

Metro Ridership Snapshot



May 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 May 2019 - May 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 May

Total Ridership

- Compared to May 2025, total monthly ridership changed 0% overall, 0% on weekdays, +6% on Saturdays, and +7% on Sundays.

Rail

- Compared to May 2025, ridership increased by 3% overall, including +4% on weekdays and +13% on both Saturdays and Sundays.

Bus

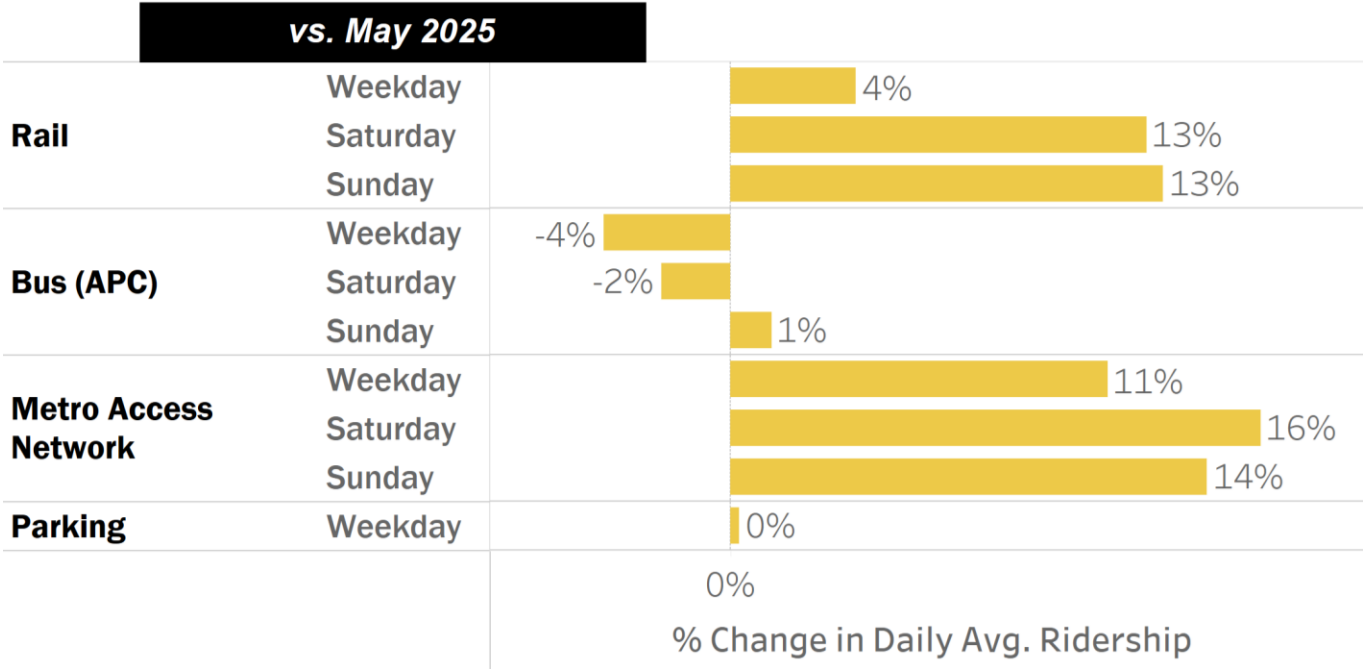
- Ridership changed by -5% overall, -4% on weekdays, -2% on Saturdays, and +1% on Sundays compared to May 2025.

Metro Access

- Compared to May 2025, ridership increased by 10% overall, +11% on weekdays, +16% on Saturdays, and +14% on Sundays.

Parking

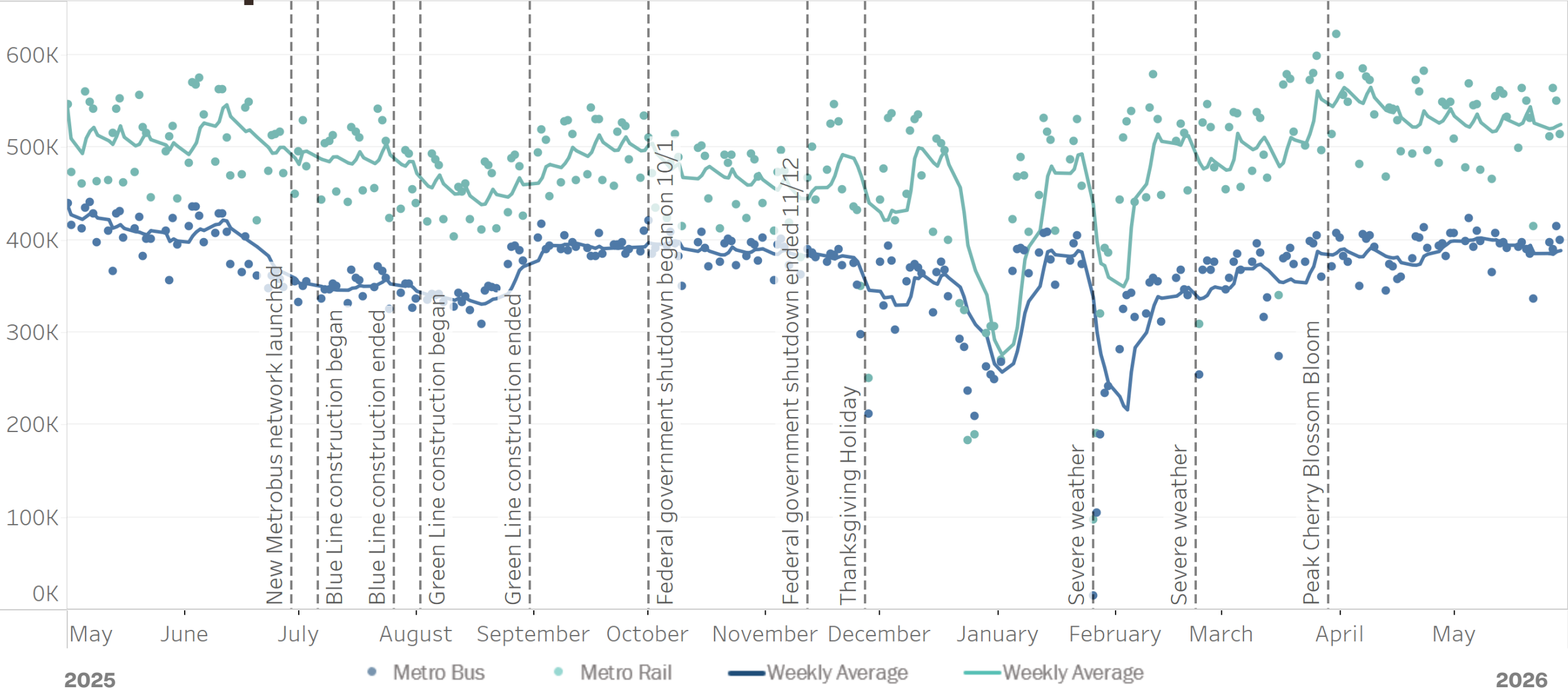
- Paid parking transactions have changed 0% compared to May 2025.



May 2026 Averages	Weekday	Saturday	Sunday	Total Ridership
Rail	524,600	342,600	252,400	13,468,000
Bus (APC)	394,100	252,900	212,300	10,209,000
Metro Access Network	10,800	5,700	4,900	630,000
Parking	31,100			269,000



Ridership Trends Over the Past Year

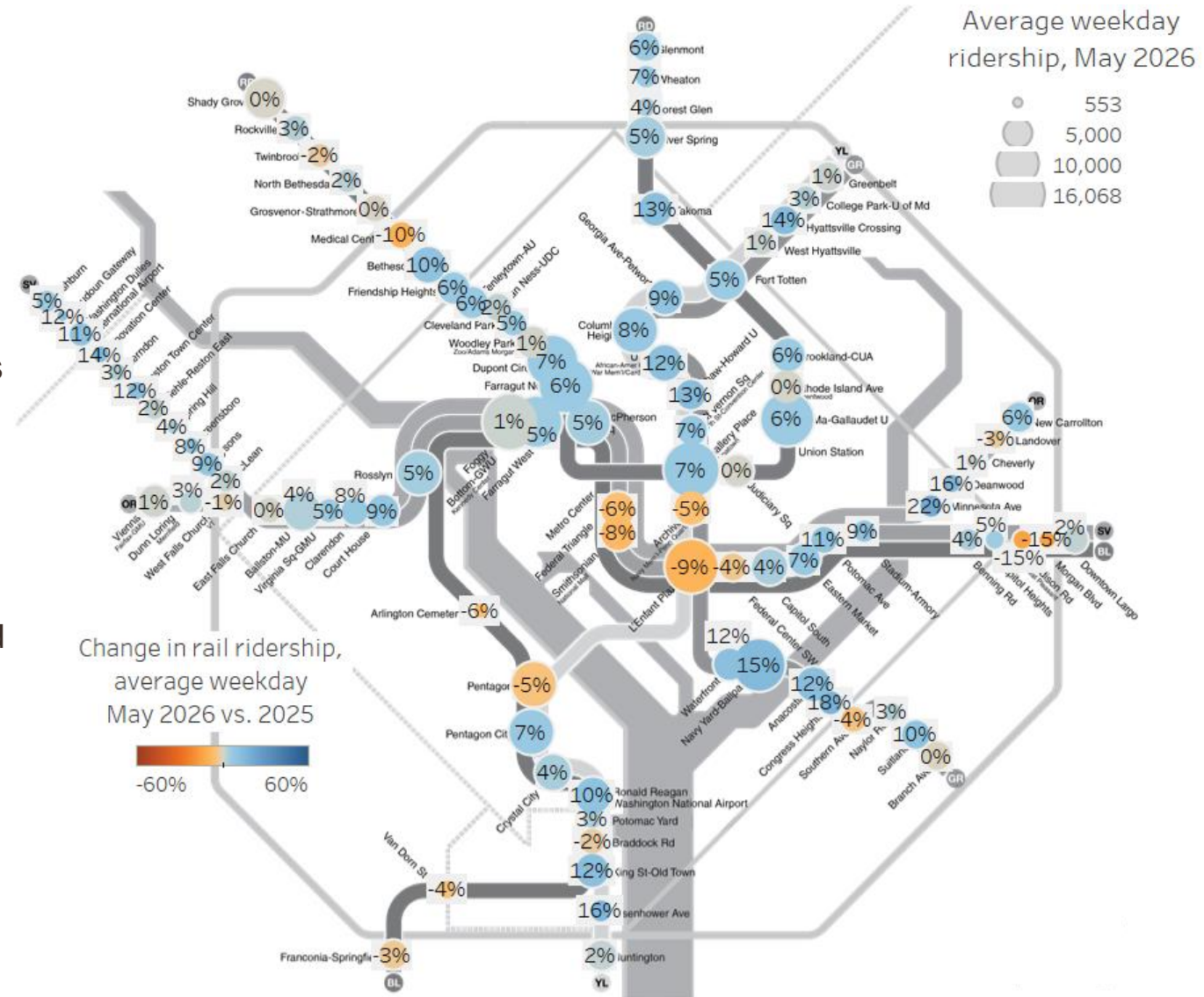


Metro Rail Ridership

- In May 2026, average daily Metro Rail ridership was 524,600 rides on weekdays, 342,600 on Saturdays, and 252,400 on Sundays.
- Ridership increased by 3% overall, 4% on weekdays, 13% on Saturdays, and 13% on Sundays compared to May 2025.
- About 1.5% of customer time was crowded on average with most crowding occurring on Saturdays.

Notes:

- Blue/Yellow Line closures: Pentagon City to Braddock Rd (5/9–5/10, 5/16–5/17) for track maintenance; Pentagon City to Reagan (5/30–5/31) for Crystal City second entrance construction.

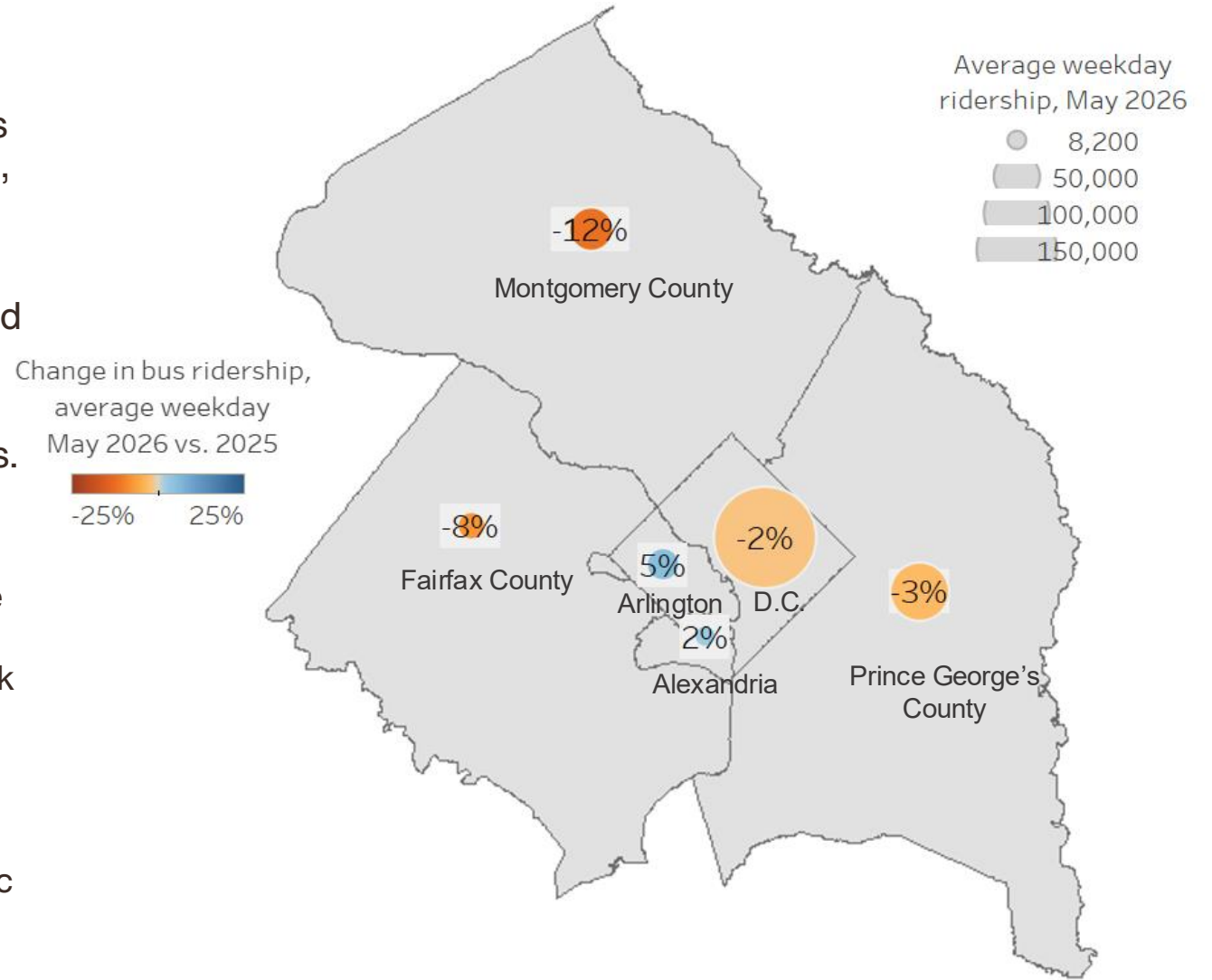


Metro Bus Ridership

- In May 2026, average daily Metro Bus ridership was 394,100 rides on weekdays, 252,900 on Saturdays, and 212,300 on Sundays.
- In May 2026, ridership decreased 4% overall, decreased 4% on weekdays, 2% on Saturdays, and increased 1% on Sundays.
- About 2.9% of customer time was crowded on average with most crowding occurring on weekdays.

Notes:

- There were approximately 137,400 total shuttle rides made in May 2026, serving customers on:
 - Blue/Yellow Lines between Pentagon City and Braddock Rd stations on 5/9-5/10, 5/16-5/17, and Pentagon City and Reagan on 5/30-5/31.
- 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.

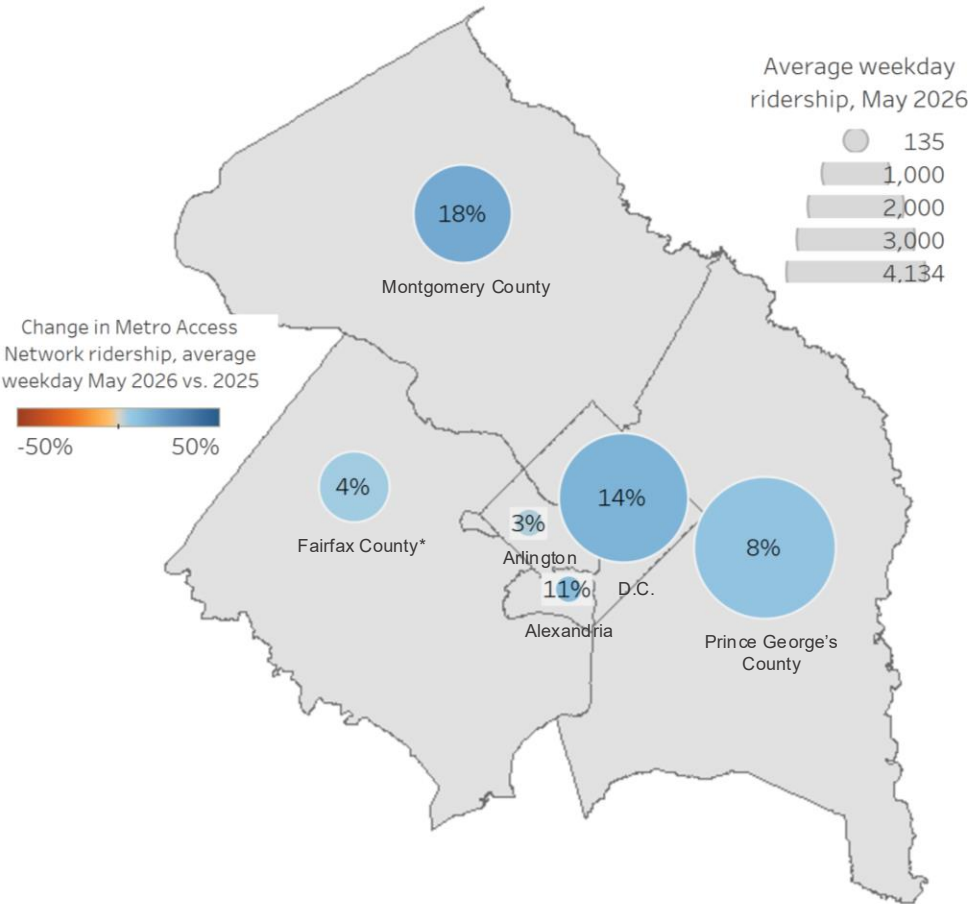


Metro Access Network Ridership

- In May 2026, the Metro Access network provided on average 10,800 rides on weekdays, 5,700 on Saturdays, and 4,900 on Sundays.
 - Metro Access paratransit service provided on average 3,100 rides on weekdays, 1,300 rides on Saturdays, and 1,000 rides on Sundays.
 - Abilities Ride providers received requests for an average of 7,700 rides per weekday, 4,400 rides per Saturday, and 3,900 rides per Sunday.
- Metro Access network ridership is up 10% overall, 11% on weekdays, 16% on Saturdays, and 14% on Sundays compared to May 2025.
 - Metro Access paratransit service ridership decreased 6% on weekdays, decreased 9% on Saturdays, and decreased 16% on Sundays.
 - Abilities Ride ridership increased 21% on weekdays, increased 26% on Saturdays, and increased 27% 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.



May 2026 Averages	Weekday	Saturday	Sunday
Metro Access	3,100	1,300	1,000
Abilities Ride	7,700	4,400	3,900
Total	10,800	5,700	4,900

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



Metro Parking Transactions

- In May 2026, there were 31,100 average weekday paid parking transactions.
- Weekday paid parking transactions increased 0% compared to May 2025
- On April 1, 2026, Loudoun County Transit relocated commuter bus service to Loudoun Gateway.

