

Metro Ridership Snapshot

April 2025

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 five years ago. For more details, see [How to Use and Interpret Metro Ridership Data](#).

Bus ridership shown here is from Metro's automatic passenger counters (APCs), in both current and baseline months. Beginning October 2023, Metro shifted the method for processing APC data that is shown in this report. All historical data was reprocessed, and reports going back to July 2023 have been restated with the updated data. For Metrorail ridership prior to January 2023, Metro reported only tap ridership, which understated the total number of riders. The completion of the installation of new faregates in January 2023 enabled Metro to report total (tap and non-tap) ridership. As of January 2024, year-over-year and pre-pandemic comparisons on rail are made with total ridership. Prior to January 2024, these comparisons were made using tap-only ridership. Beginning in January 2025, MetroAccess 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. The report was updated to reflect the growing role of the Abilities-Ride program in providing service to our MetroAccess-eligible customers. Prior to January 2025 this report showed Metro-operated MetroAccess ridership only. Parking utilization is from the farebox system.

Overall Ridership in April

Total Ridership

- Compared to April 2024, ridership increased by 14% overall, 15% on weekdays, 9% on Saturdays, and 5% on Sundays.

Rail

- Compared to April 2024, ridership increased by 22% overall, 24% on weekdays, 15% on Saturdays, and 8% on Sundays.

Bus

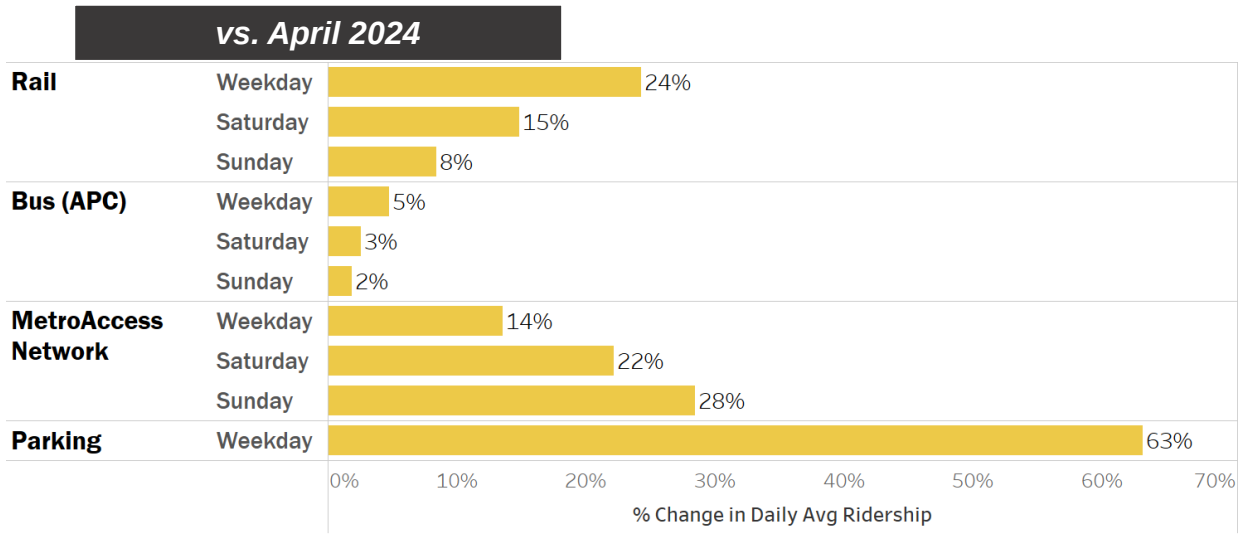
- Ridership has increased 5% overall, 5% on weekdays, 3% on Saturdays, and increased 2% on Sundays compared to April 2024.

MetroAccess

- Compared to April 2024, ridership increased by 15% overall, 14% on weekdays, 22% on Saturdays, and 28% on Sundays.

Parking

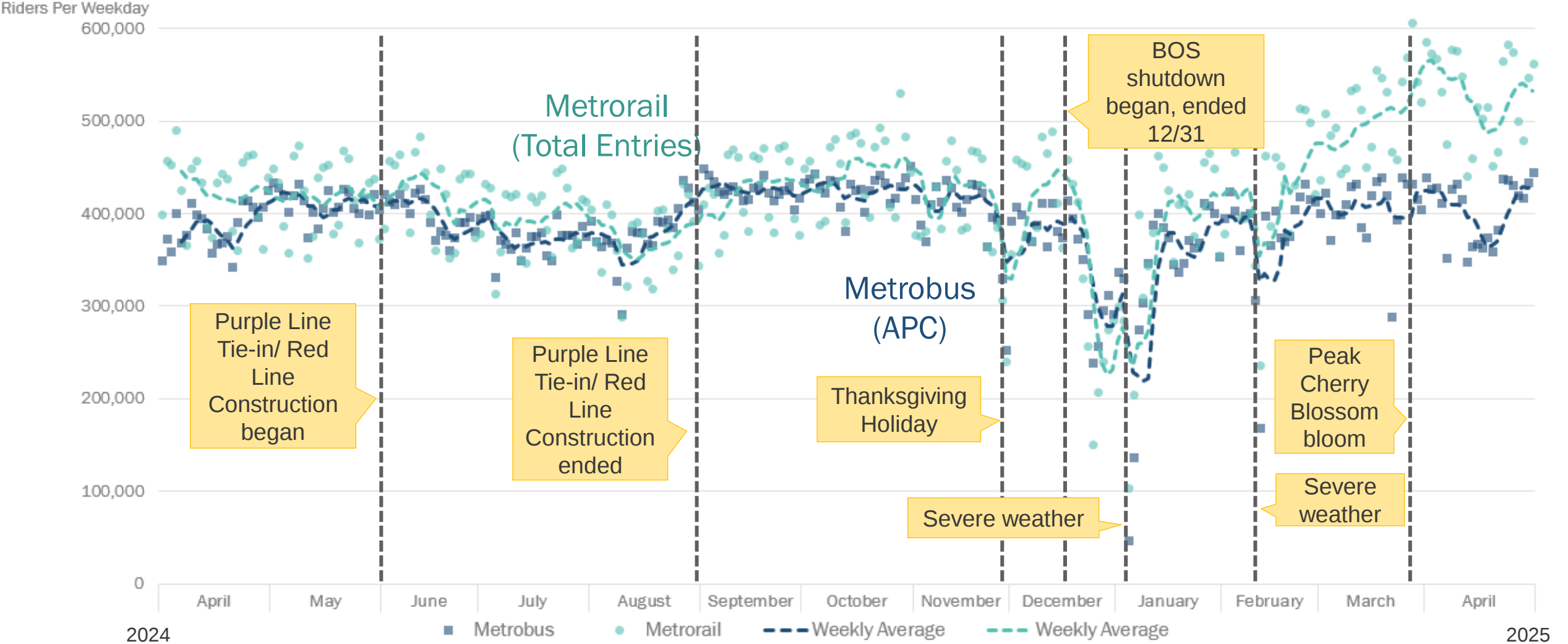
- Usage has increased by 63% compared to April 2024.



April 2025 Averages	Weekday	Saturday	Sunday	Total Ridership
Rail	527,000	365,000	253,000	14,070,000
Bus (APC)	405,000	255,000	216,000	10,799,000
MetroAccess Network	9,500	4,700	4,200	245,000
Parking	34,000			742,000



Ridership Trends Over the Past Year

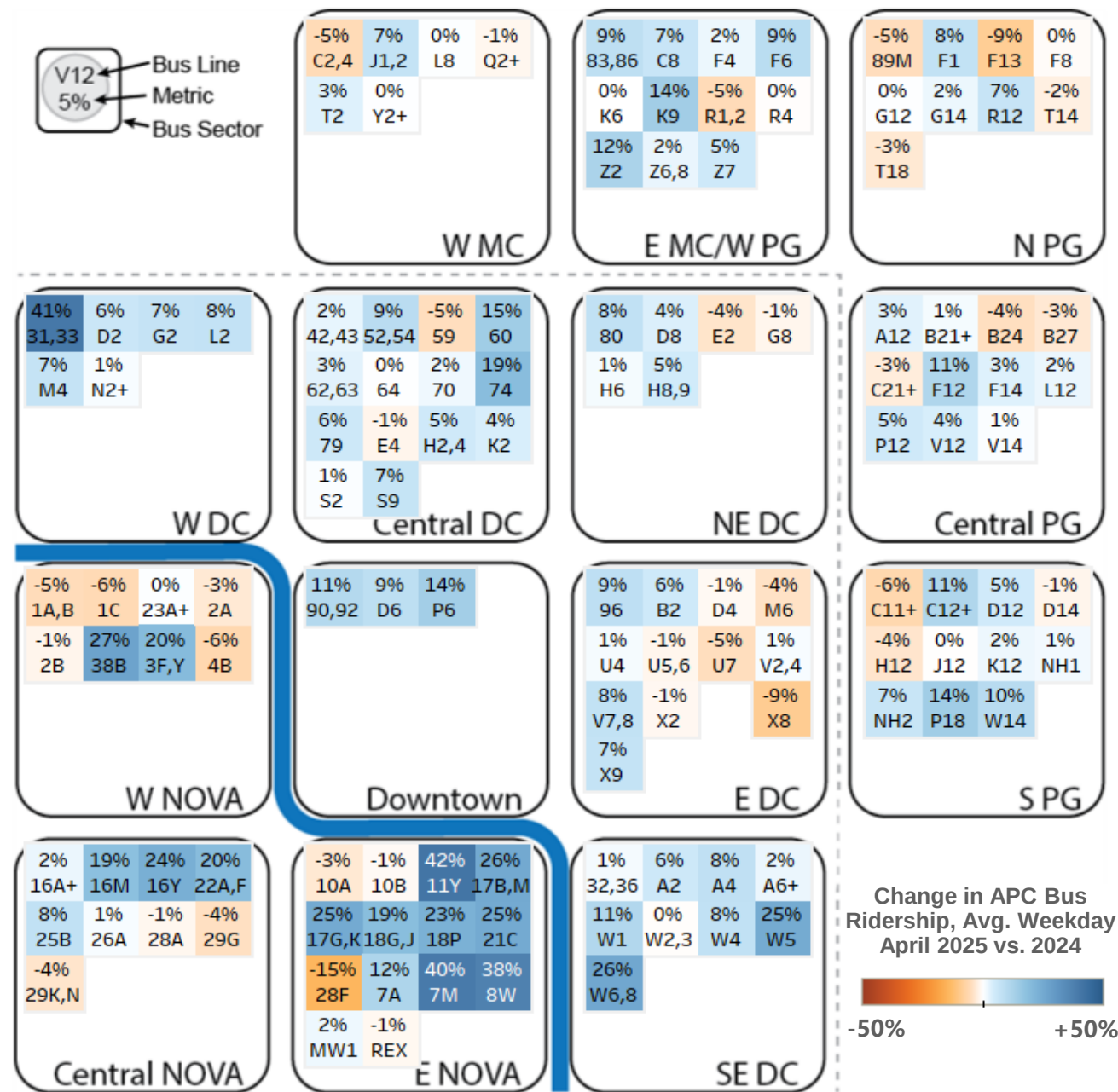


- For more nuanced station information, additional data can be found on the [WMATA Ridership Data Portal](#).



Metrobus Ridership

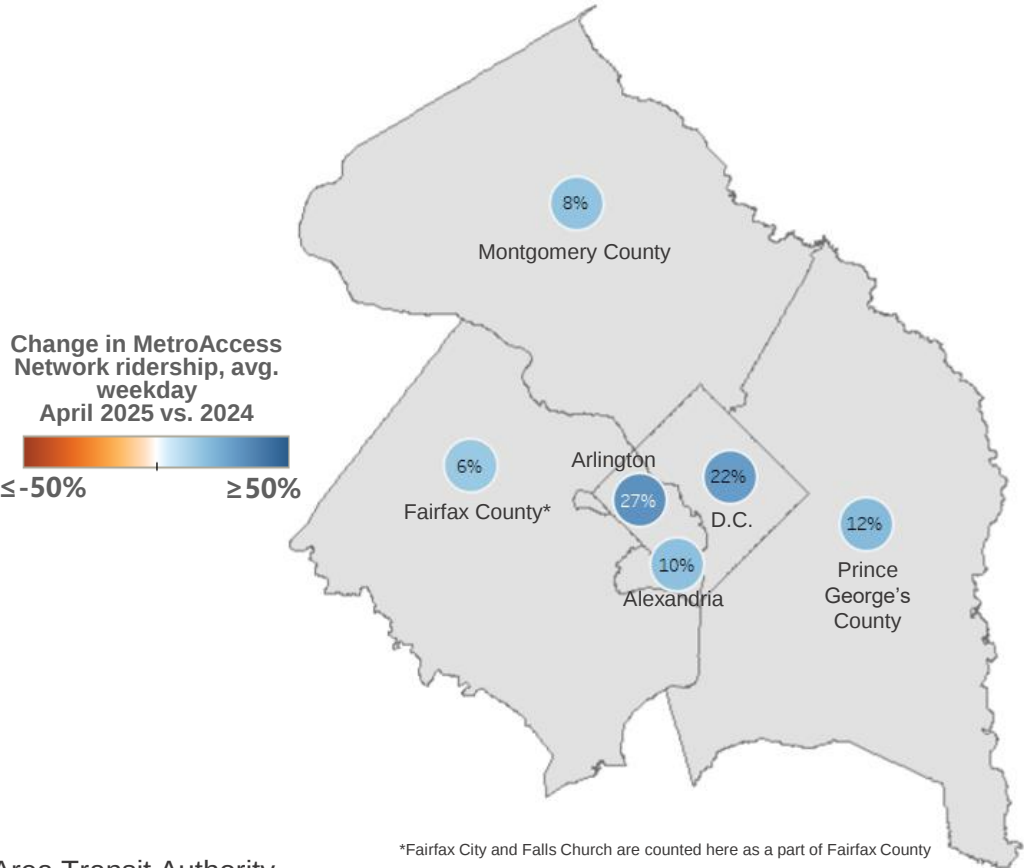
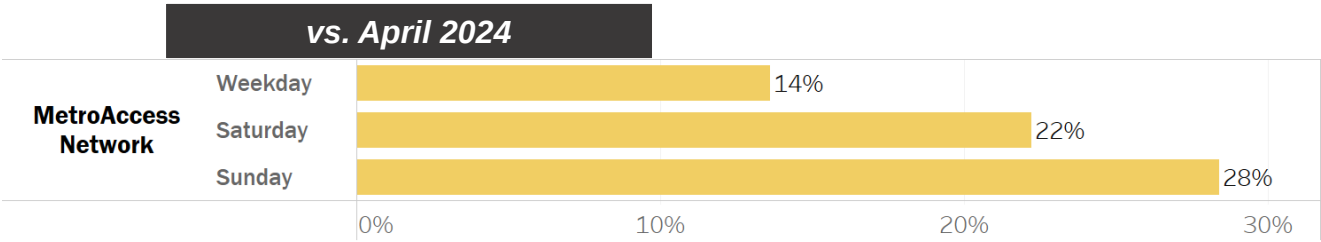
- Metrobus ridership has increased 5% overall, 5% on weekdays, 3% on Saturdays, and increased 2% on Sundays compared to April 2024.
- About 3% of customer time was crowded on average with more crowding on weekdays.
- There were approximately 51,000 total shuttle rides made in April 2025, serving customers on:
 - Red Line service between Takoma – Rhode Island Ave stations from 4/19 – 4/20 .
 - Red Line service between Medical Center – Grosvenor stations from 4/26 – 4/27.
- **Notes:**
 - Buses were detoured downtown on 4/12 – 4/13 for the National Cherry Blossom parade, Sakura Matsuri Japanese Street Festival, and DC Emancipation Day parade.



For more nuanced bus line information, additional data can be found on the [WMATA Ridership Data Portal](#). Bus ridership based on Automatic Passenger Counter data.

MetroAccess Network Ridership

- In April 2025, the MetroAccess network provided on average 9,500 rides on weekdays, 4,700 on Saturdays, and 4,200 on Sundays.
- MetroAccess network ridership is up 15% overall, 14% on weekdays, 22% on Saturdays, and 28% on Sundays compared to April 2024.
- **Notes:**
 - The MetroAccess network comprises rides made via our paratransit service, MetroAccess, as well as rides requested through the Abilities-Ride program which is a curb-to-curb transportation option for MetroAccess-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.



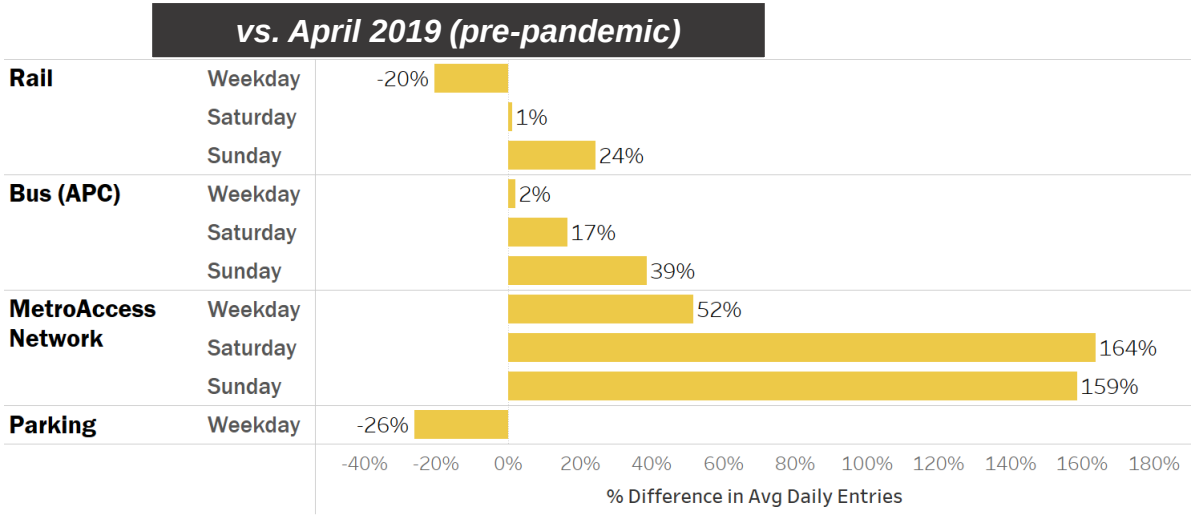
- Parking transactions grew the most at Wheaton, Landover, and Vienna stations.



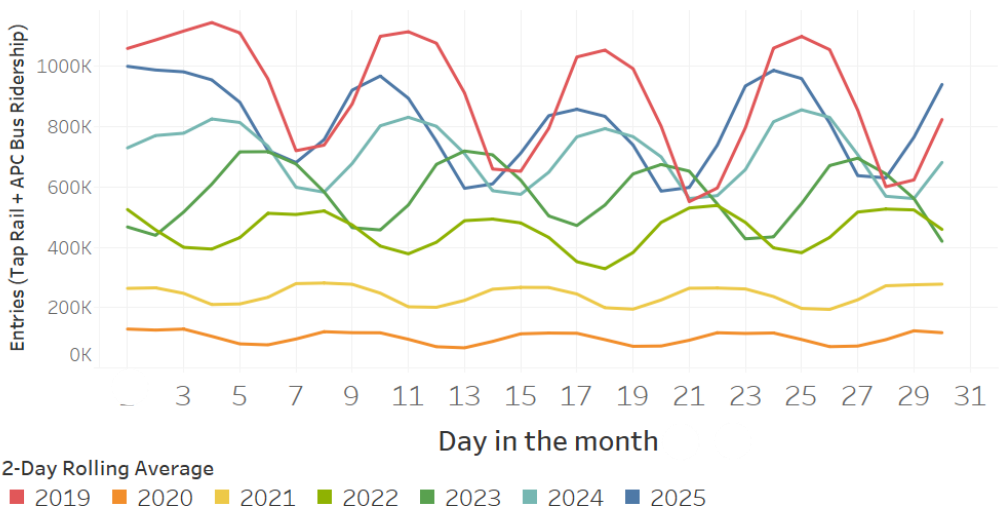
Pre-Pandemic Ridership Comparison

Current vs. pre-pandemic levels (April 2025 vs. April 2019):

- **Total** ridership was at 92% of pre-pandemic ridership overall, 88% of pre-pandemic levels on weekdays, 7% above pre-pandemic levels on Saturdays, and 31% above pre-pandemic levels on Sundays.
- **Rail** ridership was at 84% of pre-pandemic ridership overall, 80% of pre-pandemic levels on weekdays, 1% above pre-pandemic levels on Saturdays, and 24% above pre-pandemic levels on Sundays.
- **Bus** ridership was 6% above pre-pandemic ridership overall, 2% above pre-pandemic levels on weekdays, 17% above pre-pandemic levels on Saturdays, and 39% above pre-pandemic levels on Sundays.
- **Parking** usage was at about 74% of pre-pandemic levels.



April Ridership over the Past Seven Years



April 2019 Averages	Weekday	Saturday	Sunday	Total Ridership
Rail	663,000	361,000	203,000	16,843,000
Bus (APC)	397,000	219,000	156,000	10,233,000
MetroAccess Network	6,300	1,800	1,600	152,000
Parking	45,000			1,004,000