Metro Ridership Snapshot

April 2021

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Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority
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Rail Ridership

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Parking Utilization

Online Ridership Data Portal

Note: Bus ridership shown here is from Metro’s automatic passenger counters, in both current and baseline months. Rail and parking ridership is from the farebox system.

All percentage changes in this document represent year-over-year changes in ridership, compared to the same time, location, and day type last year. For more details, see How to Use and Interpret Metro Ridership Data
Overall Ridership in April

- Ridership is compared to April 2020, the lowest-ridership month in the early part of the Covid-19 pandemic
  - However, ridership remains significantly below pre-pandemic levels

- Rail
  - Since April 2020, ridership has nearly tripled on weekdays

- Bus
  - Since April 2020, ridership has more than doubled on weekdays; almost tripled on weekends

- Parking
  - Usage above April 2020 levels, but still significantly below pre-pandemic

### April 2021 Averages

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Parking data corrected in April 2022
(paid parking suspended in April 2020)
Ridership significantly above April 2020 levels

Gains on western side of the region appear relatively strong compared to lower base ridership in April 2020

Notes:
- Nineteen stations closed in 2020 due to COVID-19 response (ridership change from zero not shown at right)
- Significant reductions in frequencies and hours of operation in 2020
Metrobus Ridership

- Weekday ridership roughly double April 2020 levels
  - Still roughly 50% lower than pre-COVID levels
- Bus ridership still higher than rail

Notes:
- Ridership change from zero not shown at right
- Bus service around 80% of pre-COVID levels in April 2021.
- In April 2020, farebox collection suspended, rear-door boarding, Sunday supplemental schedule, and 65 routes were suspended (not shown on this slide): 34, 37, 39, 60, 87, 97, 10E,N; 11Y, 15K, 16L, 16Y, 17K,L; 18G,H,J; 1B, 21A, D5, 22C, 26A, 28F, G9, 29C, 20W, 3T, 3Y, 4A, 7C,P; 7W, 83X, 8S,W,Z; A9, B29, B30, B8,9; C27, C28, D1, D5, E6, G9, H1, H11,13; H3, J4, K9, N2,4; P19, S1, S4, S91, V1, V7, X1,3; Z11.
▪ Paid parking suspended for most of April 2020

▪ Parking transactions in April 2021 significantly below pre-pandemic levels
Metrorail Ridership vs. Pre-Pandemic (April 2019)
Metrobus Ridership vs. Pre-Pandemic (April 2019)

Bus ridership based on Automatic Passenger Counter data

Change in bus ridership, avg. weekday April 2021 vs. 2019

-100%  -25%

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