

# Metro Ridership Snapshot



March 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 - March 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 March

## Total Ridership

- Compared to March 2025, total monthly ridership decreased 1% overall, 2% on weekdays, 1% on Saturdays, and increased 5% on Sundays.

## Rail

- Compared to March 2025, ridership increased by 4% overall, 3% on weekdays, 0% on Saturdays, and 6% on Sundays.

## Bus

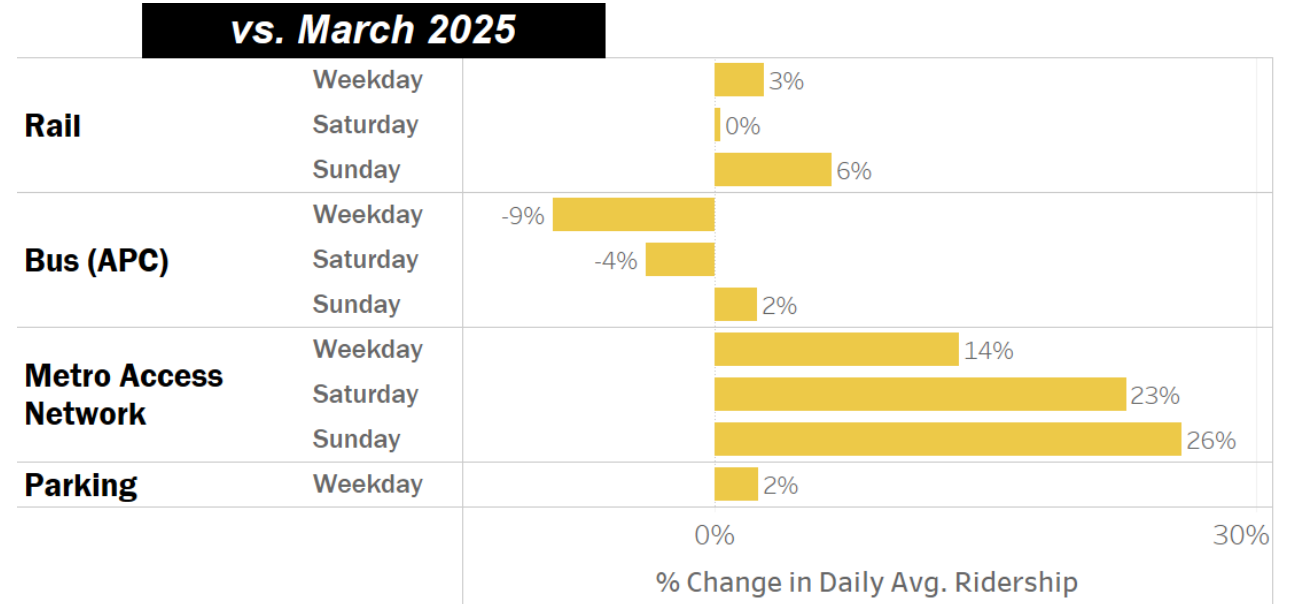
- Ridership decreased 6% overall, 9% on weekdays, 4% on Saturdays, and increased 2% on Sundays compared to March 2025.

## Metro Access

- Compared to March 2025, ridership increased by 18% overall, 14% on weekdays, 23% on Saturdays, and 26% on Sundays.

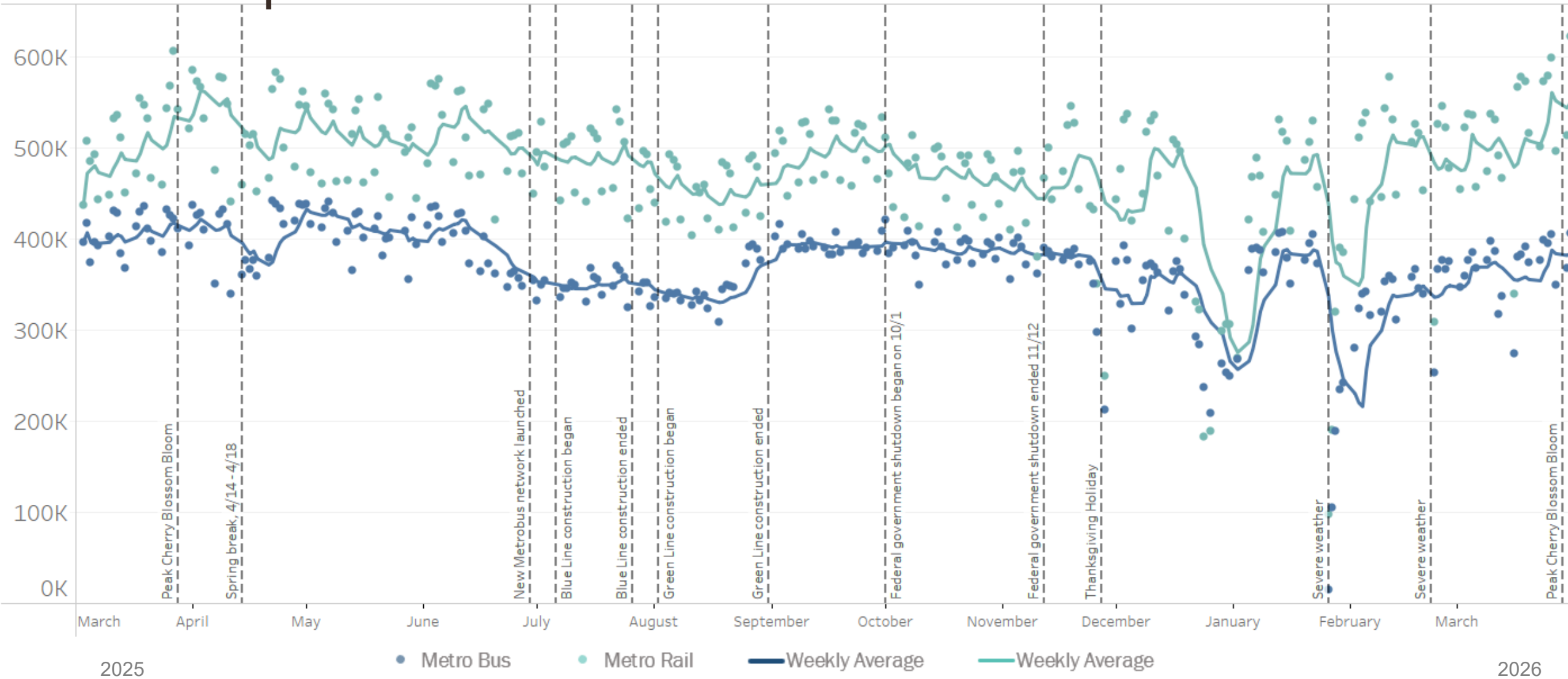
## Parking

- Paid parking transactions have increased by 2% compared to March 2025.



March 2026 Averages	Weekday	Saturday	Sunday	Total Ridership
<b>Rail</b>	521,400	393,300	262,900	14,357,000
<b>Bus (APC)</b>	370,700	249,900	209,900	10,204,000
<b>Metro Access Network</b>	10,600	5,600	4,800	688,000
<b>Parking</b>	30,900			279,000

# Ridership Trends Over the Past Year



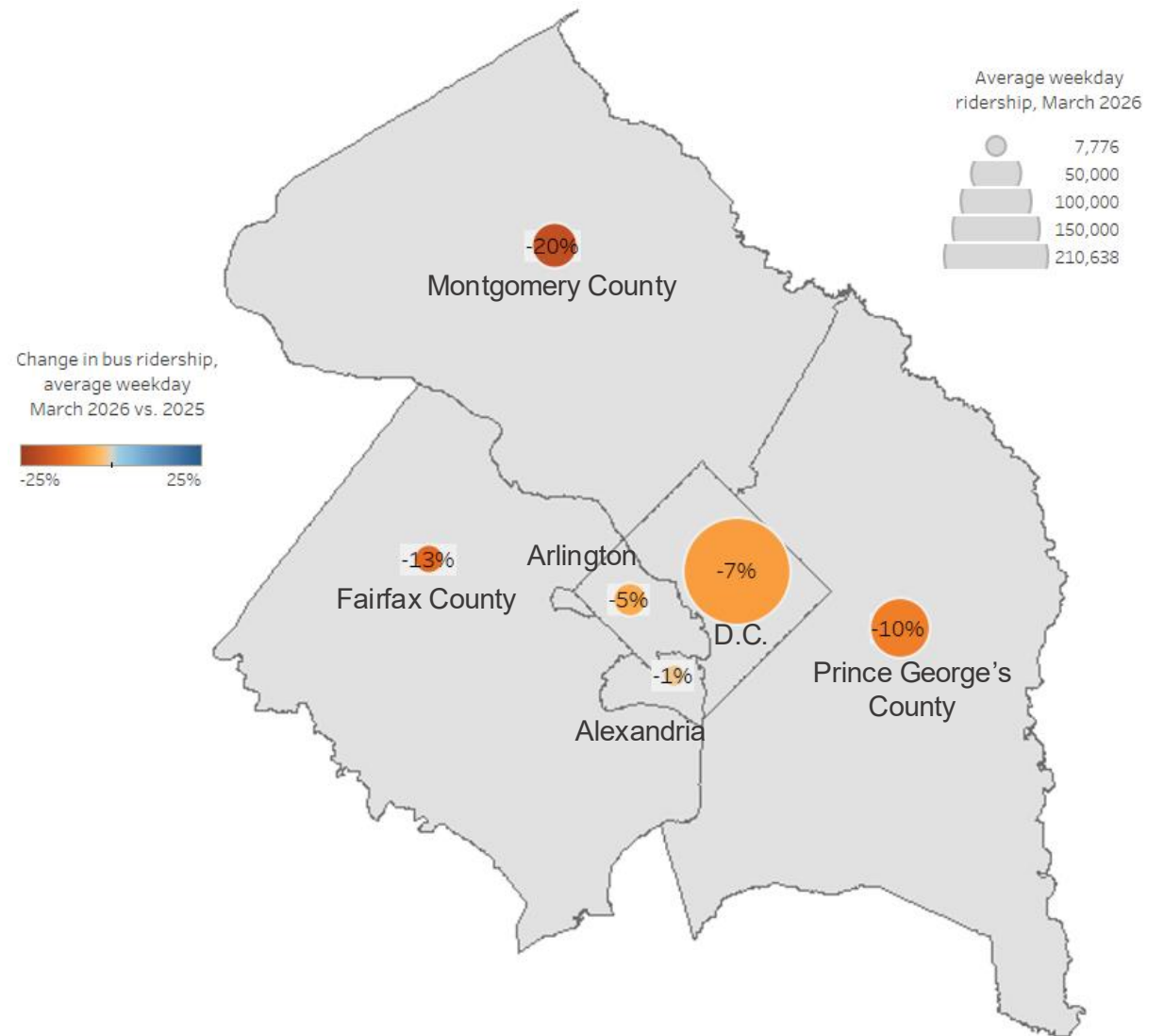


# Metro Bus Ridership

- In March 2026, average daily Metro Bus ridership was 371,000 rides on weekdays, 250,000 on Saturdays, and 210,000 on Sundays.
- In March 2026, ridership decreased 6% overall, 9% on weekdays, 4% on Saturdays, and increased 2% on Sundays.
- About 4% of customer time was crowded on average with most crowding occurring on weekdays.

## Notes:

- There were approximately 50,000 total shuttle rides made in March 2026, serving customers on:
  - Blue/Yellow Line service between Pentagon City and Braddock Road stations from 3/11 and 3/7-3/8.
- 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.

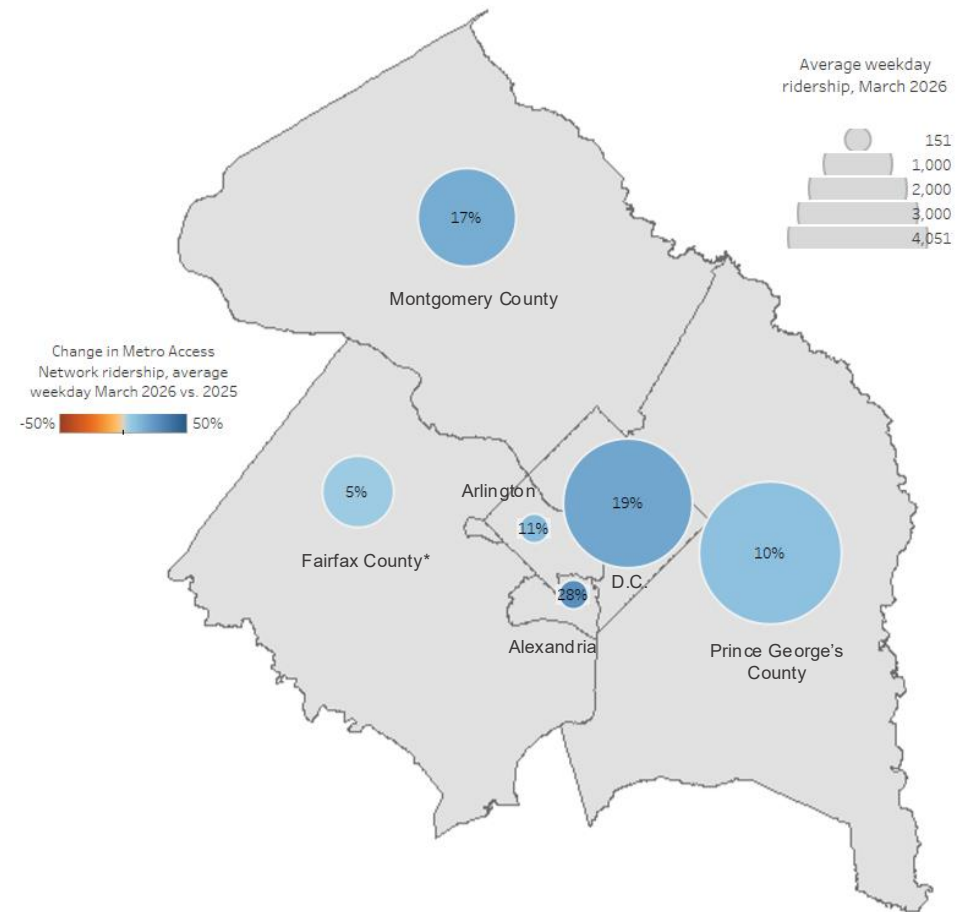


# Metro Access Network Ridership

- In March 2026, the Metro Access network provided on average 10,600 rides on weekdays, 5,600 on Saturdays, and 4,800 on Sundays.
  - Metro Access paratransit service provided on average 3,300 rides on weekdays, 1,400 rides on Saturdays, and 1,300 rides on Sundays.
  - Abilities Ride providers received requests for an average of 7,300 rides per weekday, 4,100 rides per Saturday, and 3,500 rides per Sunday.
- Metro Access network ridership is up 18% overall, 14% on weekdays, 23% on Saturdays, and 26% on Sundays compared to March 2025.
  - Metro Access paratransit service ridership is down 4% on weekdays, up 0% on Saturdays, and 6% on Sundays.
  - Abilities Ride ridership is up 23% on weekdays, 33% on Saturdays, and 35% 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.



March 2026 Averages	Weekday	Saturday	Sunday
<b>Metro Access</b>	3,300	1,400	1,300
<b>Abilities Ride</b>	7,300	4,100	3,500
<b>Total</b>	<b>10,600</b>	<b>5,600</b>	<b>4,800</b>

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

