

Metro Ridership Snapshot

January 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 January

Total Ridership

- Compared to January 2024, ridership increased by 6% overall, 4% on weekdays, 13% on Saturdays, and 12% on Sundays.

Rail

- Compared to January 2024, ridership increased by 9% overall, 7% on weekdays, 11% on Saturdays, and 18% on Sundays.

Bus

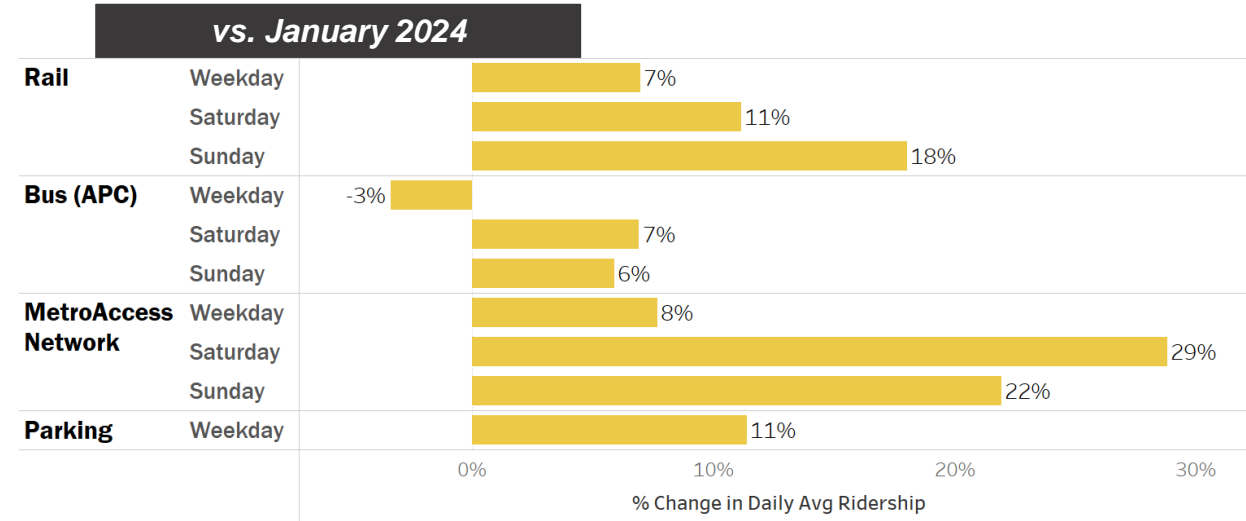
- Ridership has decreased 2% overall, 3% on weekdays, and increased 7% on Saturdays and 6% on Sundays compared to January 2024.
 - Winter weather this January disrupted bus service for several days.

MetroAccess

- Compared to January 2025, ridership increased by 10% overall, 8% on weekdays, 29% on Saturdays, and 22% on Sundays.

Parking

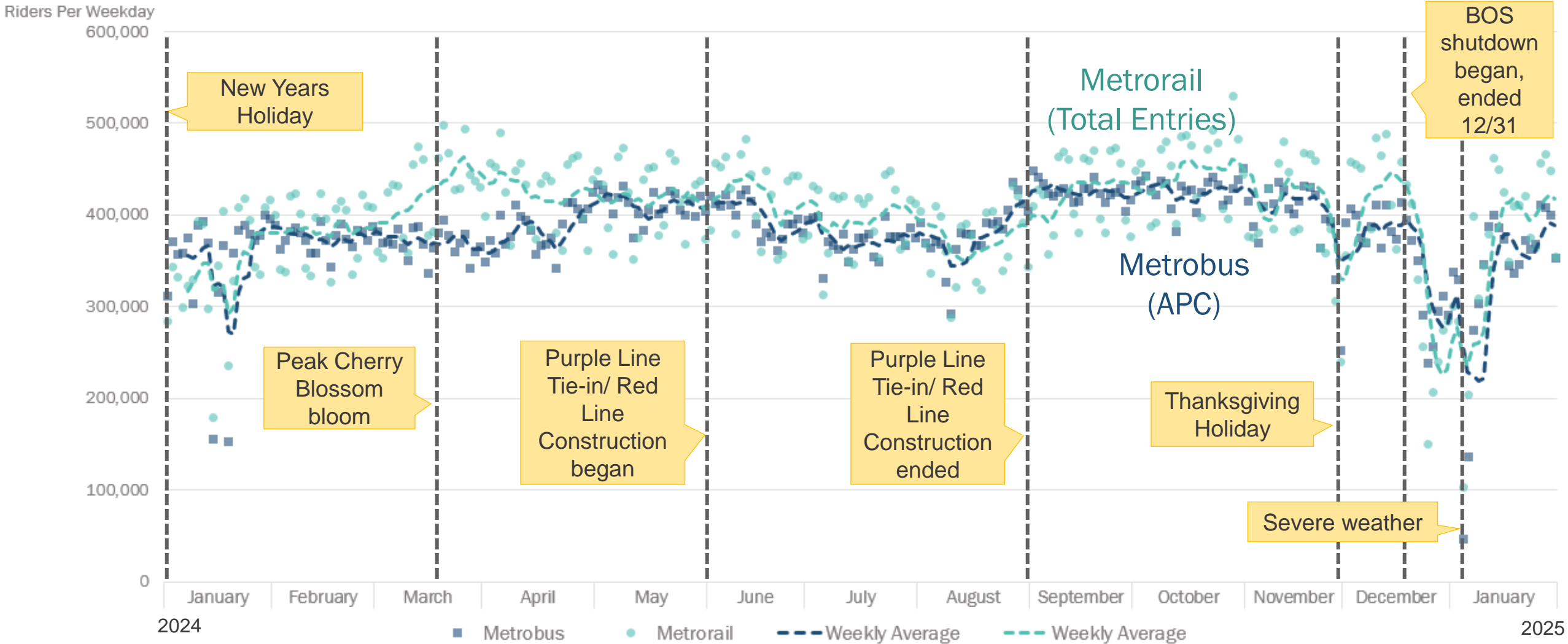
- Usage has increased by 11% compared to January 2024.



January 2025 Averages	Weekday	Saturday	Sunday	Total Ridership
Rail	368,000	230,000	183,000	9,774,000
Bus (APC)	336,000	209,000	174,000	8,954,000
MetroAccess Network	8,000	3,900	3,300	202,000
Parking	19,000			410,000

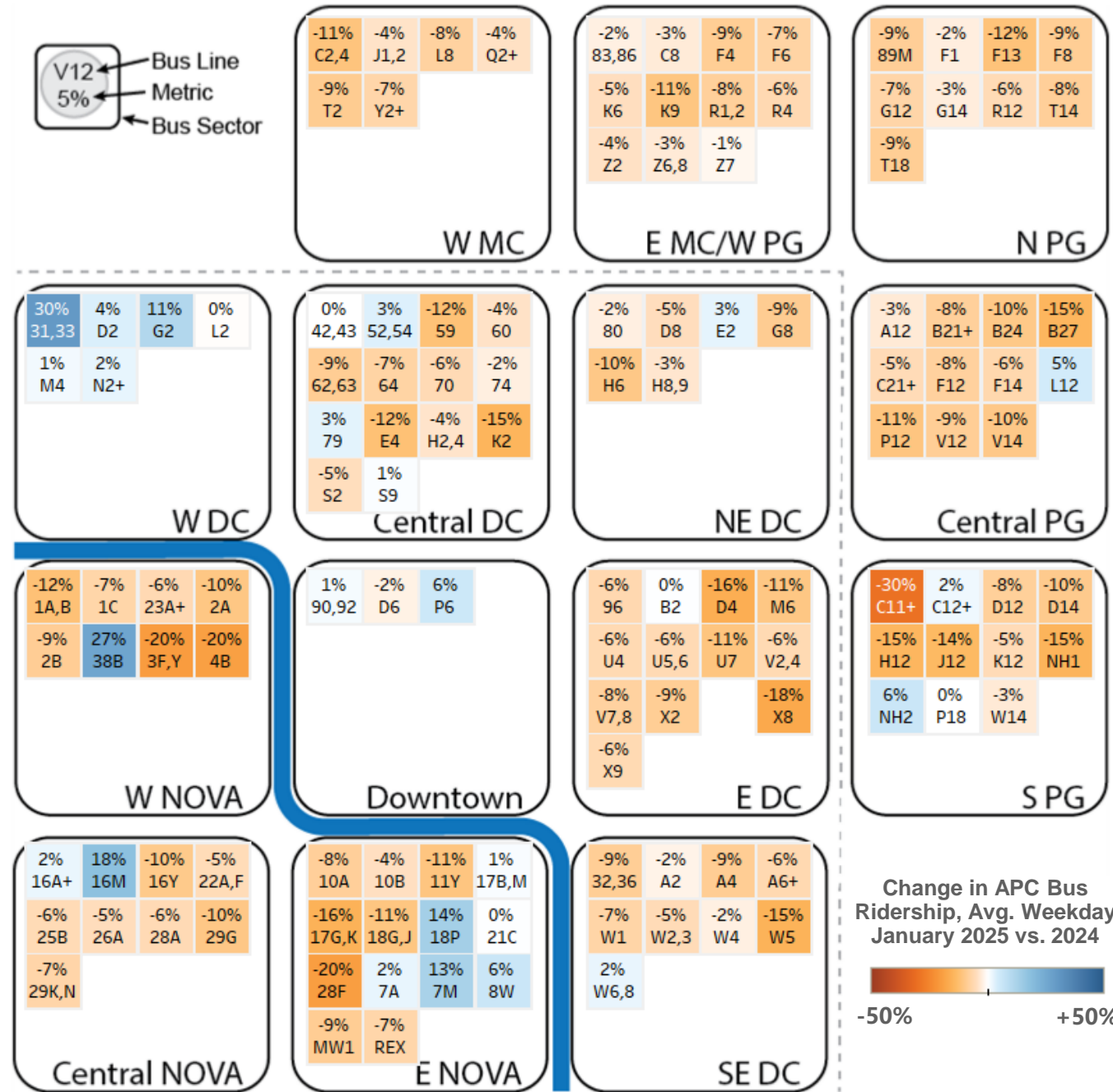


Ridership Trends Over the Past Year



Metrobus Ridership

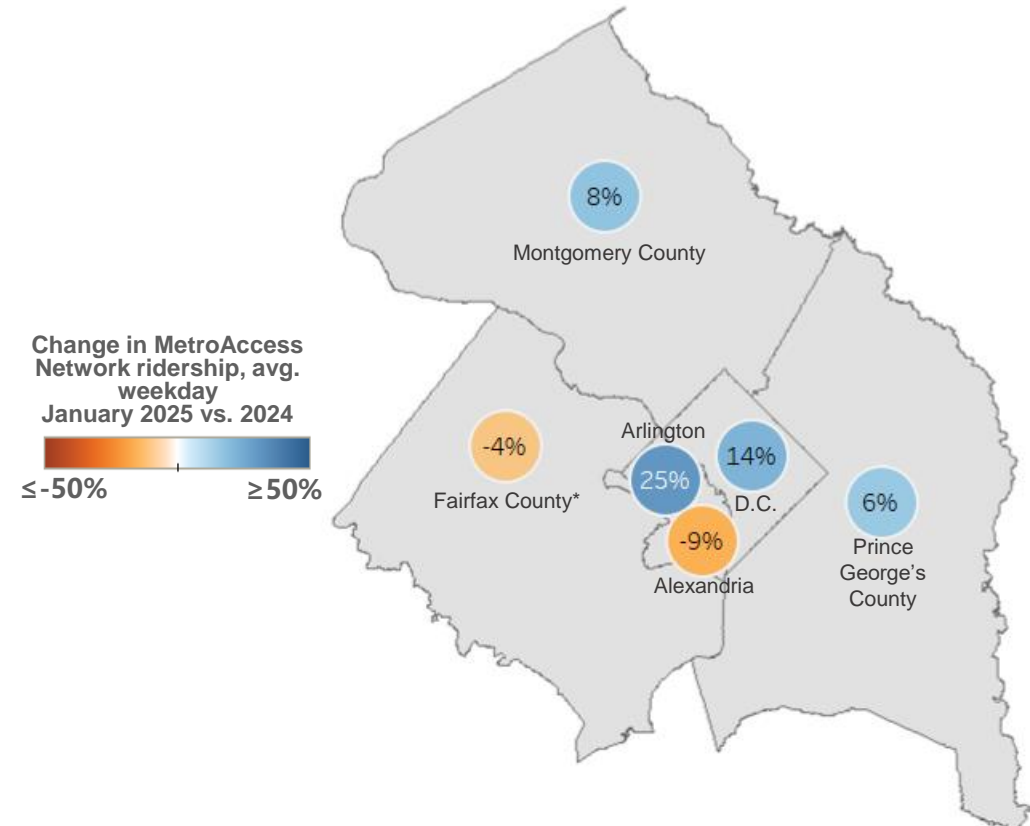
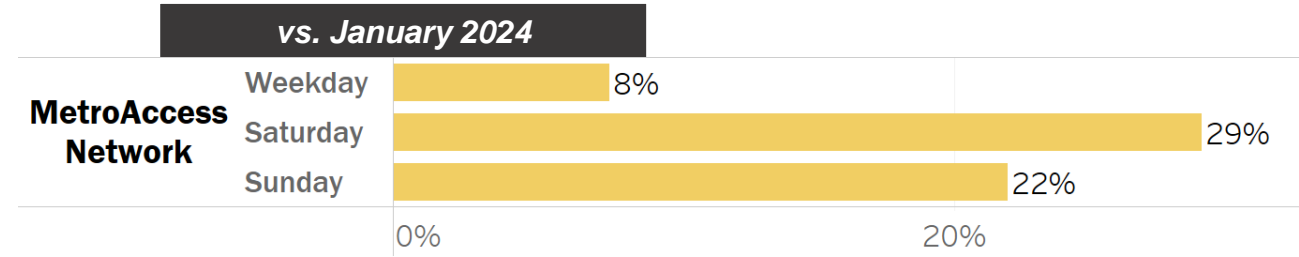
- Metrobus ridership has decreased 2% overall, 3% on weekdays, and increased 6-7% on weekends compared to January 2024.
- About 2% of stop events were above crowding thresholds with more crowding on weekdays.
- Notes:
 - Winter weather disrupted bus service January 6-8.
 - In 2024, winter weather disrupted bus service January 15-17 and January 19-20.



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 January 2025, the MetroAccess network provided on average 8,000 rides on weekdays, 3,900 on Saturdays, and 3,300 on Sundays.
- MetroAccess network ridership is up 10% overall, 8% on weekdays, 29% on Saturdays, and 22% on Sundays compared to January 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.



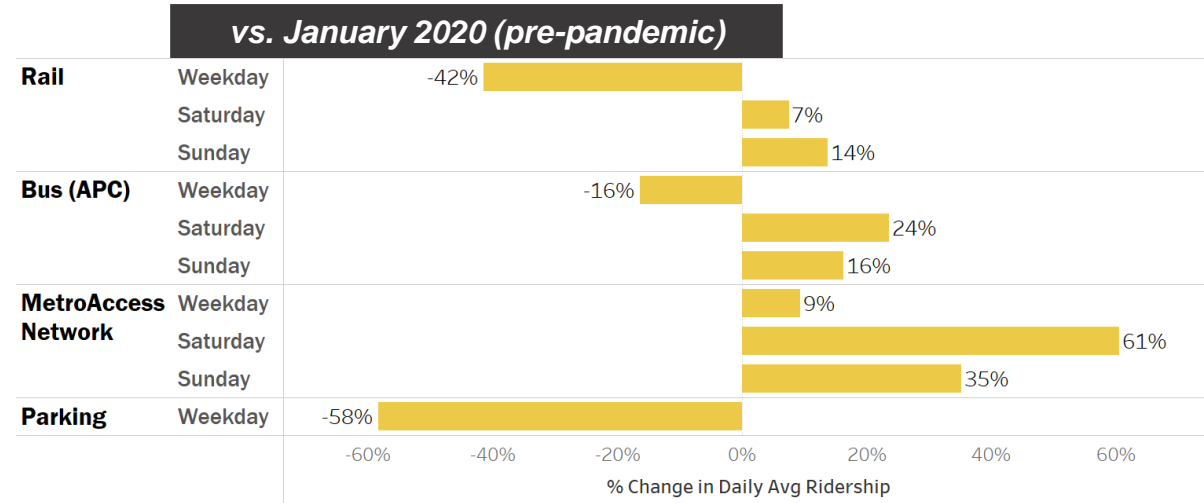
*Fairfax City and Falls Church are counted here as a part of Fairfax County



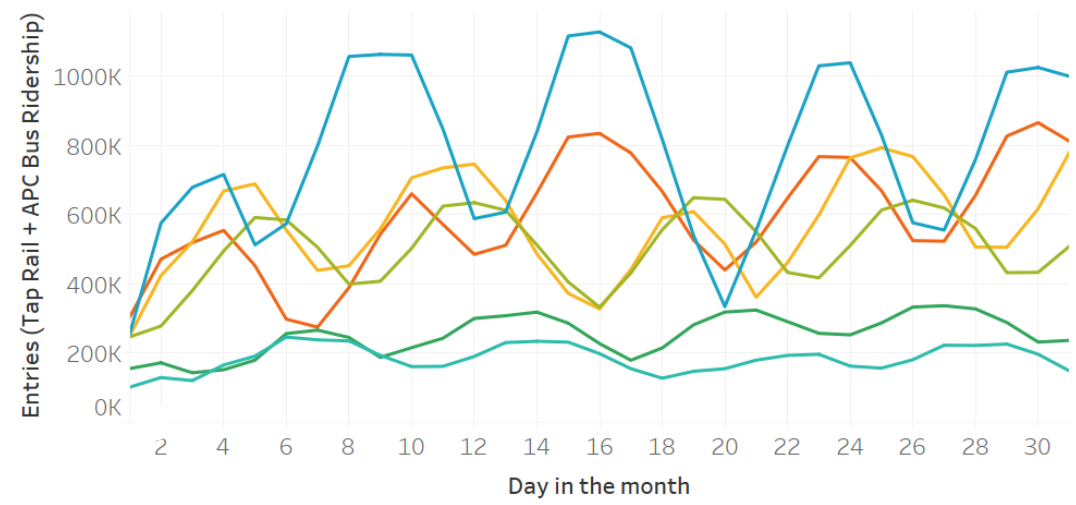
Pre-Pandemic Ridership Comparison

Current vs. pre-pandemic levels (January 2025 vs. January 2020):

- **Total** ridership was at 76% of pre-pandemic ridership overall, 70% of pre-pandemic levels on weekdays, 92% of pre-pandemic levels on Saturdays, and 76% on Sundays.
- **Rail** ridership was at 65% of pre-pandemic ridership overall, 58% of pre-pandemic levels on weekdays, 7% above pre-pandemic levels on Saturdays, and 14% above pre-pandemic levels on Sundays.
- **Bus** ridership was 94% of pre-pandemic ridership overall, at 87% of pre-pandemic levels on weekdays, 24% above pre-pandemic levels on Saturdays, and 16% above pre-pandemic levels on Sundays.
- **Parking** usage was at about 43% of pre-pandemic levels.



January Ridership over the Past Six Years



January 2020 Averages	Weekday	Saturday	Sunday	Total Ridership
Rail	629,000	214,000	161,000	15,045,000
Bus (APC)	403,000	169,000	150,000	9,896,000
MetroAccess Network	7,300	2,400	2,400	177,000
Parking	45,000			957,000



2-Day Rolling Average
 ■ 2020 ■ 2021 ■ 2022 ■ 2023 ■ 2024 ■ 2025