

Metro Ridership Snapshot



September 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**. 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 September

Total Ridership

- Compared to September 2024, ridership increased by 5% overall and 5% on weekdays, and decreased 6% on Saturdays and 1% on Sundays.

Rail

- Compared to September 2024, ridership increased by 17% overall and 18% on weekdays, decreased 2% on Saturdays, and increased 4% on Sundays.

Bus

- Ridership decreased 6% overall, 7% on weekdays, 10% on Saturdays, and 6% on Sundays compared to September 2024.

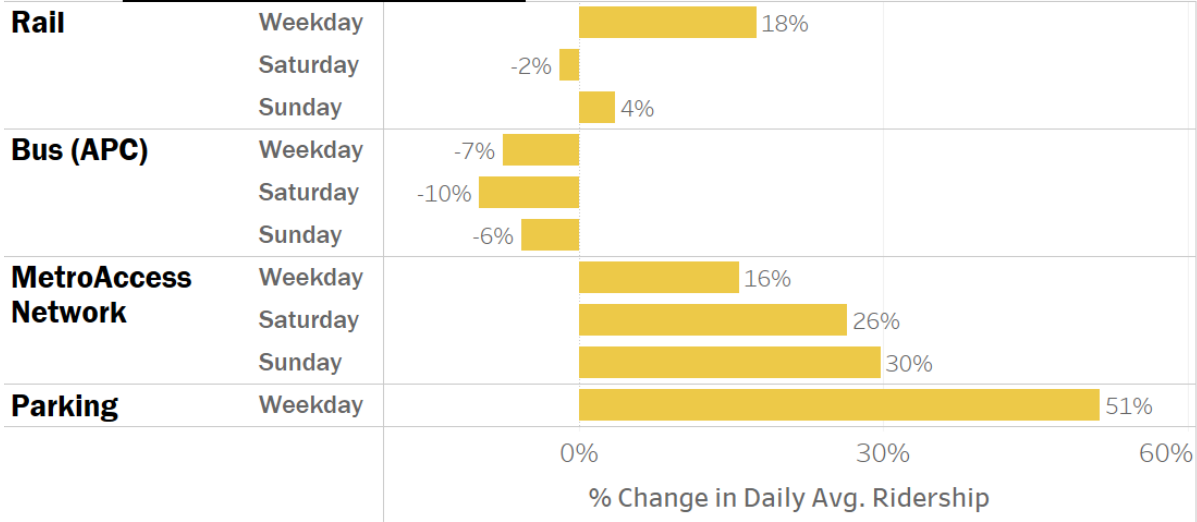
MetroAccess

- Compared to September 2024, ridership increased by 21% overall, 16% on weekdays, 26% on Saturdays, and 30% on Sundays.

Parking

- Paid parking transactions have increased by 51% compared to September 2024.

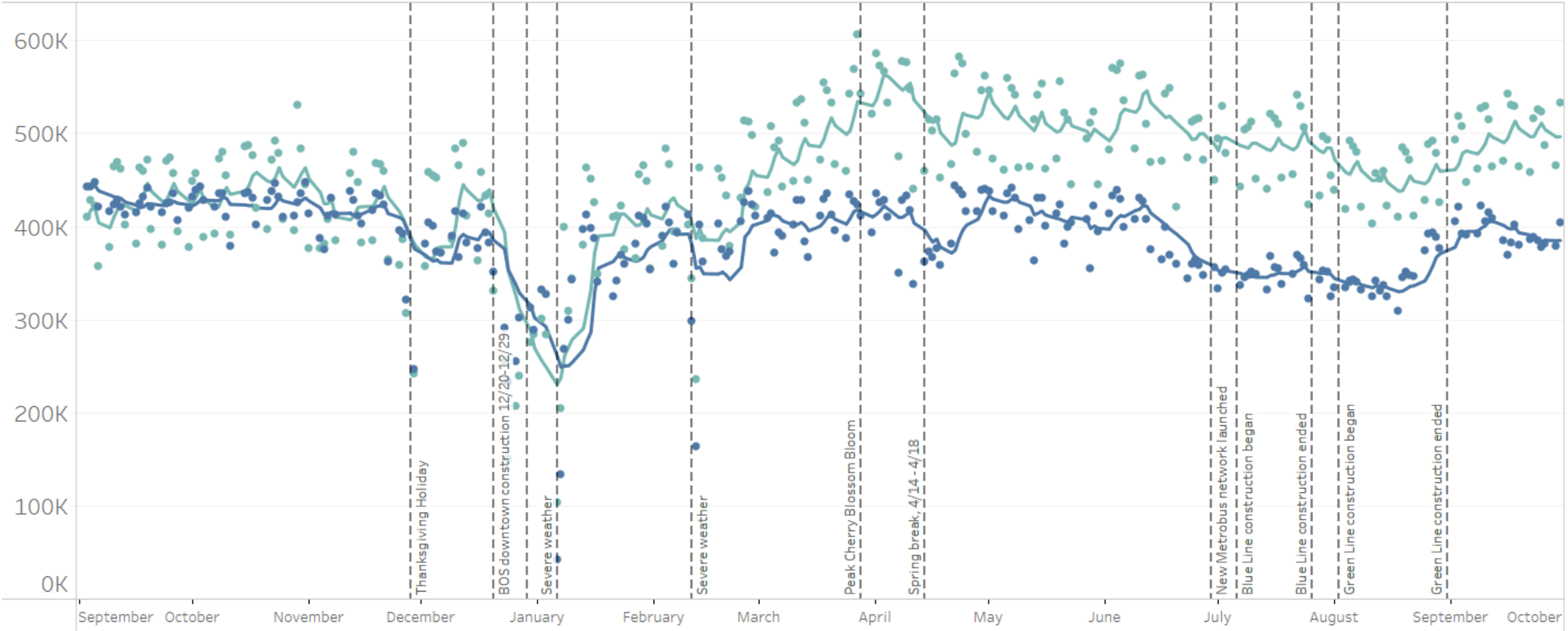
vs. September 2024



| September 2025 Averages | Weekday | Saturday | Sunday | Total Ridership |
|-------------------------|---------|----------|---------|-----------------|
| Rail | 500,600 | 295,500 | 218,900 | 12,571,000 |
| Bus (APC) | 394,100 | 243,000 | 205,600 | 10,070,000 |
| MetroAccess Network | 10,200 | 5,100 | 4,400 | 252,000 |
| Parking | 33,100 | | | 701,000 |



Ridership Trends Over the Past Year

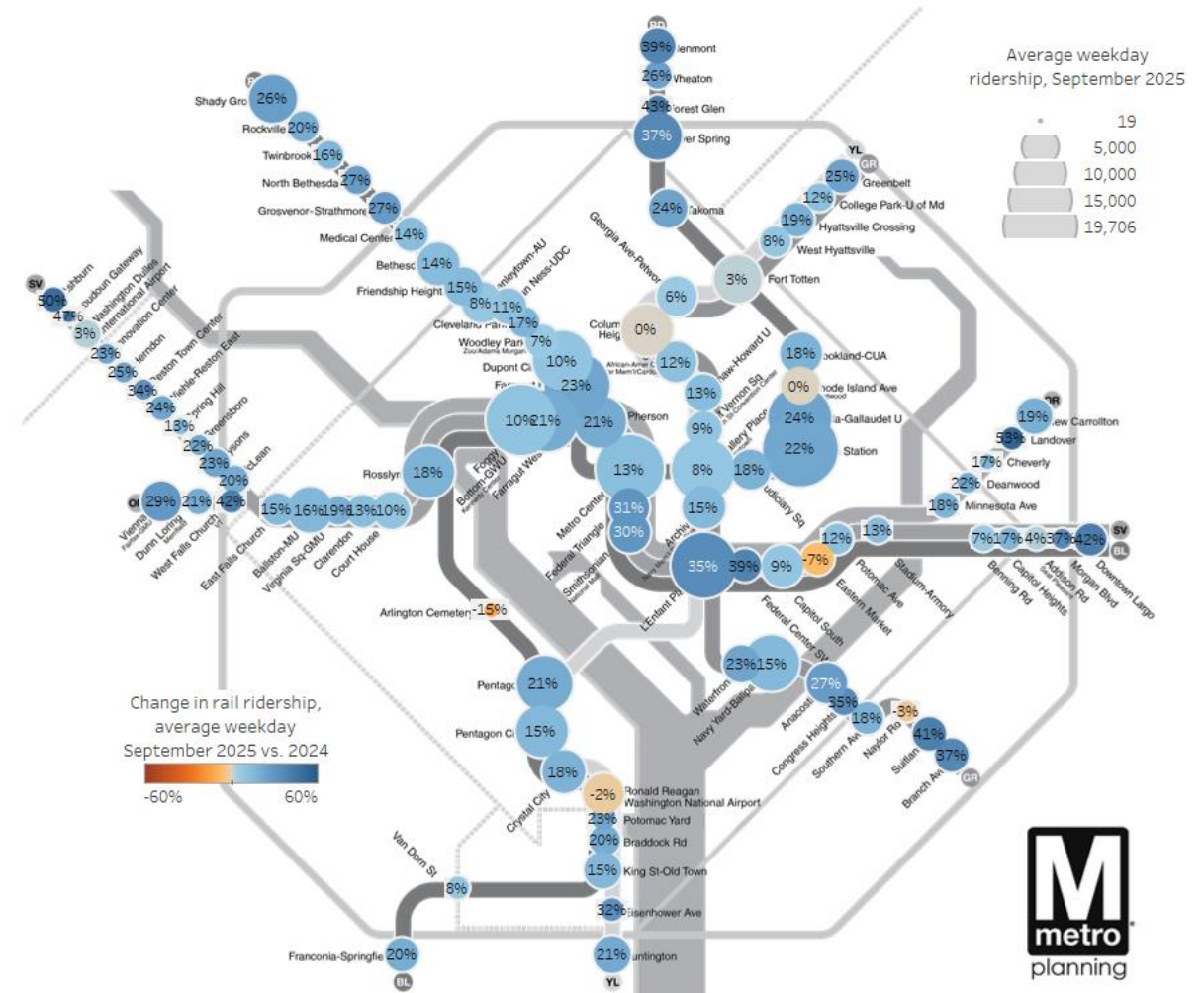


Metrorail Ridership

- In September 2025, average daily Metrorail ridership was 501,000 rides on weekdays, 296,000 on Saturdays, and 219,000 on Sundays.
- Ridership increased by 17% overall and 18% on weekdays, decreased 2% on Saturdays, and increased 4% on Sundays compared to September 2024.
- About 1% of customer time was crowded on average with most crowding occurring on weekdays.

Notes:

- Weekend trackwork from 9/21-9/22 in 2024 closed stations east of Eastern Market, increasing ridership at that station due to shuttle transfers

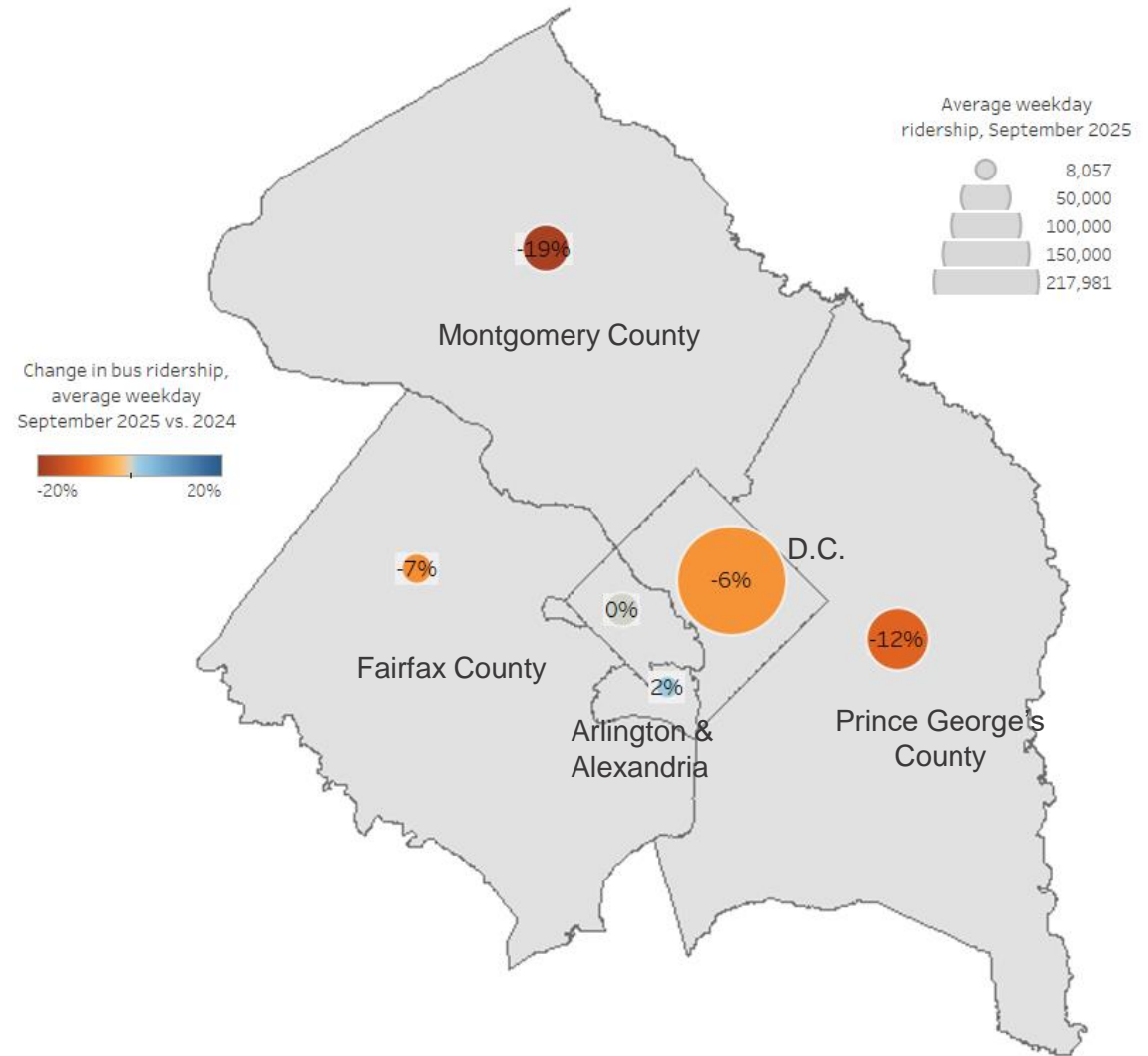


Metrobus Ridership

- In September 2025, average daily Metrobus ridership was 394,000 rides on weekdays, 243,000 on Saturdays, and 206,000 on Sundays.
- Ridership decreased 6% overall, 7% on weekdays, 10% on Saturdays, and 6% on Sundays compared to September 2024.
- About 3% of customer time was crowded on average with most crowding occurring on weekdays.

Notes:

- There were approximately 76,000 total shuttle rides made in September 2025, serving customers on:
 - Red Line service between Union Station and Rhode Island Ave stations from 9/20 – 9/21.
 - Blue Line service between Foggy Bottom and Pentagon stations from 9/27-9/28.
 - Orange/Silver Line service between Foggy Bottom and Court House stations from 9/27-9/28.
- 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.

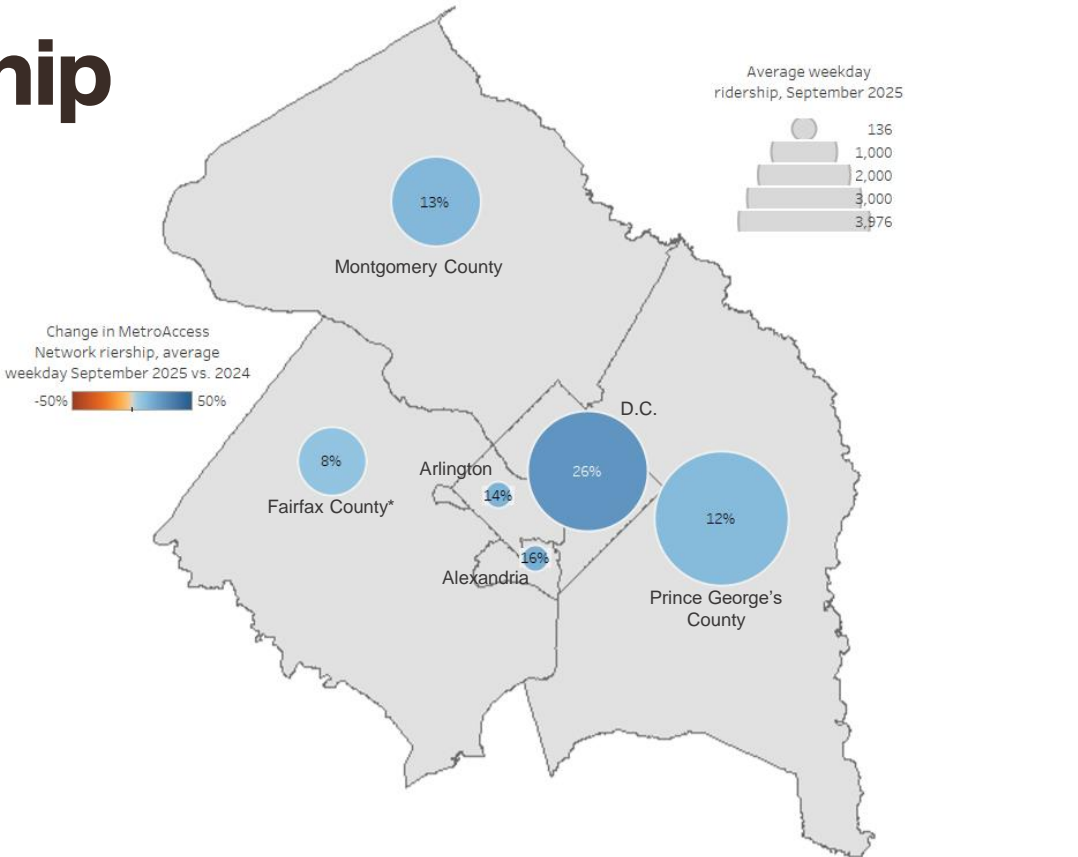


MetroAccess Network Ridership

- In September 2025, the MetroAccess network provided on average 10,200 rides on weekdays, 5,100 on Saturdays, and 4,400 on Sundays.
 - MetroAccess paratransit service provided on average 3,500 rides on weekdays, 1,500 rides on Saturdays, and 1,300 rides on Sundays.
 - Abilities-Ride providers received requests for an average of 6,700 rides per weekday, 3,600 rides per Saturday, and 3,100 rides per Sunday.
- MetroAccess network ridership is up 21% overall, 16% on weekdays, 26% on Saturdays, and 30% on Sundays compared to September 2024.
 - MetroAccess paratransit service ridership is down 11% on weekdays, 16% on Saturdays, and 13% on Sundays.
 - Abilities-Ride ridership is up 37% on weekdays, 62% on Saturdays, and 64% 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.



| September 2025 Averages | Weekday | Saturday | Sunday |
|-------------------------|---------|----------|--------|
| MetroAccess | 3,500 | 1,500 | 1,300 |
| Abilities-Ride | 6,700 | 3,600 | 3,100 |
| Total | 10,200 | 5,100 | 4,400 |

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



Metro Parking Transactions

- In September 2025, there were 33,000 average weekday paid parking transactions.
- Weekday paid parking transactions increased 51% compared to September 2024.

