



MEMORANDUM

TO: The Commonwealth Transportation Board

THROUGH: Charles M. Badger
Agency Director

FROM: Corey Hill
Chief of Public Transportation

DATE: April 16, 2009

SUBJECT: Monthly Statewide Ridership Report

DRPT is pleased to present the monthly statewide ridership report, summarizing February 2009 transit, human service and passenger rail ridership data. This monthly report provides a snapshot of current performance and recent trends. DRPT continues to work with individual operators to refine data and ensure that all modes, including bus, rail and specialized service for the elderly and disabled, are accurately reported, and to ensure that this monthly report is comprehensive.

The following key facts are based on a year-over-year comparison of monthly results reported by operators for February 2008 and February 2009.

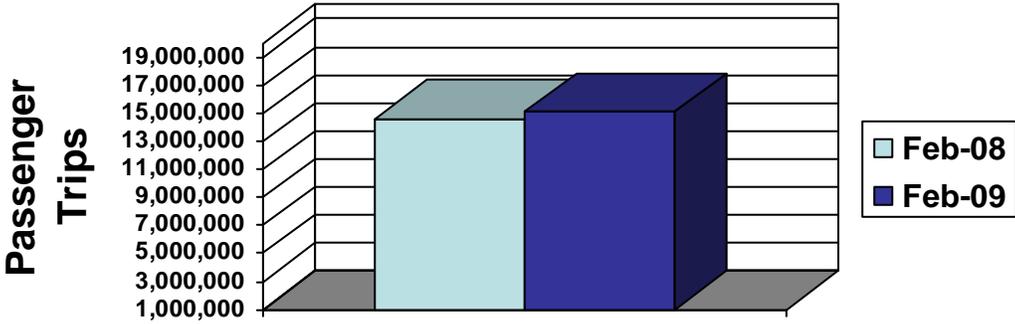
Key Facts

- Year over year comparisons:
 - The price of fuel per gallon dropped 36 percent to \$1.92 per gallon in February 2009, as compared to the February 2008 price of \$3.02 per gallon.
 - Virginia statewide ridership for the month of February 2009 increased by 4 percent, or 520,261 trips, as compared to February 2008 based on reports from all 60 transit operators, 49 (of 51) human service operators, and both passenger rail operators.
 - February 2009 included one fewer weekday than February 2008.
 - Year-to-date Virginia statewide ridership increased by ten percent, or 10,795,794 trips, over the same period in FY08.

- Transportation district comparisons:
 - In transit ridership, the Northern Virginia District accounts for the majority at 74.4 percent in February 2009, followed by the Hampton Roads District at 9.2 percent and the Richmond District at 6.2 percent.
 - In human service ridership, the Staunton District accounts for the majority at 21.6 percent in February 2009, followed by the Hampton Roads District at 16.9 percent and the Lynchburg District at 12.7 percent.
 - The district with the greatest increase in transit and human service ridership combined for February 2009, as compared to February 2008, is the Fredericksburg district at 21 percent, or 11,202 trips.
 - The district with the greatest decrease in transit and human service ridership is the Bristol district, which experienced a combination of inclement weather, loss of contracts with local businesses and maintenance issues which negatively impacted ridership in the district.

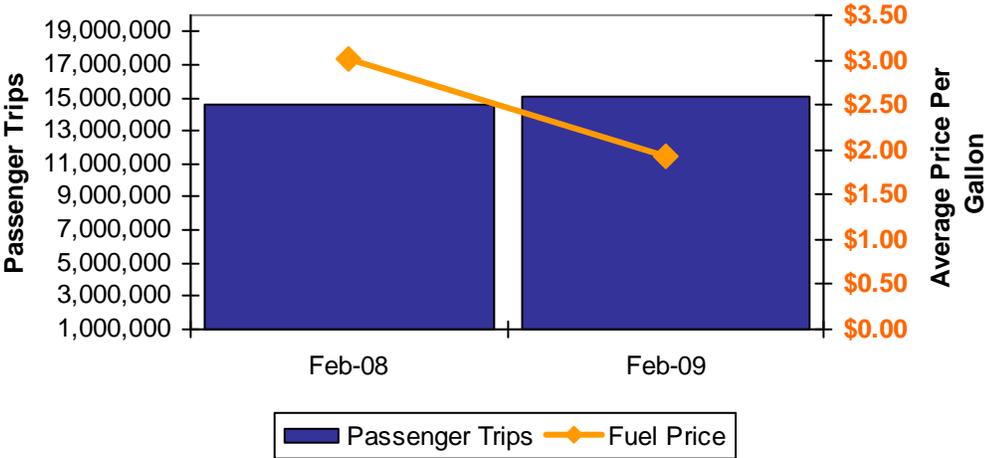
Statewide Ridership February 2008 and February 2009

4% Ridership Increase

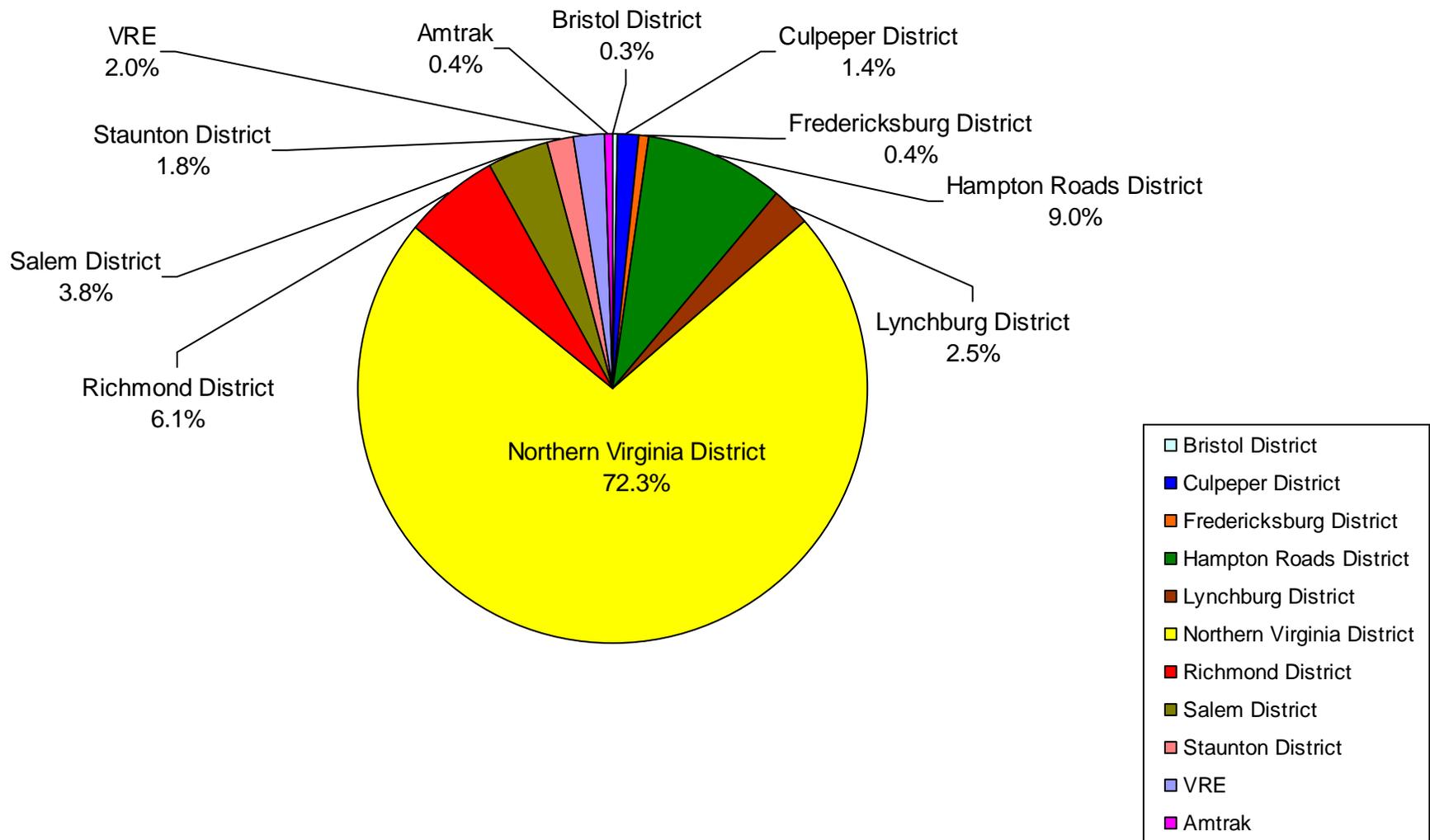


Average Fuel Price vs. Statewide Ridership February 2008 and February 2009

36% Fuel Price Decrease

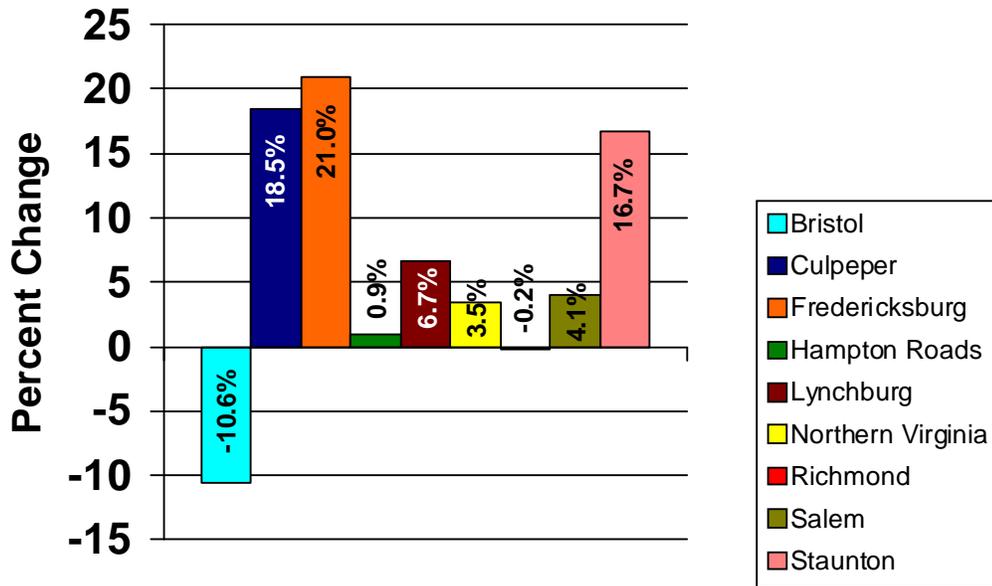


February 2009 Statewide Ridership by District

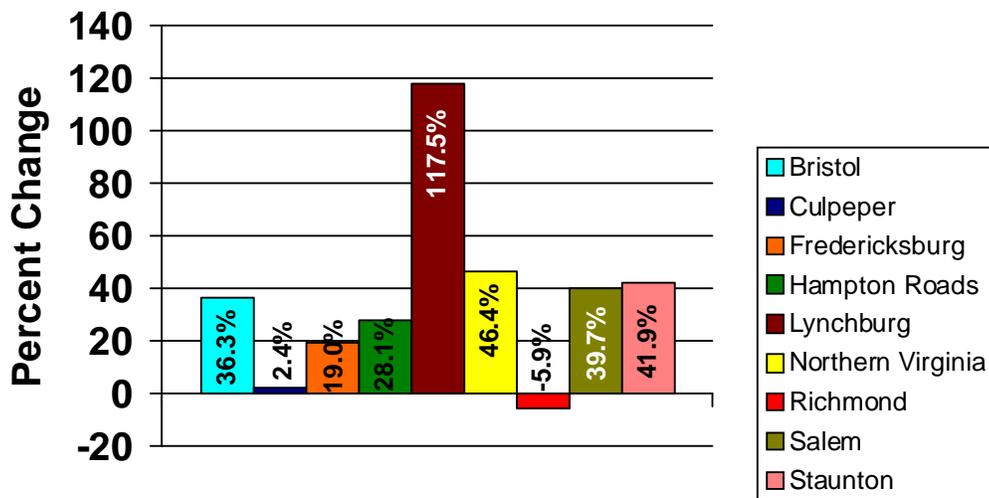


VRE and Amtrak ridership is not included within district totals because the operators provide cross-district service. Percentages may not add to 100 due to rounding.

February 2008 and February 2009 Transit Ridership by District



February 2008 and February 2009 Human Service Ridership by District



February 2009 Statewide Ridership Report

Operator	Total Ridership February 2009	Total Ridership February 2008	Percent Change	Fiscal YTD 2009 (July 2008 - February 2009)	Fiscal YTD 2008 (July 2007 - February 2008)	Percent Change
PASSENGER RAIL						
Virginia Railway Express	303,116	297,205	2%	2,517,709	2,345,892	7%
Amtrak (Virginia Only)	66,141	71,441	-7%	689,328	652,985	6%
Total Passenger Rail Ridership	369,257	368,646	0%	3,207,037	2,998,877	7%
PASSENGER RAIL ON-TIME PERFORMANCE						
Virginia Railway Express	93.5%	85.5%	9%	87.9%	85.2%	3%
Amtrak (Virginia Only)*	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Bristol District						
AASC / Four County Transit	12,458	14,522	-14%	73,199	76,476	-4%
City of Bristol Virginia	5,555	5,814	-4%	50,132	43,250	16%
District Three Public Transit	13,500	14,233	-5%	145,825	141,942	3%
Junction Center For Independent Living, Inc.	177	221	-20%	1,145	1,966	-42%
Mount Rogers Community Services Board	2,168	1,499	45%	16,638	10,728	55%
Mountain Empire Older Citizens, Inc.	5,483	6,582	-17%	49,705	37,402	33%
Town of Bluefield-Graham Transit	2,483	2,985	-17%	15,630	26,175	-40%
Bristol District Total	41,824	45,856	-9%	352,274	337,939	4%
Culpeper District						
Charlottesville Transit Service	172,666	145,576	19%	1,311,350	1,138,516	15%
Greene County Transit, Inc.	4,890	4,878	0%	36,044	34,754	4%
JAUNT, Inc.	24,842	21,272	17%	115,459	173,677	-34%
Rappahannock-Rapidan CSB-AAA	2,387	2,331	2%	12,384	18,648	-34%
VRT - Culpeper County	484	320	51%	3,550	2,669	33%
VRT - Fauquier/Warrenton	3,263	2,506	30%	18,995	15,378	24%
VRT - Town Of Culpeper	5,361	4,092	31%	45,569	23,349	95%
VRT - Town Of Orange	2,070	1,590	30%	18,172	11,550	57%
Culpeper District Total	215,963	182,565	18%	1,561,523	1,418,541	10%

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Fredericksburg District						
Bay Aging	9,875	9,693	2%	91,165	88,924	3%
Bay Aging/Colonial Beach Transit	871	624	40%	7,693	6,106	26%
FRED - Caroline County	602	466	29%	5,345	3,779	41%
FRED - King George	1,782	1,239	44%	14,596	8,945	63%
Fredericksburg Regional Transit	42,588	34,040	25%	346,449	252,065	37%
Rappahannock Area Community Services Board	9,673	8,127	19%	50,621	66,672	-24%
Fredericksburg District Total	65,391	54,189	21%	515,869	426,491	21%
Hampton Roads District						
Arc of the Virginia Peninsula, Inc.	1,057	n/a	n/a	11,086	n/a	n/a
Bon Secours Senior Health	342	336	2%	3,094	975	217%
Chesapeake Service Systems	502	374	34%	3,134	2,973	5%
Eastern Shore Community Services Board	2,540	2,496	2%	12,695	20,332	-38%
Endeppence Center, Inc.	3	5	-40%	19	129	-85%
ESAAA/CAA	1,213	688	76%	4,651	7,813	-40%
Hampton Roads Transit	1,253,250	1,237,540	1%	6,775,531	6,283,020	8%
Hope House Foundation	68	n/a	n/a	415	n/a	n/a
Peninsula Agency on Aging	1,646	1,878	-12%	8,709	15,318	-43%
Senior Services	3,770	2,376	59%	22,849	17,189	33%
STAR Transit	3,011	3,537	-15%	11,853	28,579	-59%
Sussex-Greenville-Emporia Adult Activity Services, Inc.	1,682	1,690	0%	14,451	14,182	2%
Town of Chincoteague**	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Western Tidewater Community Service Board	618	653	-5%	5,692	4,906	16%
Williamsburg Area Transit Authority	86,138	89,138	-3%	839,615	891,243	-6%
Hampton Roads District Total	1,355,840	1,340,711	1%	7,713,794	7,286,659	6%

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Lynchburg District						
Blackstone Area Bus / Piedmont Area Transit	586	427	37%	7,127	2,580	176%
Central VA Area Agency on Aging	2,346	2,133	10%	13,450	19,373	-31%
Crossroads Community Services	294	n/a	n/a	594	n/a	n/a
Danville City's Parks, Recreation, And Tourism; Stonewall Therapeutic Recreation Center	77	70	10%	574	605	-5%
Danville Transit System	20,671	19,785	4%	111,891	153,590	-27%
Farmville Area Bus	12,863	11,156	15%	84,829	80,920	5%
Greater Lynchburg Transit Company	334,231	314,214	6%	2,243,422	1,822,834	23%
JAUNT Buckingham	1,075	786	37%	7,227	5,926	22%
Lake Area Bus / Halifax Area Rural Transit	491	454	8%	2,908	4,173	-30%
Southside Community Services Board	6,304	1,388	354%	35,556	11,244	216%
STEPS, Inc.	1,097	1,062	3%	9,294	7,260	28%
Lynchburg District Total	380,035	351,475	8%	2,516,872	2,108,505	19%
Northern Virginia District						
Alexandria Transit Company	300,160	303,406	-1%	2,664,723	2,607,703	2%
Arlington County	100,318	98,401	2%	939,498	485,200	94%
City of Alexandria - King Street Trolley	23,084	n/a	n/a	904,824	n/a	n/a
City of Fairfax	81,057	84,892	-5%	713,409	691,015	3%
ECHO.INC	4,207	3,110	35%	30,803	25,793	19%
Fairfax County	704,106	742,587	-5%	6,437,910	3,846,931	67%
Jewish Community Center of Northern Virginia	128	78	64%	948	429	121%
Loudoun County Transit	69,304	60,356	15%	347,732	304,223	14%
PRTC	240,336	214,320	12%	1,259,393	1,110,664	13%
The Arc of Greater Prince William	5,723	3,682	55%	26,751	40,408	-34%
VRT - Loudoun	40,537	33,055	23%	357,837	183,717	95%
VRT - Town Of Purcellville	1,142	1,342	-15%	12,158	8,754	39%
WMATA MetroBus	1,718,878	1,652,746	4%	15,056,644	13,565,951	11%
WMATA MetroRail***	7,633,887	7,351,983	4%	66,412,617	63,669,595	4%
Northern Virginia District Total	10,922,867	10,549,958	4%	95,165,247	86,540,383	10%

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Richmond District						
A Grace Place Adult Care Center	515	497	4%	3,763	3,852	-2%
American Red Cross	780	640	22%	6,150	6,263	-2%
Bay Aging/New Kent/Charles City	806	619	30%	7,780	7,314	6%
Beth Sholom Home	311	379	-18%	2,302	2,468	-7%
Blackstone Area Bus	1,695	1,350	26%	12,971	6,313	105%
Blackstone Area Bus / Town & County Transit	245	208	18%	2,884	1,154	150%
Blackstone Area Bus- Brunswick Express	392	254	54%	3,248	1,284	153%
Chesterfield Community Services Board	1,391	1,443	-4%	12,527	12,251	2%
City of Petersburg	52,476	53,926	-3%	415,825	400,021	4%
Crater District Area Agency On Aging /FGP	3,582	4,396	-19%	17,774	33,338	-47%
Daily Planet	18	n/a	n/a	149	n/a	n/a
ElderHomes Corporation	84	144	-42%	1,250	1,320	-5%
Goochland Free Clinic And Family Services	103	200	-49%	798	1,164	-31%
Greater Richmond Transit Company	857,228	858,703	0%	4,459,879	4,413,245	1%
Lake Country Area Agency on Aging	1,517	1,504	1%	7,959	14,365	-45%
Richmond Community Action Program	6	n/a	n/a	36	n/a	n/a
St. Joseph's Villa	438	n/a	n/a	1,416	n/a	n/a
Weinstein Jewish Comunity Center	116	107	8%	952	977	-3%
Richmond District Total	921,703	924,370	0%	4,957,663	4,905,329	1%
Salem District						
Blacksburg Transit	357,986	319,770	12%	2,168,480	1,965,353	10%
Goodwill Industries Of The Valleys	146	n/a	n/a	1,128	n/a	n/a
Greater Roanoke Transit Company	201,771	223,087	-10%	1,741,506	1,624,321	7%
New River Valley Community Services	2,108	1,670	26%	10,334	14,993	-31%
Piedmont Community Services	559	537	4%	2,728	4,347	-37%
Pulaski Area Transit	6,766	2,621	158%	45,087	75,939	-41%
RADAR / Roanoke	2,702	1,194	126%	15,079	4,011	276%
Southern Area Agency on Aging	4,164	2,795	49%	34,374	36,146	-5%
Stepping Stones, Inc.	66	40	65%	562	283	99%
Salem District Total	576,268	551,714	4%	4,019,278	3,725,393	8%

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Staunton District						
City of Harrisonburg Dept. of Public Transportation	222,066	188,889	18%	1,243,912	828,473	50%
City of Winchester	9,321	10,369	-10%	86,932	55,465	57%
Friendship Industries, Inc.	779	896	-13%	7,455	8,374	-11%
Grafton, Inc.	1,764	1,894	-7%	12,073	15,152	-20%
Northwestern Community Services	788	1,000	-21%	8,582	8,000	7%
Pleasant View, Inc.	6,072	n/a	n/a	43,673	n/a	n/a
RADAR / Covington & Clifton Forge	1,063	904	18%	5,838	8,299	-30%
Rockbridge Area CSB	920	920	0%	9,350	8,240	13%
Rockbridge Area Occupational Center, Inc.	509	559	-9%	4,730	4,225	12%
Rockbridge Area Transportation System Inc.	857	510	68%	7,652	3,844	99%
Shen-Paco Industries, Inc.	420	100	320%	3,411	1,520	124%
Shenandoah Area Agency on Aging, Inc.	2,206	1,804	22%	10,907	17,612	-38%
The Arc of Harrisonburg/Rockingham	560	2,394	-77%	11,682	20,270	-42%
Valley Program for Aging Services	2,255	2,032	11%	18,755	17,160	9%
Vector Industries, Inc.	112	n/a	n/a	940	n/a	n/a
VRT - CATS Coordinated Area Transportation	3,734	3,074	21%	30,271	19,319	57%
VRT - City Of Staunton	6,322	5,394	17%	66,972	40,694	65%
VRT - Clarke County	113	117	-3%	724	1,186	-39%
VRT - Page County	663	615	8%	5,438	10,323	-47%
VRT - Shenandoah Blue Ridge Service	4,229	2,440	73%	30,573	10,807	183%
VRT - Town Of Front Royal	911	1,156	-21%	8,194	4,747	73%
Staunton District Total	265,664	225,067	18%	1,618,064	1,083,710	49%
TOTAL STATEWIDE RIDERSHIP	Total Statewide Ridership February 2009	Total Statewide Ridership February 2008	Percent Change	Fiscal Year-to- Date 2009 (July 2008-Feb. 2009)	Fiscal Year-to- Date 2008 (July 2007-Feb. 2008)	Percent Change
	15,114,812	14,594,551	4%	121,627,621	110,831,827	10%

CALENDAR COMPARISON	February 2009	February 2008	Percent Change	Fiscal Year-to-Date 2009 (July 2008-Feb. 2009)	Fiscal Year-to-Date 2008 (July 2007-Feb. 2008)	Percent Change
Number of Weekdays	19	20	-5%	157	161	-2%
Number of Saturdays and Sundays	8	8	0%	69	69	0%
Number of State Holidays	1	1	0%	15	14	7%

*Amtrak provides on-time performance data on a quarterly basis. Amtrak currently does not provide fiscal year-to-date on-time performance data.

**Town of Chincoteague provides seasonal service and will resume operation in spring 2009.

***WMATA Metrorail has implemented a more accurate methodology for capturing Virginia-only unlinked passenger trips.