

Metro Ridership Snapshot

January 2023

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Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority

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Parking Utilization



[Online Ridership Data Portal](#)

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 January

Rail

- Weekday ridership has more than doubled compared to January 2022.

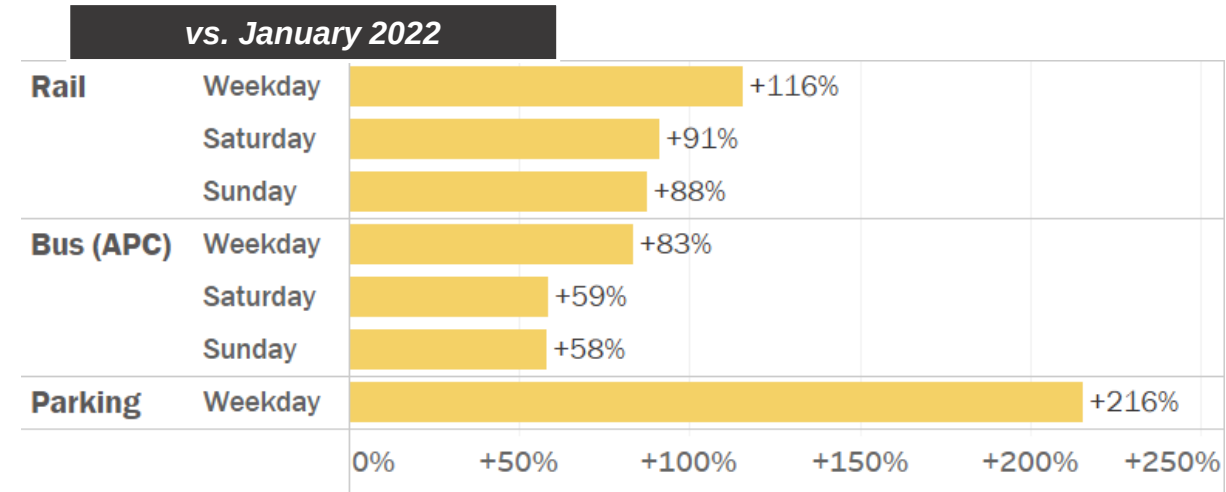
Bus

- Ridership has increased more than 80% on weekdays and nearly 60% on weekends compared to January 2022.

Parking

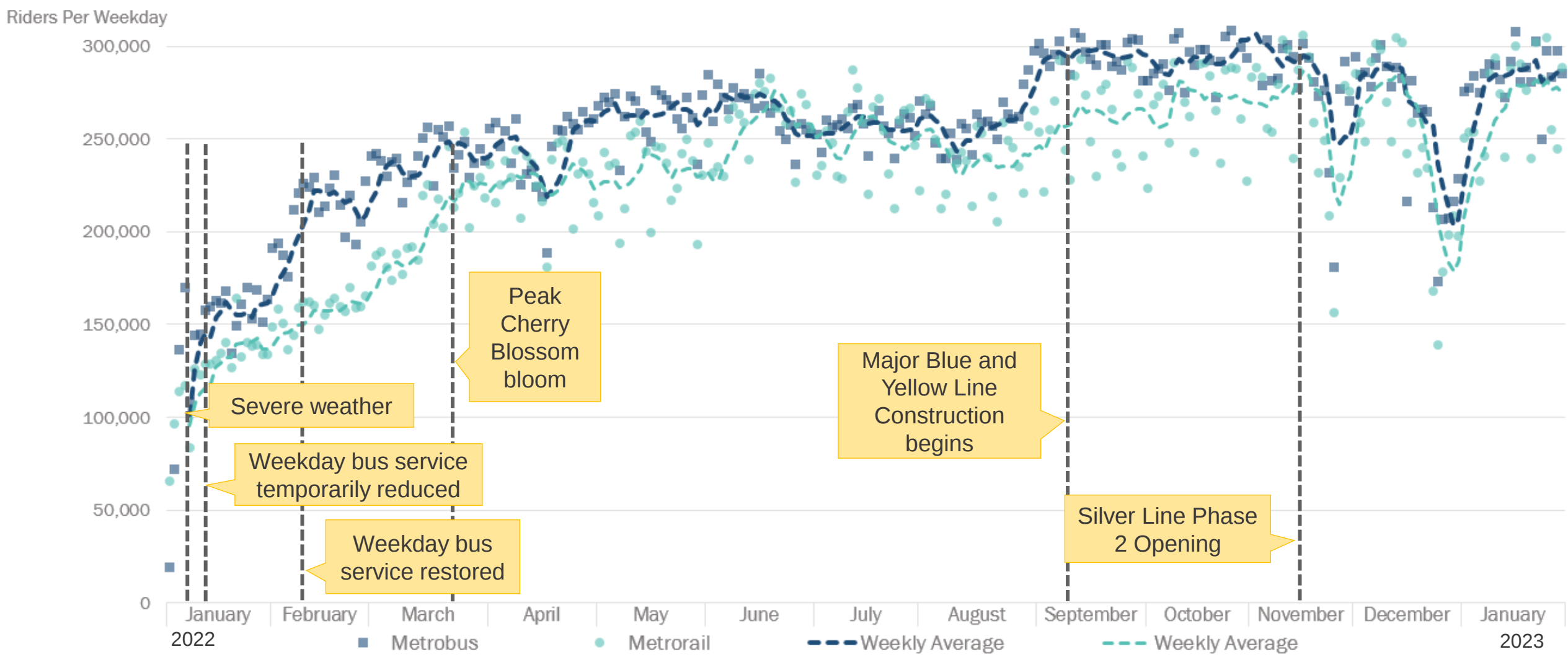
- Usage has more than tripled compared to January 2022.

Rail ridership grew from early to mid January and then leveled off, while bus ridership stayed more stable throughout the month. Rail and bus ridership grew significantly year over year, in part because January 2022 ridership was low due to the Omicron variant.



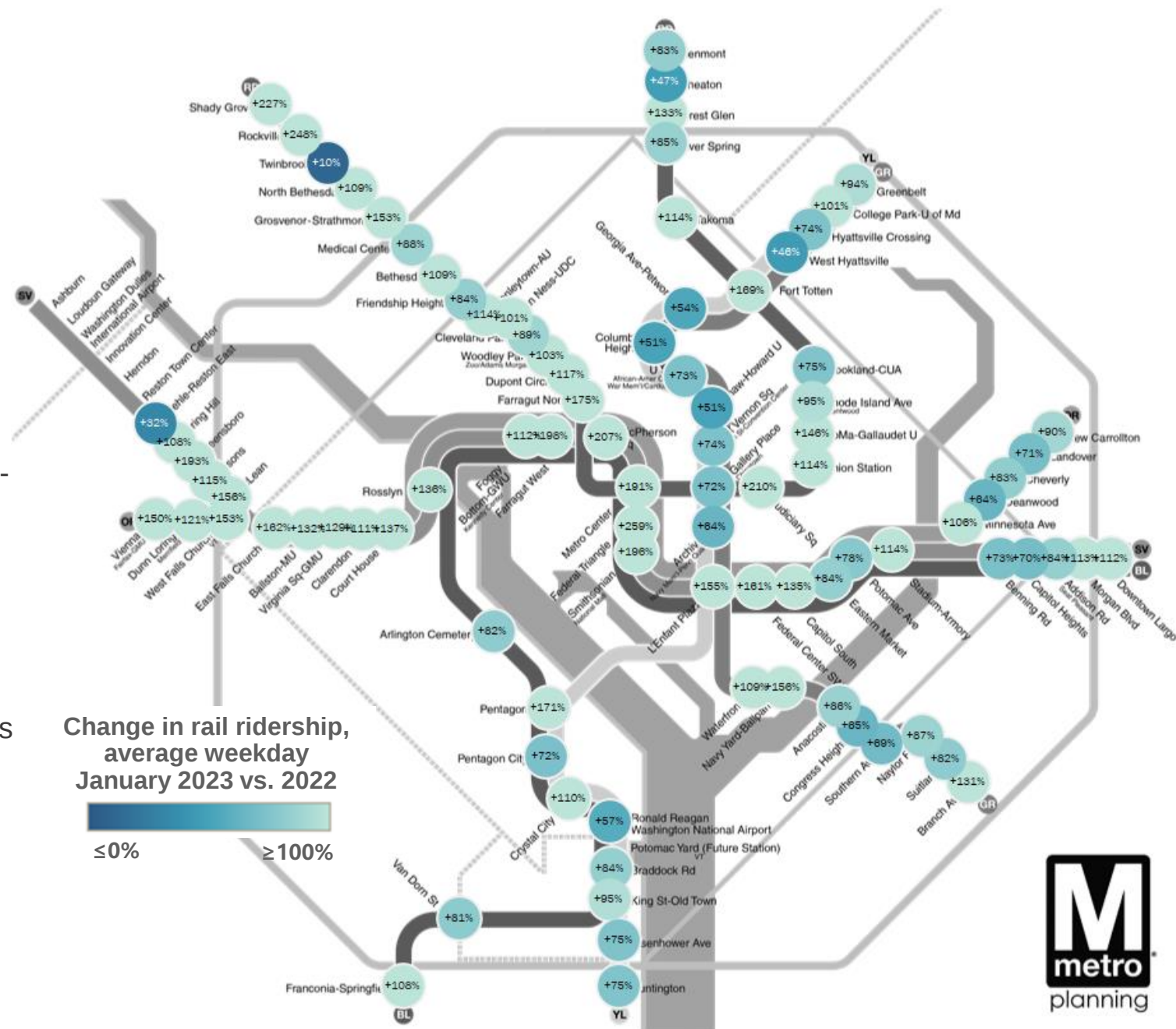
January 2023 Averages	Weekday	Saturday	Sunday
Rail	270,000	164,000	115,000
Bus (APC)	285,000	168,000	135,000
Parking	15,000		

Ridership Trends Over the Past Year



Metrorail Ridership

- Ridership is up 116% on weekdays compared to January 2022
- < 1% of customer time was crowded on average with most crowding occurring on weekdays
- Notes:
 - The Omicron variant was reaching a peak in early- to mid-January 2022
 - Rail service is increasing as the 7000-series rail cars are phased back into service, but remains lower than before the suspension
 - The Yellow Line bridge and tunnel between L'Enfant Plaza and Pentagon closed on September 10th for scheduled maintenance.
 - Shady Grove and Rockville were closed for repairs from mid-September until mid-January 2022. Ridership at Twinbrook was impacted by shuttle bus operations.
 - Six new Silver Line Phase 2 stations opened on November 15th. Since there is not year-over-year data for these stations yet they do not appear on this map



For more nuanced station information, additional data can be found on the [WMATA Ridership Data Portal](https://wmata.com/ridership).

Silver Line Phase 2 Opening

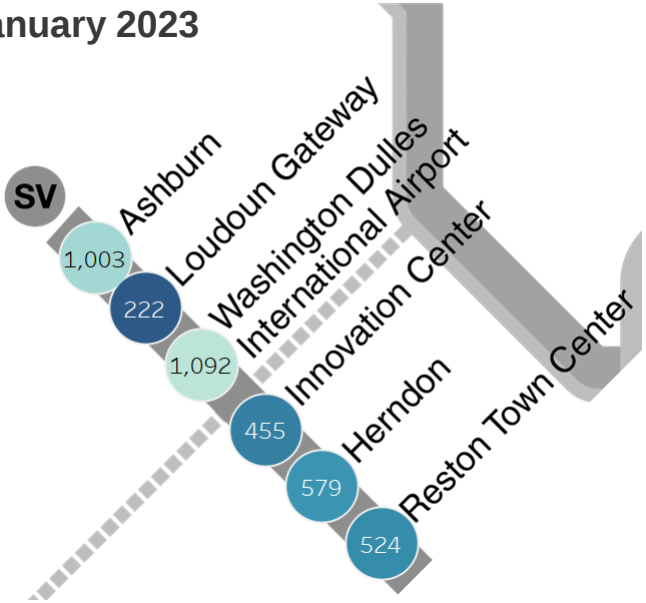
Ridership

- Compared to December 2022, average weekday ridership in January 2023 is up 6% and average weekend ridership is up 14% along the Silver Line II (SVII) corridor
 - All stations increased ridership month-over-month except for Dulles on weekdays (decreased 9%, likely due to December holiday travel)
 - Loudoun Gateway had the highest growth month-over-month on both weekdays (41%) and weekends (35%)

Parking

- In January 2023 the most popular station for parking among Silver Line Phase II stations was Loudoun Gateway at 28% utilization (utilization = average daily transactions / parking capacity)
 - Ashburn – 22% utilization
 - Wiehle – 21% utilization
 - Herndon – 5% utilization

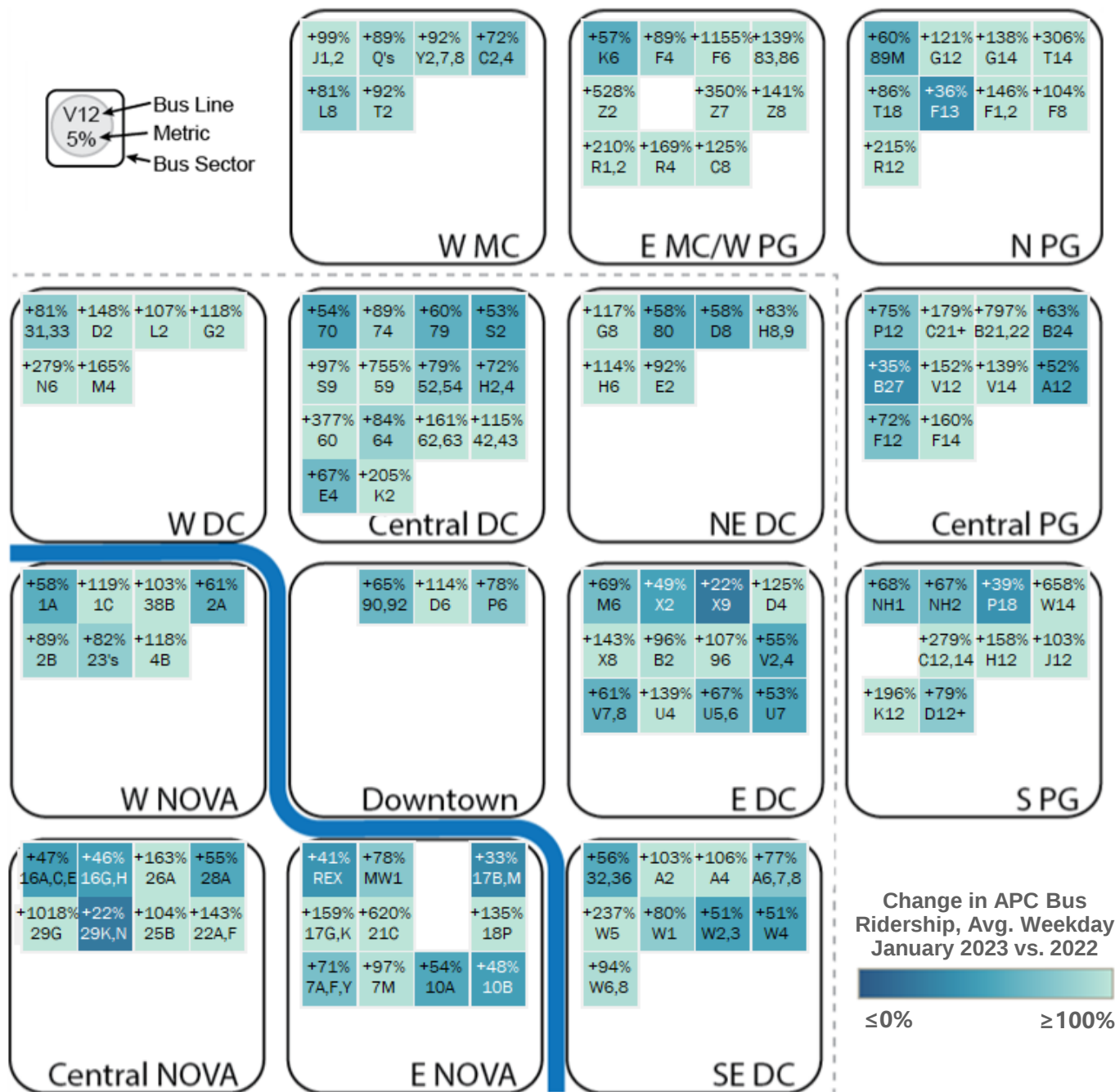
Average Weekday Ridership
January 2023



January 2023 SVII Averages	Weekday	Saturday	Sunday
Rail	3,900	3,300	2,800
Parking	1,000		

Metrobus Ridership

- Ridership is up about 80% on weekdays and 60% on weekends compared to January 2022.
- About 3% of stop events were above crowding thresholds with more crowding on weekdays.
- Notes:
 - In January 2022, bus service was reduced to less than 50% of normal service levels due to covid-related staffing shortages. Current bus service levels are around 93% of pre-pandemic 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.

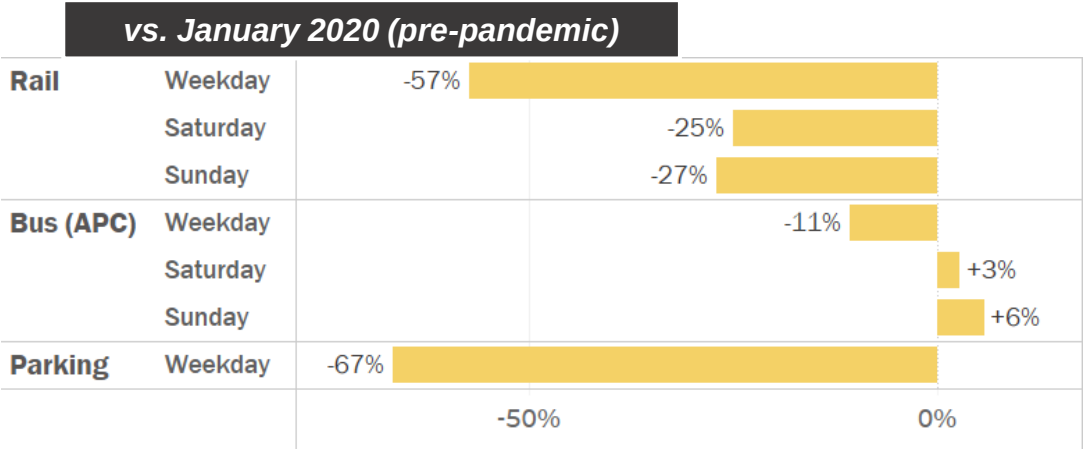
- For more nuanced parking information, additional data can be found on the [WMATA Ridership Data Portal](#).



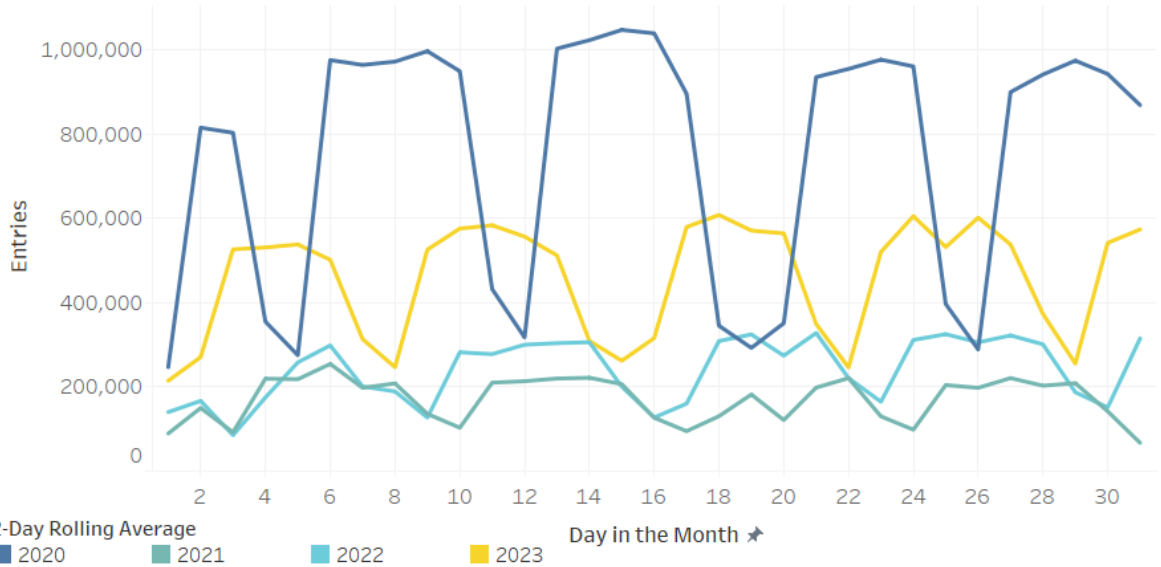
Pre-Pandemic Ridership Comparison

Current vs. pre-pandemic levels (January 2022 vs. January 2020):

- **Rail** ridership was at 43% of pre-pandemic levels on weekdays and about 75% of pre-pandemic levels on weekends
- **Bus** ridership was at 89% of pre-pandemic levels on weekdays and 3-6% *above* pre-pandemic levels on weekends
 - Note: the Cinder Bed Road bus garage strike was occurring until mid-January 2020, affecting 18 Metrobus routes in Virginia
- **Parking** usage was at 33% of pre-pandemic levels



January Ridership over the Past Four Years



January 2020 Averages	Weekday	Saturday	Sunday
Rail	631,000	219,000	157,000
Bus (APC)	319,000	163,000	127,000
Parking	45,000		