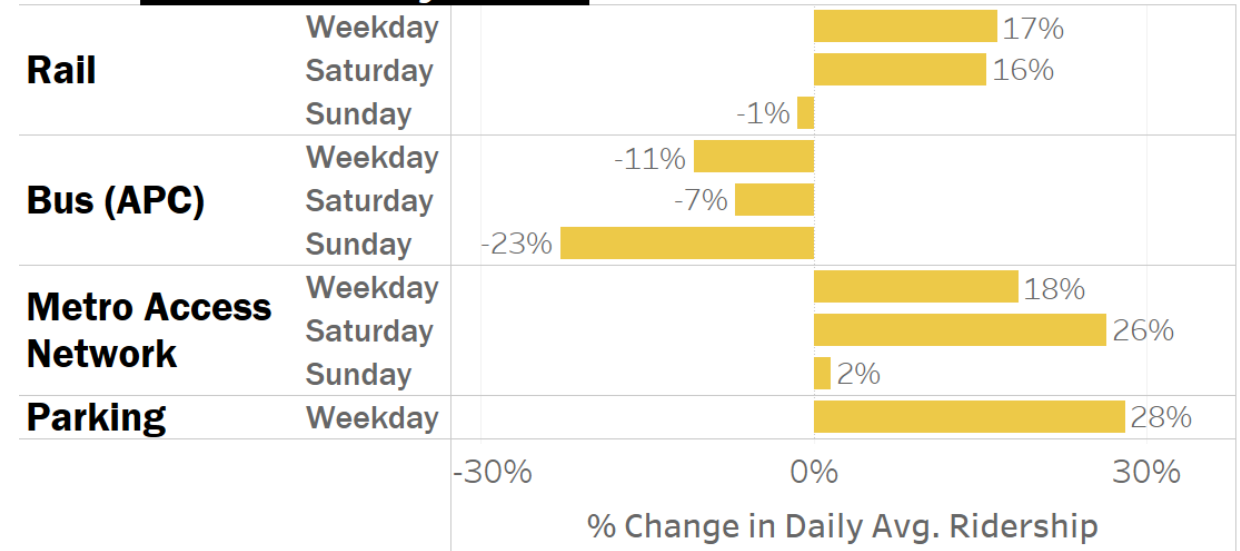
## Metro Access

- Compared to February 2025, ridership increased by 18% overall, 18% on weekdays, 26% on Saturdays, and 2% on Sundays.

## Parking

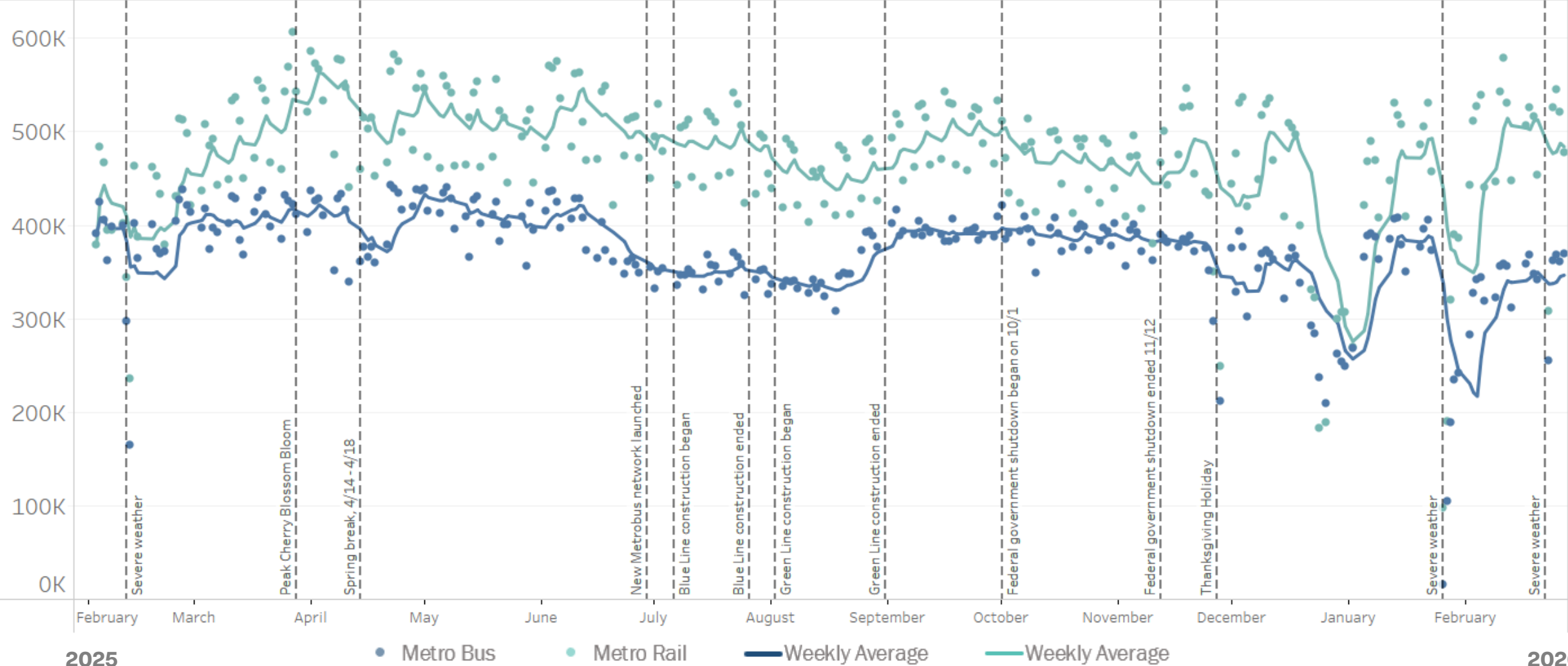
- Paid parking transactions have increased by 28% compared to February 2025.

### vs. February 2025



February 2026 Averages	Weekday	Saturday	Sunday	Total Ridership
<b>Rail</b>	494,000	281,900	182,200	11,243,000
<b>Bus (APC)</b>	339,600	209,600	151,500	7,896,000
<b>Metro Access Network</b>	10,400	5,200	3,700	565,000
<b>Parking</b>	29,500			233,000

# Ridership Trends Over the Past Year



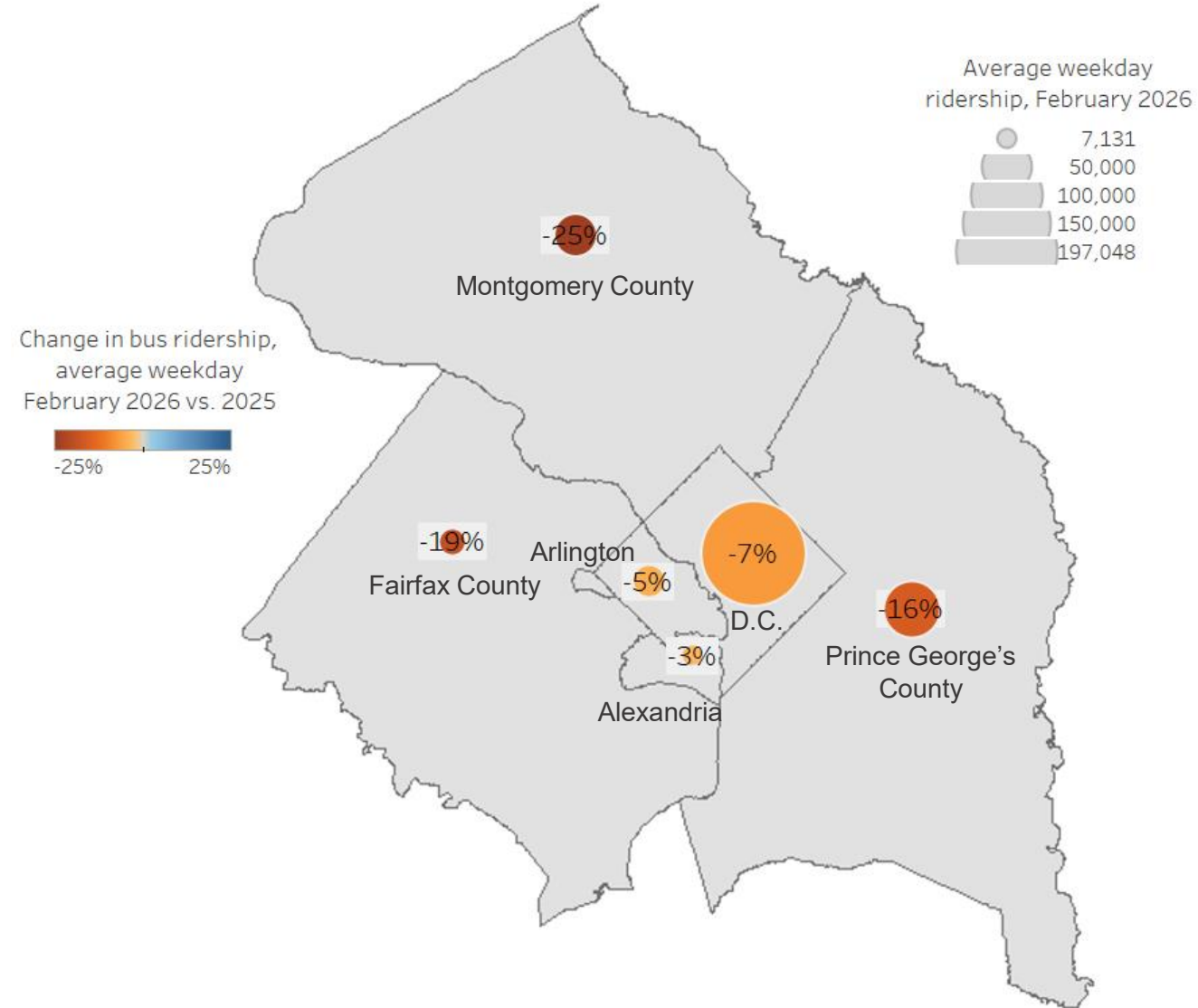


# Metro Bus Ridership

- In February 2026, average daily Metro Bus ridership was 340,000 rides on weekdays, 210,000 on Saturdays, and 152,000 on Sundays.
- In February 2026, ridership decreased 11% overall, 11% on weekdays, 7% on Saturdays, and 23% on Sundays.
- About 3% of customer time was crowded on average with most crowding occurring on weekdays.

## Notes:

- Ridership was impacted by severe weather on Sunday 2/22 and Monday 2/23.
- There were approximately 84,000 total shuttle rides made in February 2026, serving customers on:
  - Yellow and Blue Line service between Pentagon City and Ronald Reagan Washington National Airport stations from 2/14 – 2/16, 2/21-2/22, and 2/28.
- 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.

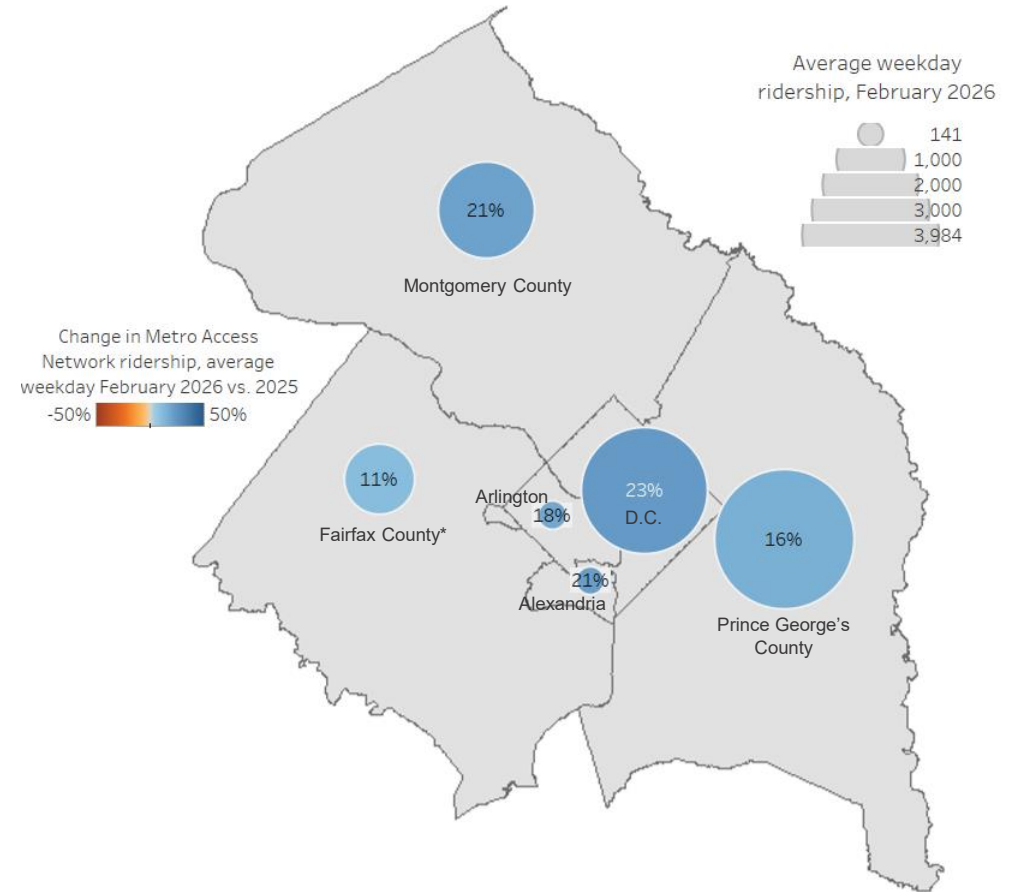


# Metro Access Network Ridership

- In February 2026, the Metro Access network provided on average 10,400 rides on weekdays, 5,200 on Saturdays, and 3,700 on Sundays.
  - Metro Access paratransit service provided on average 3,200 rides on weekdays, 1,400 rides on Saturdays, and 1,000 rides on Sundays.
  - Abilities Ride provider received requests for an average of 7,200 rides per weekday, 3,800 rides per Saturday, and 2,800 rides per Sunday.
- Metro Access network ridership is up 18% overall, 18% on weekdays, 26% on Saturdays, and 2% on Sundays compared to February 2025.
  - Metro Access paratransit service ridership is up 1% on weekdays, 2% on Saturdays, and down 18% on Sundays.
  - Abilities Ride ridership is up 28% on weekdays, 38% on Saturdays, and 11% on Sundays.

## Notes:

- Ridership was impacted by severe weather on Sunday 2/22 and Monday 2/23.
- 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.



February 2026 Averages	Weekday	Saturday	Sunday
<b>Metro Access</b>	3,200	1,400	1,000
<b>Abilities Ride</b>	7,200	3,800	2,800
<b>Total</b>	<b>10,400</b>	<b>5,200</b>	<b>3,700</b>

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

