

Metro Ridership Snapshot

June 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. 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. 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 June

Rail

- Ridership increased by 31% compared to June 2022 on weekdays and by about 25% on weekends.

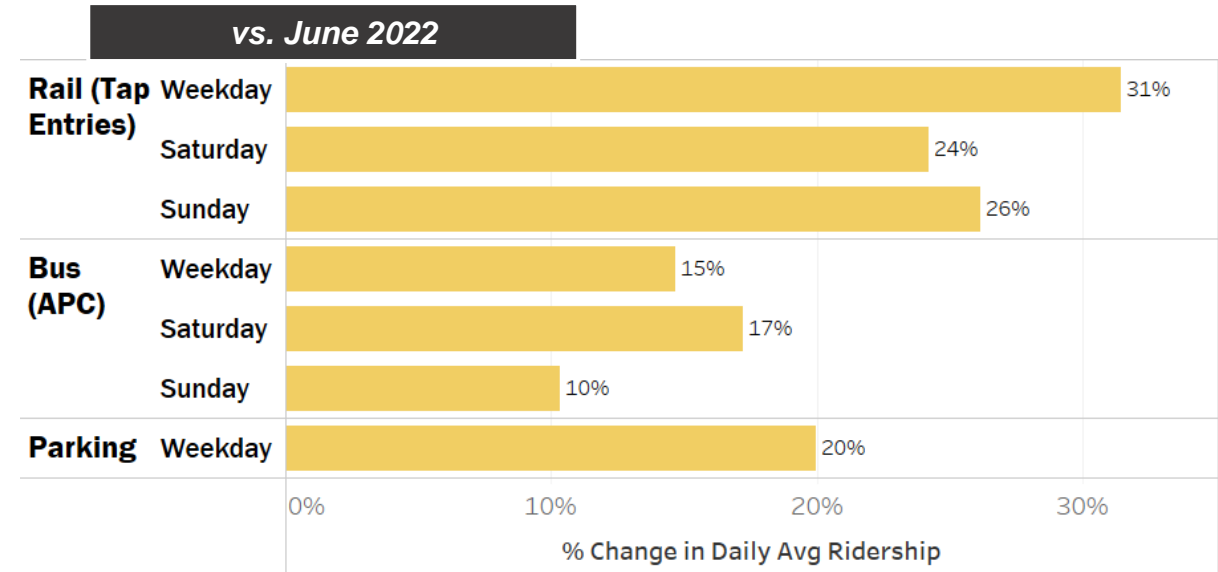
Bus

- Ridership has increased by 15% on weekdays and Sundays compared to June 2022, with the highest increases on the Saturdays at 17%.

Parking

- Usage has increased by about 20% compared to June 2022.

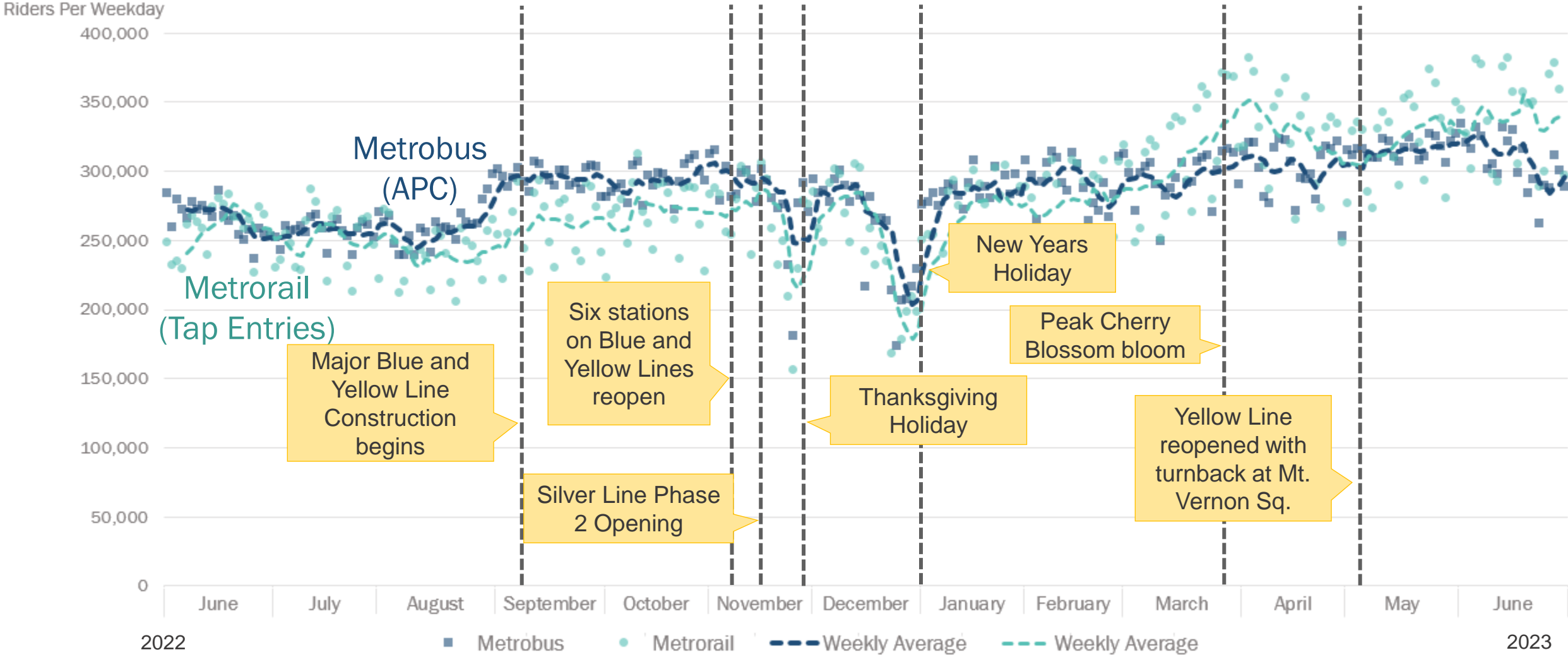
Ridership on bus and rail was highest the first two weeks of the month and dropped off slightly later in June. Rail ridership ticked back up again the last week of June. Compared to the previous year both rail and bus ridership grew.



June 2023 Averages	Weekday	Saturday	Sunday
Rail (Tap Entries)	340,000	249,000	181,000
Rail (Total Entries)	380,000	284,000	210,000
Bus (APC)	304,000	203,000	166,000
Parking	15,000		
MetroAccess	4,900	2,000	2,000



Ridership Trends Over the Past Year



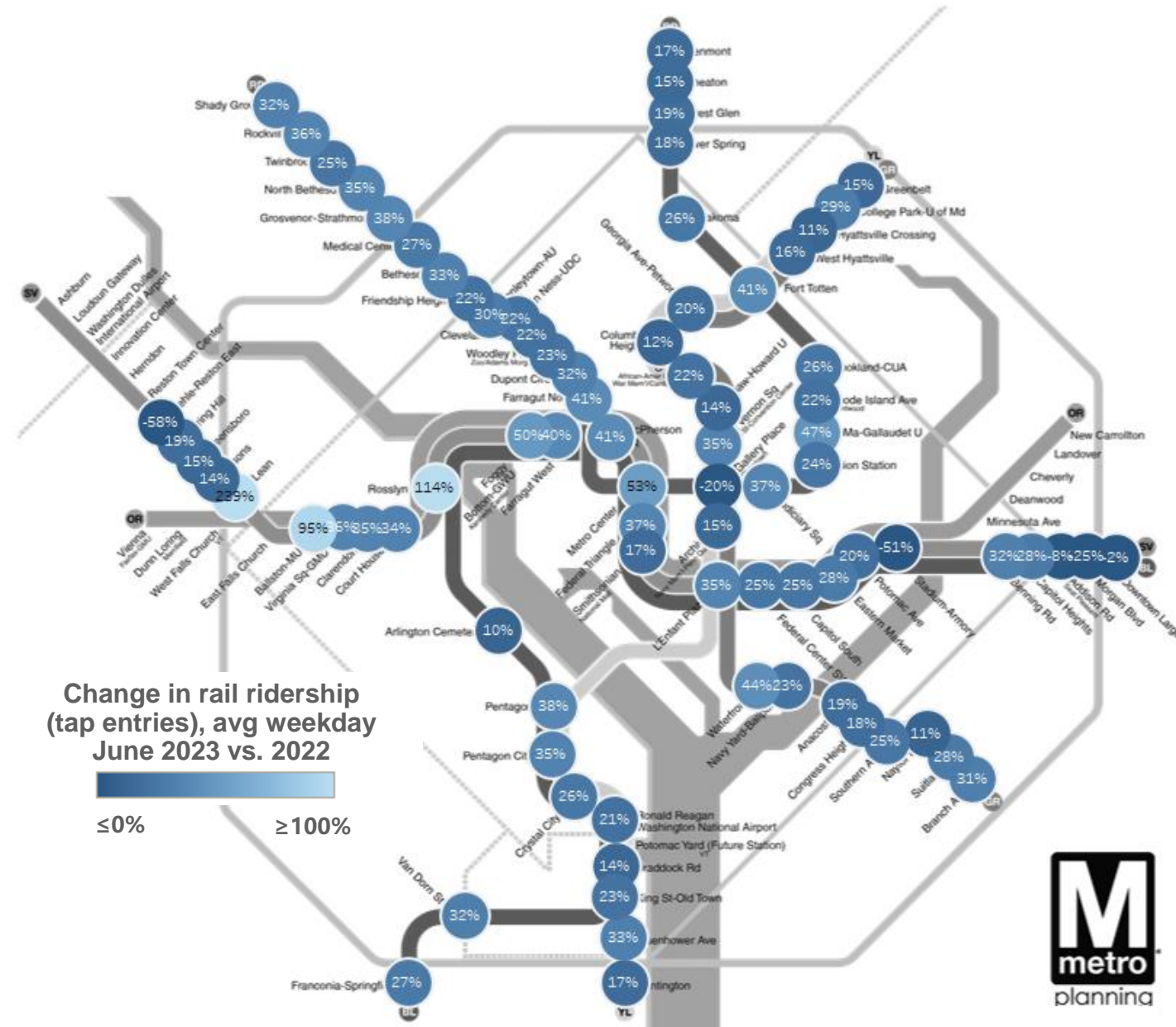
Metrorail Ridership

- Ridership is up about 30% on weekdays and 25% on weekends compared to June 2022.

- Less than 1% of customer time was crowded on average with most crowding occurring on weekdays

▪ Notes:

- Orange and Silver Line stations between Ballston-MU and Vienna were closed for track replacement and fiber-optic cable installation from June 3rd – June 25th when two of the stations reopened; Vienna and Dunn Loring remained closed through the end of the month.
- In June 2022 Orange Line stations between Stadium Armory and New Carrollton were closed for the Platform Improvement Project
- Potomac Yard station opened on May 19th 2023. In June the station saw 1,100 entries per weekday. Since there is not year-over-year data for this station yet it does not appear on this map.
- 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](#).

Silver Line Phase 2 Opening

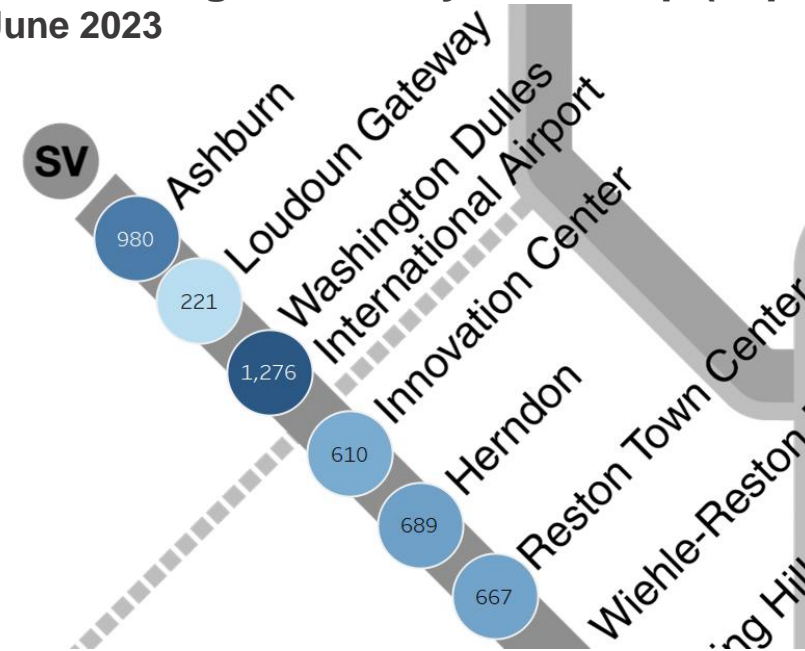
Ridership

- Compared to May 2023, average weekday tap ridership in June 2023 is down 16%, average Saturday ridership is down 27%, and average Sunday ridership is down 36%.
- Ridership was impacted by the Orange and Silver Line construction. Customers were served by a bus bridge between Ballston and McLean stations from June 3rd – June 25th.

Parking

- In June 2023, the most popular station for Weekday parking among Silver Line Phase II stations was Wiehle at 16% utilization (utilization = average daily transactions / parking capacity)
 - Ashburn – 15% utilization
 - Loudoun Gateway – 8% utilization
 - Herndon – 5% utilization

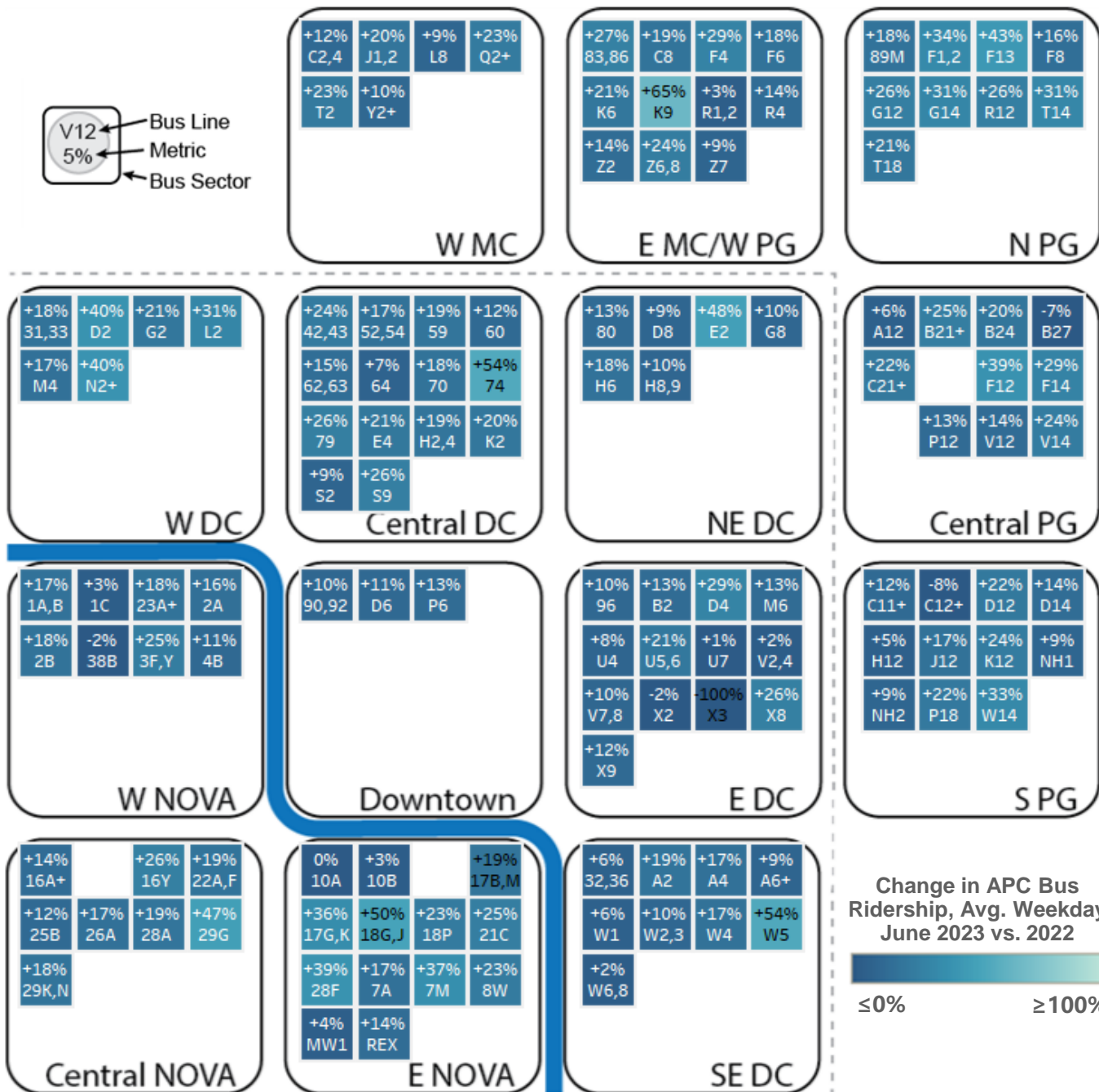
SVII Average Weekday Ridership (Tap Entries)
June 2023



June 2023 SVII Averages	Weekday	Saturday	Sunday
Rail (Tap Entries)	4,400	3,200	2,700
Parking	600		

Metrobus Ridership

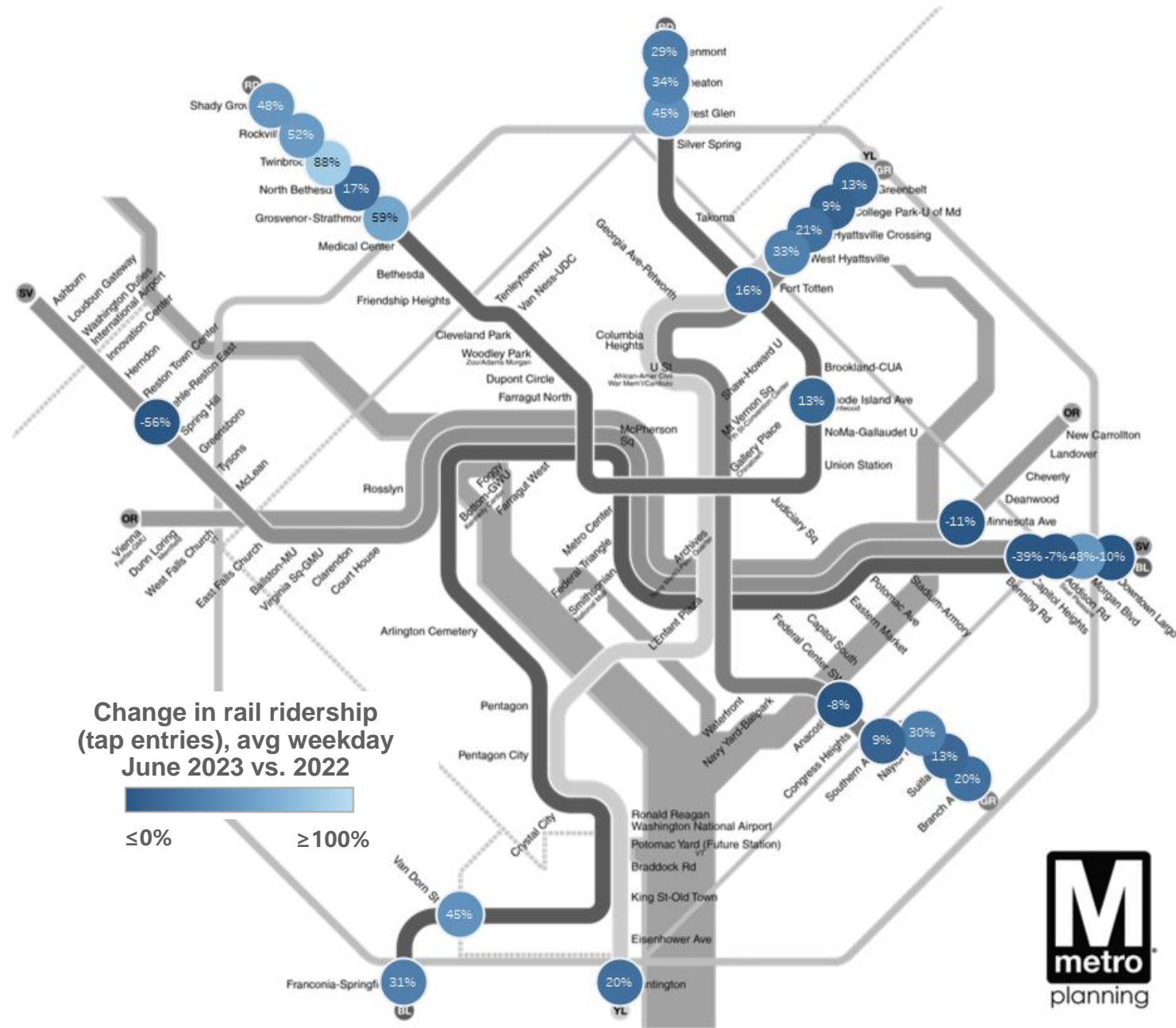
- Ridership is up about 15% on weekdays and weekends compared to June 2022.
- About 3% of stop events were above crowding thresholds with more crowding on weekdays.
- There were approximately 464,000 total shuttle rides made in June 2023, with 1,500 average daily weekday rides. Shuttle rides are not counted in total bus ridership.
- Notes:
 - In June 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.

Metro Parking Transactions

- Weekday parking usage increased 20% compared to June 2022
 - Most stations grew between 10-30%
- Notes:
 - Orange and Silver Line stations between Ballston-MU and Vienna were closed for track replacement and fiber-optic cable installation from June 3 – June 25 when two of the stations reopened; Vienna and Dunn Loring remained closed through the end of the month.
 - In June 2022 Orange Line stations between Stadium Armory and New Carrollton were closed for the Platform Improvement Project
 - Six new Silver Line Phase 2 stations opened on November 15th, four of which have commuter parking (Herndon, Innovation Center, Loudoun Gateway, and Ashburn). Since there is not year-over-year data for these stations yet they do not appear on this map



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

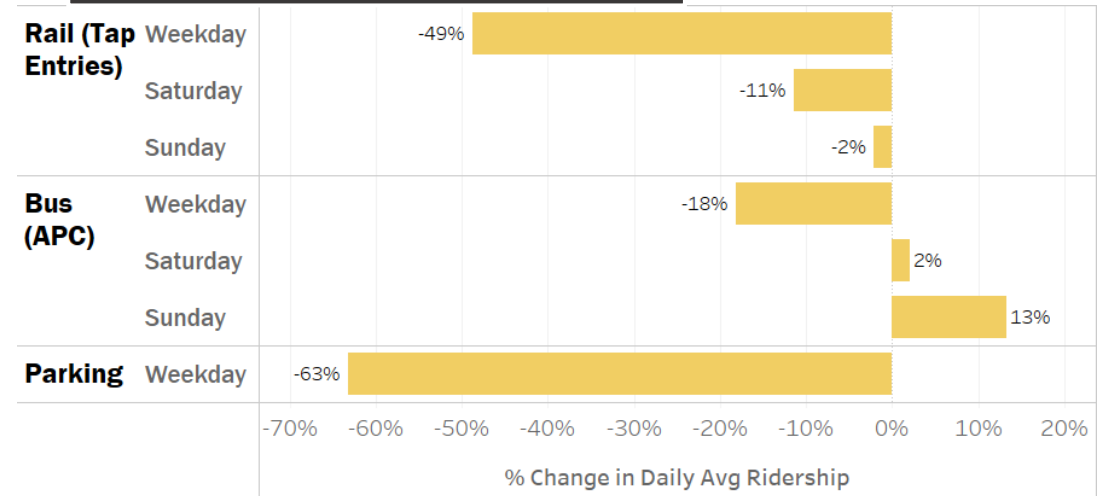


Pre-Pandemic Ridership Comparison

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

- **Rail** tap ridership was at about 50% of pre-pandemic levels on weekdays, 89% of pre-pandemic levels on Saturdays, and almost 100% of pre-pandemic levels on Sundays
- **Bus** ridership was at 82% of pre-pandemic levels on weekdays, 2% *above* pre-pandemic levels on Saturdays, and 13% above pre-pandemic levels on Sundays
- **Parking** usage was at 37% of pre-pandemic levels

vs. June 2019 (pre-pandemic)



	June 2019 Averages	Weekday	Saturday	Sunday
Rail (Tap Entries)		662,000	281,000	185,000
Bus (APC)		371,000	199,000	147,000
Parking		41,000		
MetroAccess		8,400	2,800	2,600

June Ridership over the Past Five Years

