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Note: All percentage changes in this document represent year-over-year changes in ridership, compared to the same time, location, and day type two years ago – to compare back to pre-pandemic ridership data. For more details, see How to Use and Interpret Metro Ridership Data.

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.
Overall Ridership in December

- **Rail**
  - At 27% of pre-pandemic levels on weekdays, about 50% on weekends
  - Ridership loss of 15-20% coinciding with the suspension of the 7000-series rail cars in mid-October, followed by relative stability in November then decline in ridership starting in mid-December
  - Normal seasonal lull around holidays near end of month

- **Bus**
  - At 64% of pre-pandemic levels on weekdays, with ridership closer to pre-pandemic levels on weekends

- **Parking**
  - Usage at 15% of pre-pandemic levels
Ridership Trends Since February

Boardings per Weekday

February
March
April
May
June
July
August
September
October
November
December

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- Ridership at 27% of pre-pandemic levels on weekdays
- Normal seasonal lull around holidays near end of month
- Ridership on weekends about 50% of pre-pandemic levels

Notes:
- Shady Grove and Rockville closed for repairs. Ridership at Twinbrook impacted by shuttle bus operations.
- Rail service reduced by over 50% of normal levels due to the suspension of the 7000-series rail cars.
- Wreaths Across America increased ridership at Arlington Cemetery
Ridership at 64% of pre-pandemic levels on weekdays

Stronger retention on weekends - around 80% of pre-pandemic levels

Notes:
- Cinder Bed Road division work stoppage impacted December 2019 ridership. Lines with no ridership in 2019 have been omitted from this chart
- Bus service levels (scheduled revenue hours) remained around 93% of pre-pandemic levels on weekdays, 110-125% on weekends
Metro Parking Transactions

- Parking transactions significantly below pre-pandemic levels

- Most stations are at around 15% recovered

Notes:
- Shady Grove and Rockville closed since mid-September 2021.

Change in Paid Parking Transactions, Average Weekday, December 2021 vs. 2019

Parking data corrected in April 2022