

Metro Ridership Snapshot

December 2022

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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 three 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. Rail ridership and parking utilization is from the farebox system.

Overall Ridership in December

Rail

- Weekday ridership has increased almost 60% compared to December 2021.

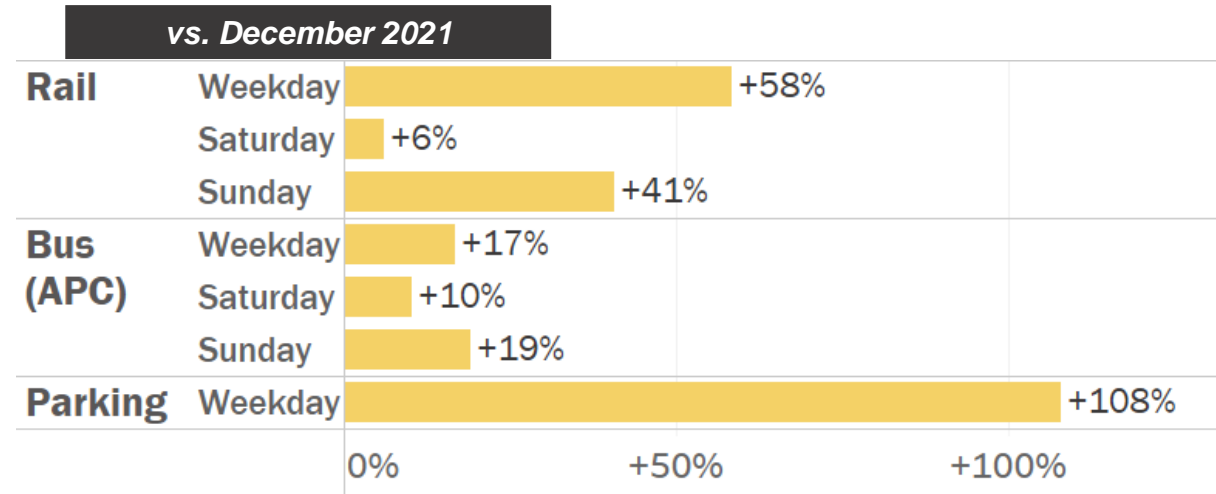
Bus

- Ridership has increased close to 20% on weekdays and Sundays and 10% on Saturdays compared to December 2021.

Parking

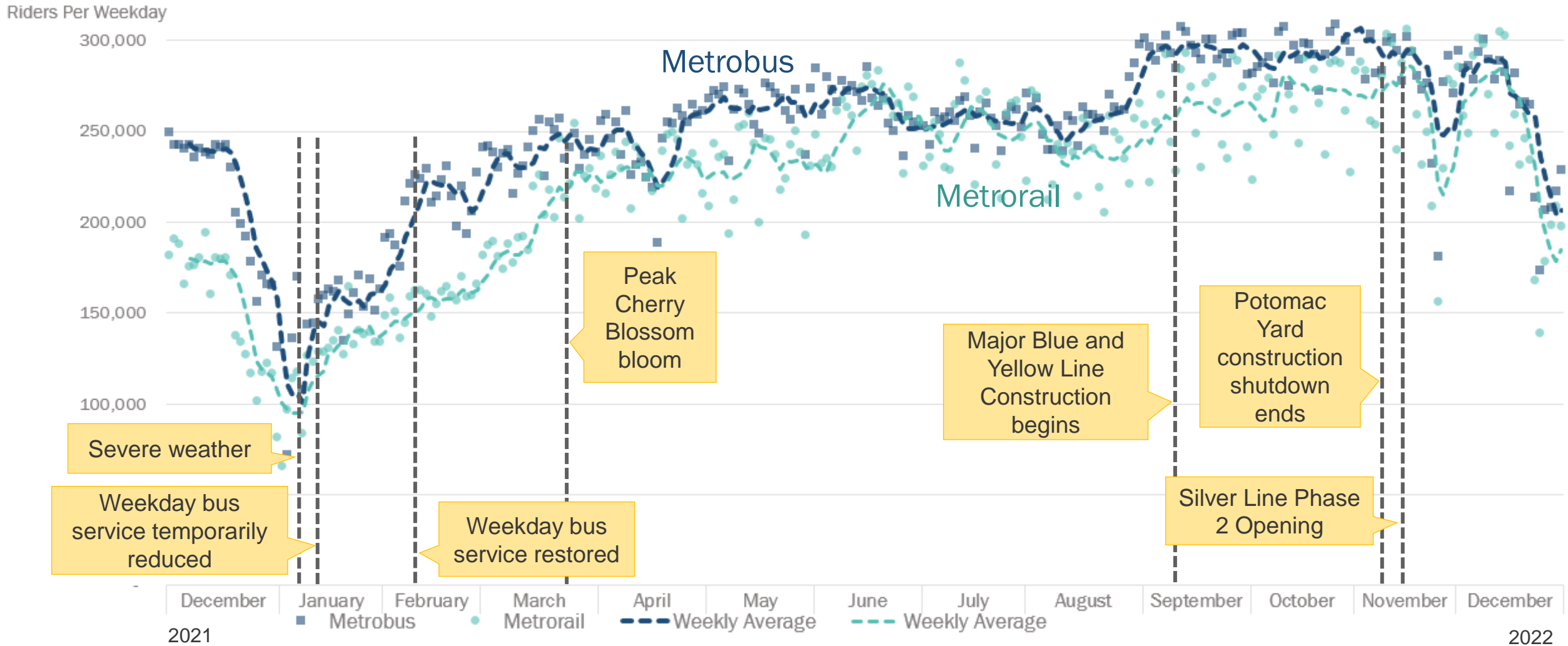
- Usage has more than doubled compared to December 2021.

Ridership was higher in the first half of the month and fell around the holidays. Rail and bus ridership grew year over year in December 2022.



| December 2022 Averages | Weekday | Saturday | Sunday |
|------------------------|---------|----------|---------|
| Rail | 243,000 | 144,000 | 99,000 |
| Bus (APC) | 258,000 | 157,000 | 125,000 |
| Parking | 12,000 | | |

Ridership Trends Over the Past Year



Silver Line Phase 2 Opening

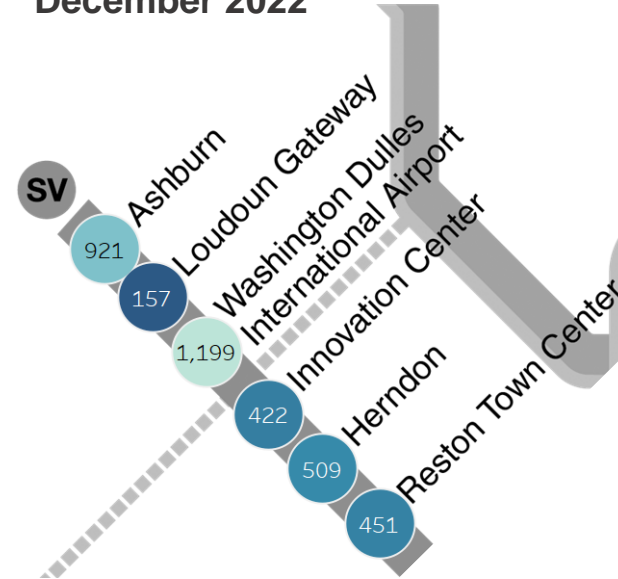
Ridership

- Compared to November 2022, average Weekday ridership in December 2022 is up 68% and average Sunday ridership has increased by 38% along the Silver Line II (SVII) corridor.
- 64% of December 2022 entries at the new stations occurred during peak periods, excluding Dulles Airport station.
 - This mirrors the remainder of the Metrorail system, where 65% of entries occurred during peak periods.
 - 87% of entries at Dulles occurred later in the day, from midday through evening.
- 6% of SVII trips started and ended within the new segment in December 2022.

Parking

- In December 2022 the most popular station for parking among Silver Line Phase II stations was Loudoun Gateway at 29% utilization (utilization = average daily transactions / parking capacity)
 - Reston – 18% utilization
 - Ashburn – 13% utilization
 - Herndon – 4% utilization

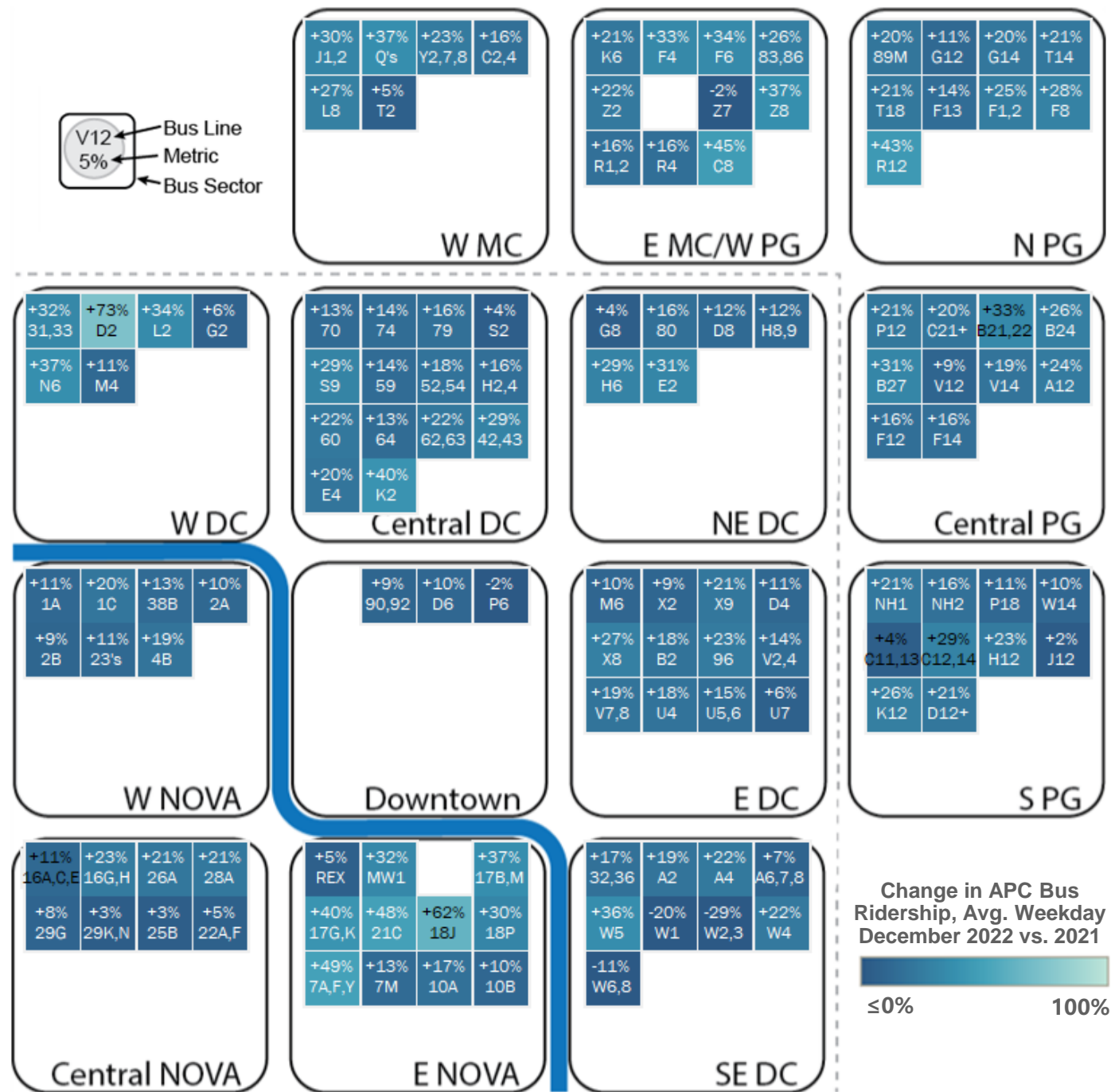
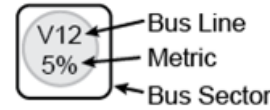
**Average Weekday Ridership
December 2022**



| December 2022 SVII Averages | Weekday | Saturday | Sunday |
|-----------------------------|---------|----------|--------|
| Rail | 3,700 | 2,900 | 2,500 |
| Parking | 860 | | |

Metrobus Ridership

- Ridership is up about 20% on weekdays and Sundays and 10% on Saturdays compared to December 2021.
- About 2.4% of stop events were above crowding thresholds with more crowding on weekdays.
- Notes:
 - In December 2021, bus service levels were around 85% of pre-Covid. Current bus service levels are around 93% of pre-Covid levels on weekdays, 110-125% on weekends.

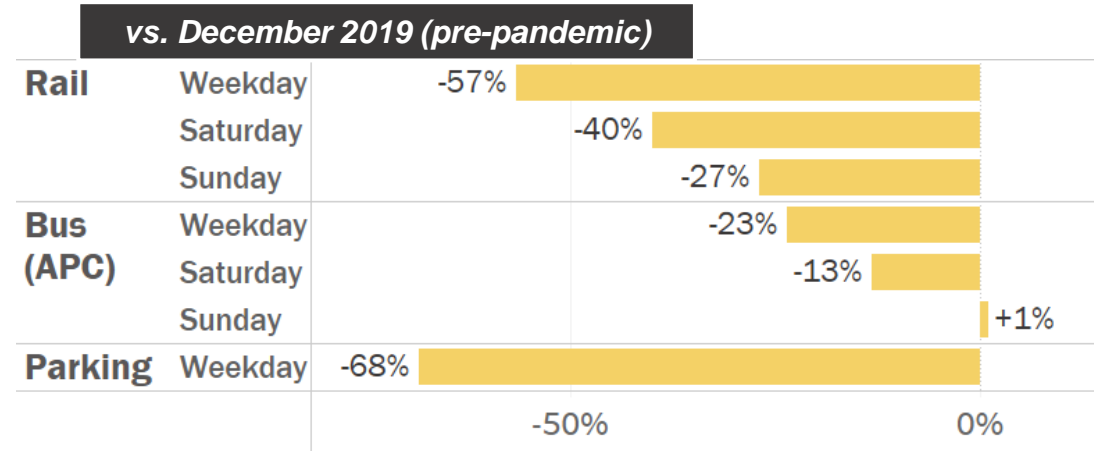


For more nuanced bus line information, additional data can be found on the [WMATA Ridership Data Portal](#). Bus ridership based on Automatic Passenger Counter data.

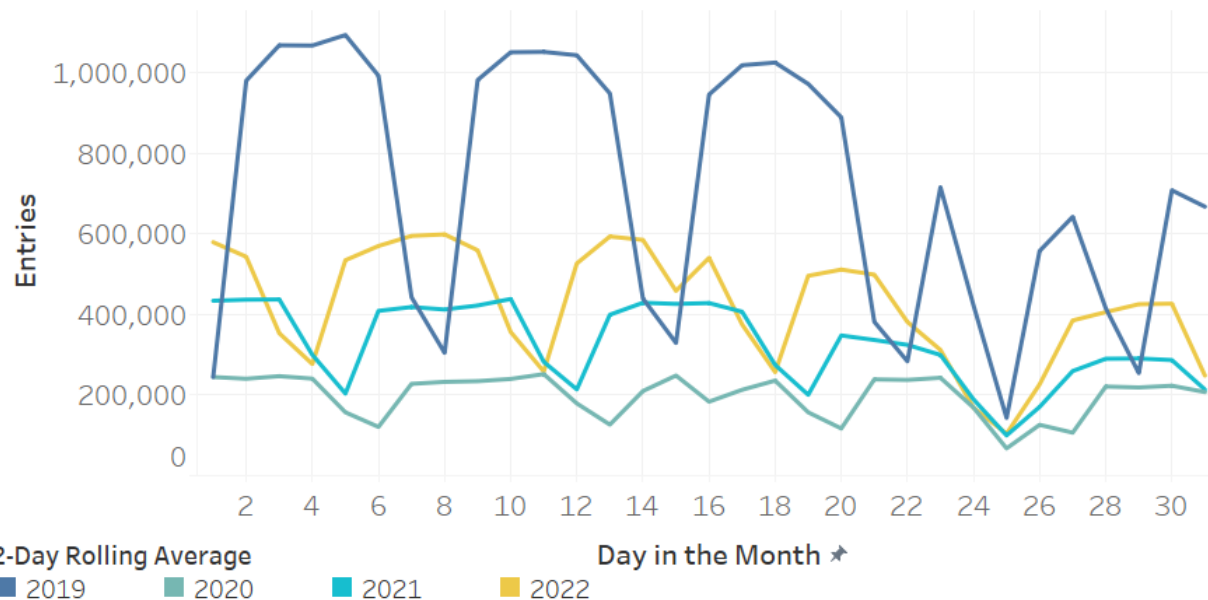
Pre-Pandemic Ridership Comparison

Current vs. pre-pandemic levels (December 2022 vs. December 2019):

- **Rail** ridership was at 43% of pre-pandemic levels on weekdays and higher on weekends, reaching 73% of pre-pandemic levels on Sundays
- **Bus** ridership was at 77% of pre-pandemic levels on weekdays, 87% of pre-pandemic levels on Saturdays, and 1% over pre-pandemic levels on Sundays
- **Parking** usage was at 32% of pre-pandemic levels



December Ridership over the Past Four Years



| December 2019 Averages | Weekday | Saturday | Sunday |
|------------------------|---------|----------|---------|
| Rail | 560,000 | 239,000 | 136,000 |
| Bus (APC) | 337,000 | 180,000 | 124,000 |
| Parking | 39,000 | | |

