

Capital Metro Monthly Ridership Report

**DECEMBER 2015
(Fiscal Year 2016)**



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Ridership Summary

This is a summary of Capital Metro system-wide ridership statistics for the month of December 2015 by mode of service.

Total Boardings by Mode

Mode	Dec-14	Dec-15	Dec 14 to Dec 15	YTD 2015	YTD 2016	YTD Change
Total Fixed Route	1,917,573	1,749,130	-8.8%	6,225,908	5,645,992	-9.3%
Total Special Events	567	6,060	968.8%	183,647	184,049	0.2%
Total MetroAccess ¹	53,516	55,831	4.3%	161,611	167,897	3.9%
Total UT Shuttle	211,656	164,069	-22.5%	1,196,062	1,097,081	-8.3%
Total Rideshare	26,506	31,835	20.1%	76,437	96,193	25.8%
Total MetroRail	54,693	54,986	0.5%	191,059	185,809	-2.7%
Total MetroRapid	199,908	195,909	-2.0%	710,593	699,109	-1.6%
Total System	2,464,419	2,257,820	-8.4%	8,745,317	8,076,130	-7.7%

¹ MetroAccess partially estimated (Taxi Overflow data not in as of 1/19/2016)

Average Daily Boardings by Mode

Mode	Weekday			Saturday			Sunday		
	Dec-14	Dec-15	Dec 14 to Dec 15	Dec-14	Dec-15	Dec 14 to Dec 15	Dec-14	Dec-15	Dec 14 to Dec 15
Total Fixed Route	71,576	66,159	-7.6%	47,830	41,428	-13.4%	30,317	25,585	-15.6%
Total Special Events	16	209	1178.3%	18	273	1413.9%	27	76	180.1%
Total MetroAccess ¹	2,070	2,113	2.1%	1,013	951	-6.1%	785	749	-4.7%
Total UT Shuttle ²	24,467	22,212	-9.2%	2,734	2,296	-16.0%	364	349	-4.0%
Total Rideshare	855	1,027	20.1%	855	1,027	20.1%	855	1,027	20.1%
Total MetroRail	2,284	2,319	1.5%	1,111	990	-10.9%			
Total MetroRapid	7,653	7,571	-1.1%	4,372	4,192	-4.1%	2,810	2,514	-10.5%

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² UT Shuttle: Weekday Full Class days not a full month, Saturday Finals schedule, Sunday not full month

All tables reflect ridership data as of January 20, 2016.

New this month is the table below showing the factors that have potential impacts on ridership in the current month. Other peer agencies have shown that this type of information is useful to explain ridership changes.

Factors Affecting Ridership this Month

Factor	Service Level	December 2014	December 2015	Impact
Calendar Mix (FR, Rail, Rapid)	Weekday	22	22	0
	Saturday	4	4	0
	Sunday	5	5	0
Calendar Mix (UT Shuttle Full Service)	Weekday	5	4	-1
	Sunday	2	2	0
Weather Impact	Weekday	6	2	-4
	Saturday	1	2	1
	Sunday	2	2	0
Special Events: New Year's Eve	Fixed Route	1	1	0
	MetroRail	1	1	0
	MetroRapid	1	1	0
Fuel Prices*	All	2.38	1.90	-20%

* Average monthly Gulf Coast All Grades Reformulated (<http://www.eia.gov/petroleum/gasdiesel/>)

Red indicates potential negative impact on ridership

Green indicates potential positive impact on ridership

Ridership Overview

December 2015

System-wide ridership was down 8.4% compared to December 2014. Average weekday showed a decrease of 7.7%. Factors affecting the third month of FY2016 decline include low fuel prices and residual fare increase from January 2015. Capital Metro is working on Connections 2025 to comprehensively review the system including other factors that may be contributing to ridership declines.

Fixed Route

Total month Fixed Route ridership was down 8.8% from December 2014. Average weekday was down 7.6%. Fixed Route ridership is similarly affected as system ridership.

MetroAccess

MetroAccess showed an increase for December 2015 and was up 4.5% compared to last December. The number of registered passengers is increasing due to aging baby boom population and population increase in general. Also, registered riders are taking more trips on average.

UT Shuttle

For December 2015, UT Shuttle showed a 22.5% decrease from last December. One less full class day of service was operated this December compared to last. One full day of service has a larger impact with only one week of service operated compared to full month of service.

RideShare

The vRide program continues to see increases in ridership over the previous year, up 20.1% from last December. The program is successfully attracting new groups with fare structure more attractive to "regional" riders.

MetroRail

MetroRail ridership was up 0.5% from December 2014. Average weekday ridership was up 1.5% from the same period. MetroRail is at capacity ridership during the peak period and has been for many months.

MetroRapid

For the month of December MetroRapid was down 2.0% from 2014. Average weekday was down 1.1%.