

# Metro Ridership Snapshot



October 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 the same month from March 2019 - February 2020. For more details, see [How to Use and Interpret Metro Ridership Data](#).

Metrobus ridership shown here is from Metro's automatic passenger counters (APCs), in both current and baseline months. Metrorail ridership shown here is total (tap and no-tap) ridership recorded through faregates. 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. Parking transactions are from the farebox system.

# Overall Ridership in October

## Total Ridership

- Compared to October 2024, ridership decreased by 2% overall, 2% on weekdays, 1% on Saturdays, and 5% on Sundays. \*The US federal government was shutdown from October 1-31, 2025.

## Rail

- Compared to October 2024, ridership increased by 4% overall, 4% on weekdays, 3% on Saturdays, and 1% on Sundays.

## Bus

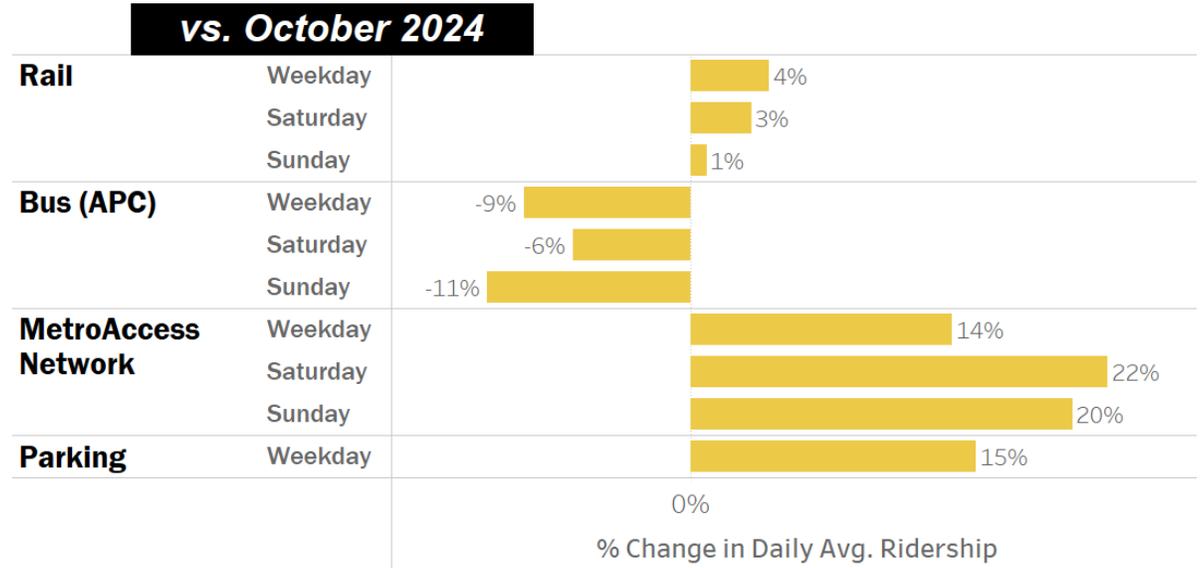
- Ridership decreased 9% overall, 9% on weekdays, 6% on Saturdays, and 11% on Sundays compared to October 2024.

## MetroAccess

- Compared to October 2024, ridership increased by 15% overall, 14% on weekdays, 22% on Saturdays, and 20% on Sundays.

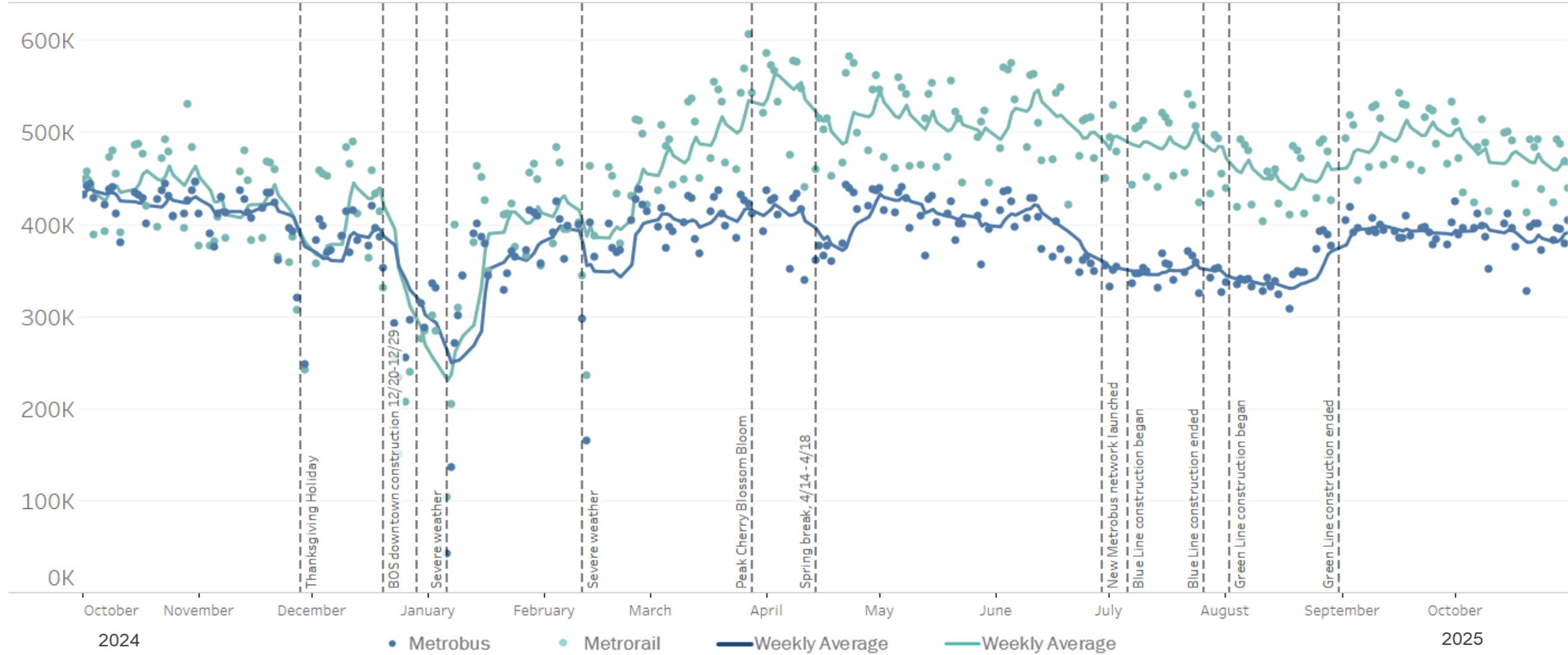
## Parking

- Paid parking transactions have increased by 15% compared to October 2024.



October 2025 Averages	Weekday	Saturday	Sunday	Total Ridership
<b>Rail</b>	468,300	316,100	256,700	12,593,000
<b>Bus (APC)</b>	390,400	247,200	206,300	10,402,000
<b>MetroAccess Network</b>	10,300	5,100	4,400	264,000
<b>Parking</b>	26,700			593,000

# Ridership Trends Over the Past Year



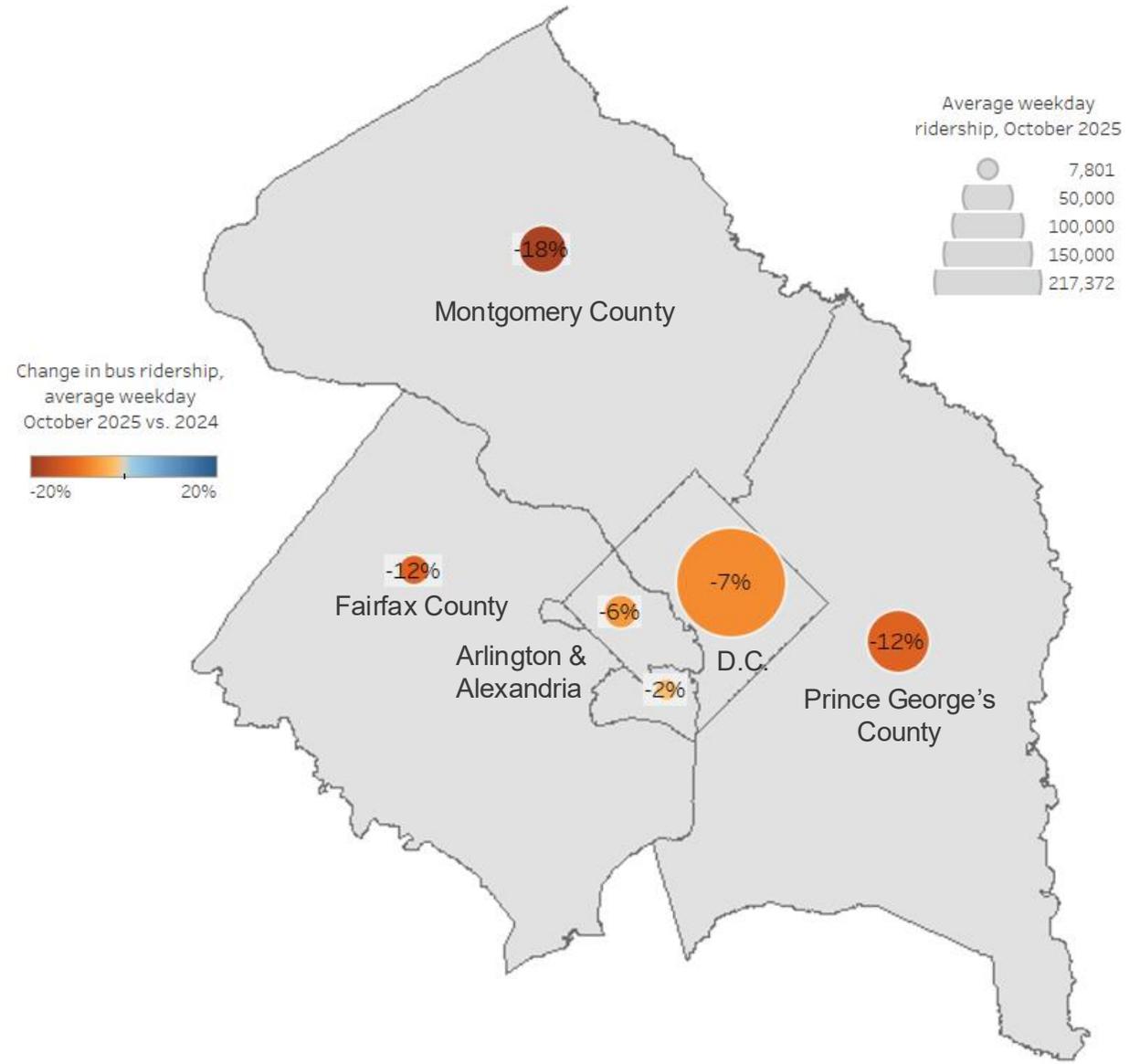


# Metrobus Ridership

- In October 2025, average daily Metrobus ridership was 390,000 rides on weekdays, 247,000 on Saturdays, and 206,000 on Sundays.
- Ridership decreased 9% overall, 9% on weekdays, 6% on Saturdays, and 11% on Sundays compared to October 2024.
- About 3% of customer time was crowded on average with most crowding occurring on weekdays.

## Notes:

- There were approximately 42,000 total shuttle rides made in October 2025, serving customers on:
  - Orange/Blue/Silver Line service between Eastern Market and Minnesota Ave/Benning Rd stations from 10/4 – 10/5.
  - Red Line service between Rhode Island Ave and Union stations from 10/18 – 10/19.
- The Better Bus Network Redesign (BBNR) launched on 6/29/2025, a comprehensive overhaul of the entire Metrobus network. Because all routes were changed, the graphic on the right now shows year-over-year change in ridership by jurisdiction.

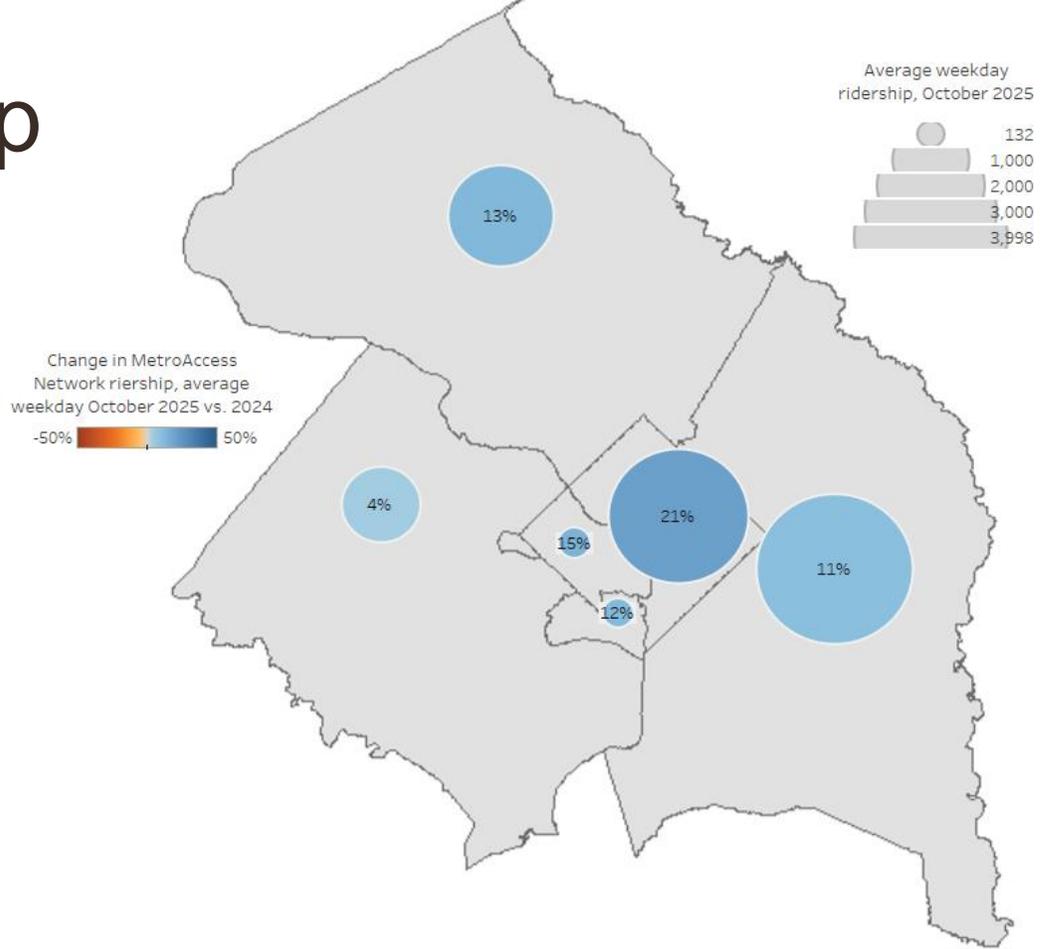


# MetroAccess Network Ridership

- In October 2025, the MetroAccess network provided on average 10,300 rides on weekdays, 5,100 on Saturdays, and 4,400 on Sundays.
  - MetroAccess paratransit service provided on average 3,400 rides on weekdays, 1,500 rides on Saturdays, and 1,300 rides on Sundays.
  - Abilities-Ride providers received requests for an average of 6,800 rides per weekday, 3,700 rides per Saturday, and 3,100 rides per Sunday.
- MetroAccess network ridership is up 15% overall, 14% on weekdays, 22% on Saturdays, and 20% on Sundays compared to October 2024.
  - MetroAccess paratransit service ridership is down 7% on weekdays, 20% on Saturdays, and 19% on Sundays.
  - Abilities-Ride ridership is up 28% on weekdays, 54% on Saturdays, and 48% on Sundays

**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.



October 2025 Averages	Weekday	Saturday	Sunday
<b>MetroAccess</b>	3,400	1,500	1,300
<b>Abilities-Ride</b>	6,800	3,700	3,100
<b>Total</b>	<b>10,300</b>	<b>5,100</b>	<b>4,400</b>

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



