

Metro Ridership Snapshot

May 2023



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 four 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. Prior to January 2023, Metro reported only tap rail 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. Both tap and total ridership is presented here, however year-over-year comparisons on rail are made with tap only ridership. Parking utilization is from the farebox system.



Overall Ridership in May

Rail

- Ridership increased by about 40% compared to May 2022 on weekdays and weekends, with the highest increases on Saturdays.

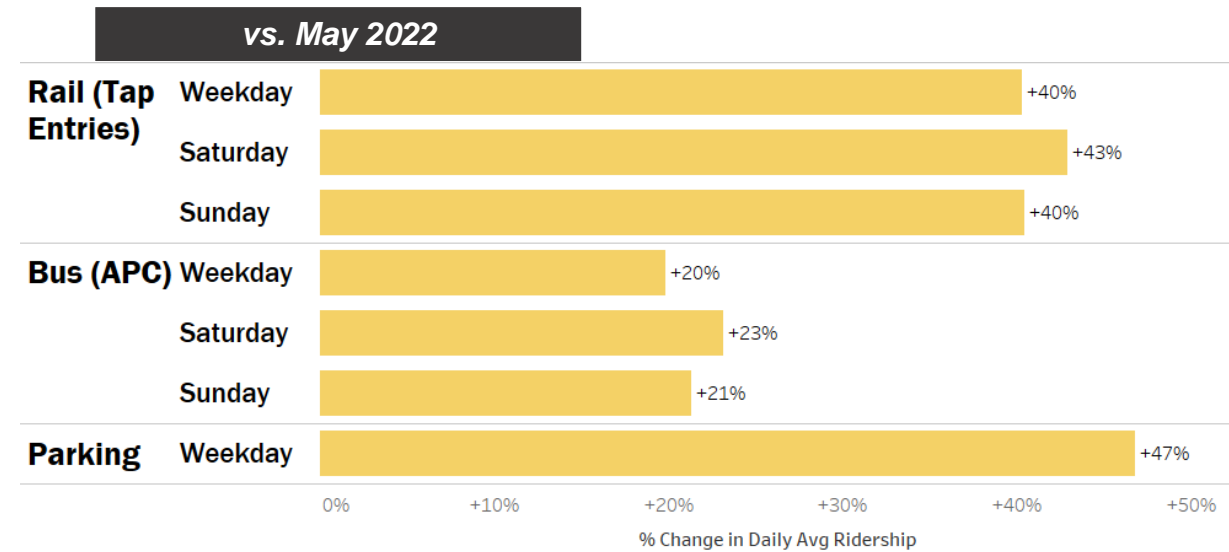
Bus

- Ridership has increased by about 20% on weekdays and weekends compared to May 2022, with the highest increases on Saturdays and Sundays.

Parking

- Usage has increased by about 50% compared to May 2022.

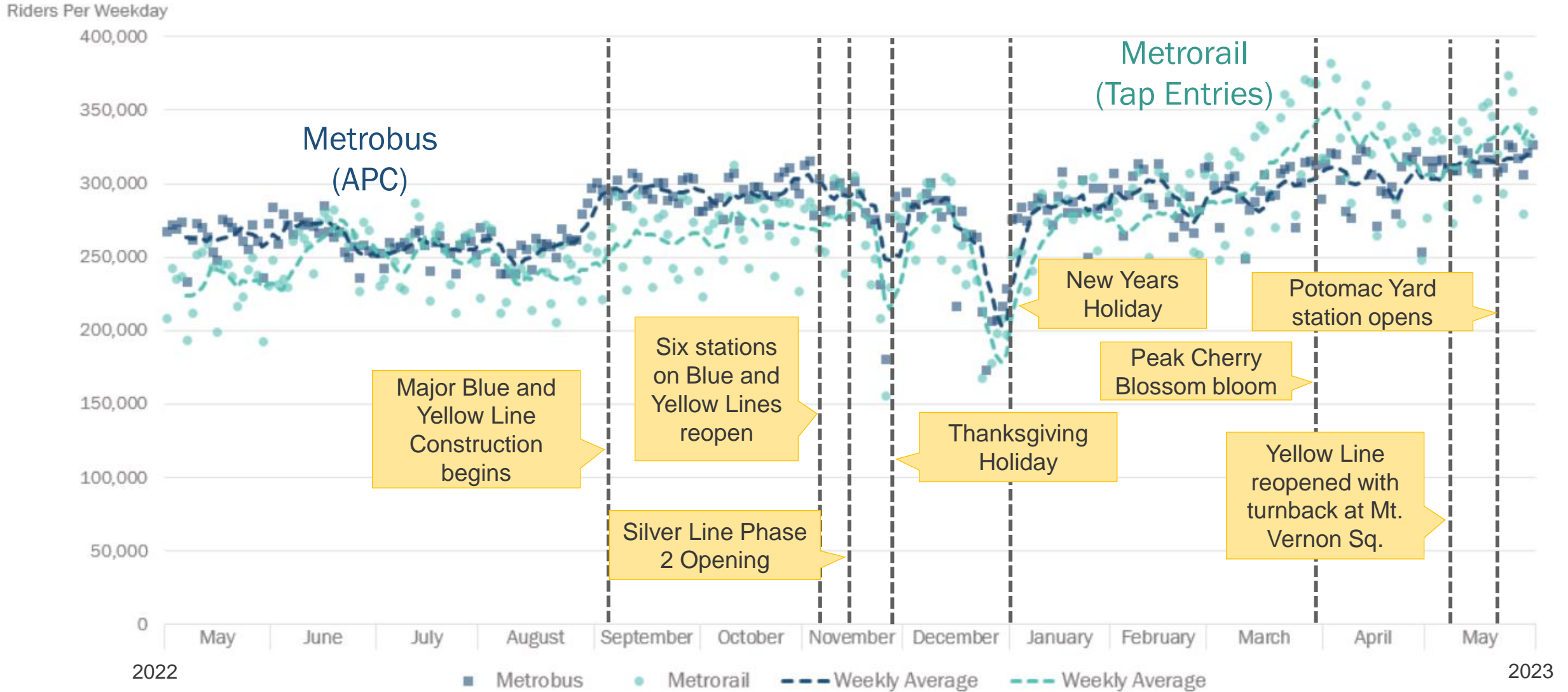
Ridership on bus and rail grew throughout the month, typically peaking weekly on Wednesdays. Compared to the previous year both rail and bus ridership grew.



May 2023 Averages	Weekday	Saturday	Sunday
Rail (Tap Entries)	325,000	224,000	166,000
Rail (Total Entries)	371,000	256,000	193,000
Bus (APC)	315,000	191,000	157,000
Parking	17,000		
MetroAccess	5,000	2,000	1,800



Ridership Trends Over the Past Year



Silver Line Phase 2 Opening

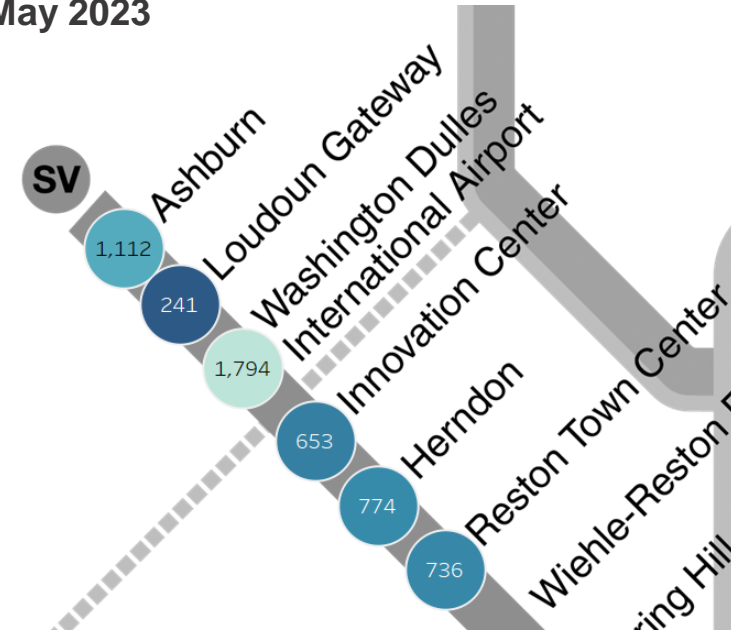
Ridership

- Compared to April 2023, average weekday tap ridership in May 2023 is up 3%, average Saturday ridership is up 4%, and average Sunday ridership is up 9%.

Parking

- In May 2023, the most popular station for Weekday parking among Silver Line Phase II stations was Wiehle at 21% utilization (utilization = average daily transactions / parking capacity)
 - Ashburn – 20% utilization
 - Loudoun Gateway –15% utilization
 - Herndon – 6% utilization

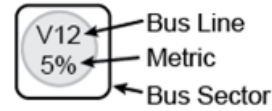
SVII Average Weekday Ridership (Tap Entries)
May 2023



May 2023 SVII Averages	Weekday	Saturday	Sunday
Rail (Tap Entries)	5,300	4,400	4,200
Parking	800		

Metrobus Ridership

- Ridership is up about 20% on weekdays and weekends compared to May 2022.
- About 4.1% of stop events were above crowding thresholds with more crowding on weekdays.
- There were approximately 7,600 total shuttle rides made in May 2023, with 1,500 average daily weekday rides.
 - Shuttle was running May 1st – May 5th during the Yellow Line shutdown.
- Notes:
 - In May 2022, bus service levels were around 93% of pre-Covid levels on weekdays, 110-125% on weekends. Current bus service levels are 101% of pre-Covid levels on weekdays, 117-133% on weekends.



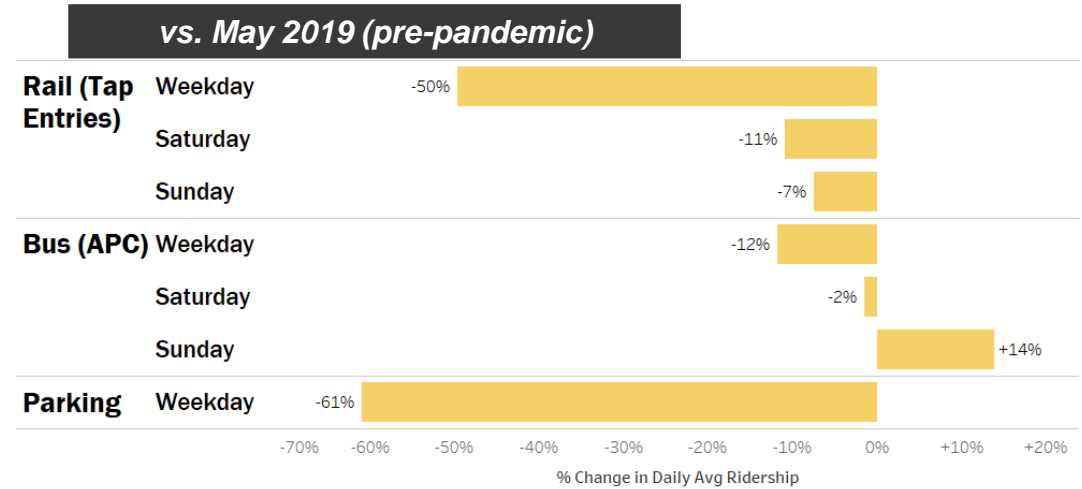
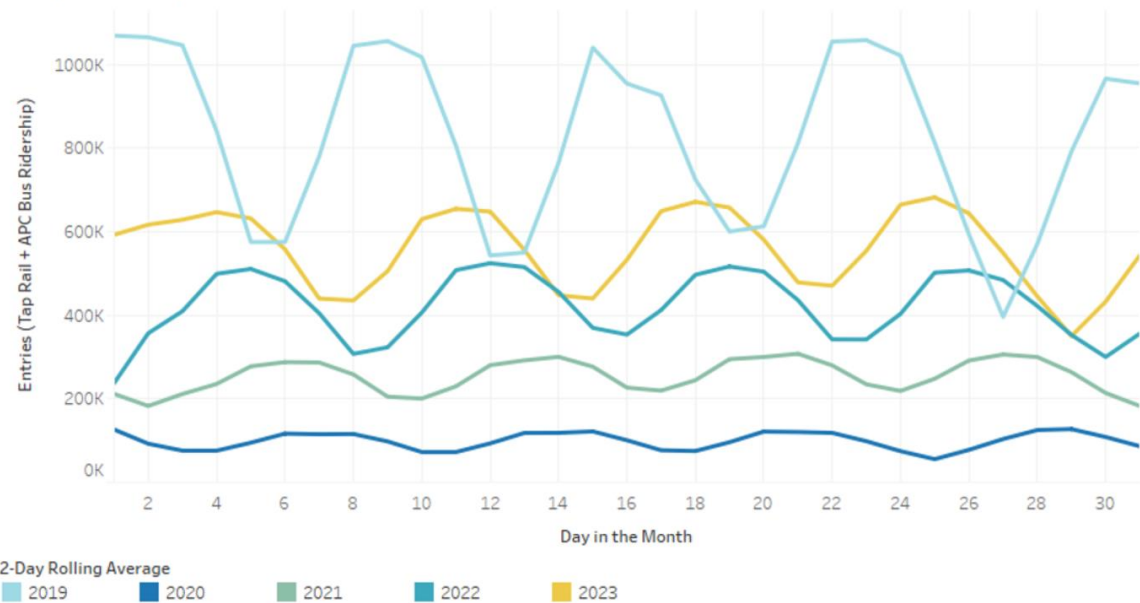
For more nuanced bus line information, additional data can be found on the [WMATA Ridership Data Portal](#). Bus ridership based on Automatic Passenger Counter data.

Pre-Pandemic Ridership Comparison

Current vs. pre-pandemic levels (May 2023 vs. May 2019):

- **Rail tap ridership** was at 50% of pre-pandemic levels on weekdays, 89% of pre-pandemic levels on Saturdays, and 93% of pre-pandemic levels on Sundays
- **Bus ridership** was at 88% of pre-pandemic levels on weekdays and 14% *above* pre-pandemic levels on Sundays
- **Parking usage** was at 39% of pre-pandemic levels

May Ridership over the Past Five Years



May 2019 Averages	Weekday	Saturday	Sunday
Rail (Tap Entries)	644,000	251,000	179,000
Bus (APC)	357,000	194,000	138,000
Parking	44,000		
MetroAccess	8,300	2,800	2,500

