



MEMORANDUM

TO: The Commonwealth Transportation Board

THROUGH: Charles M. Badger
Acting Director

FROM: Corey Hill
Chief of Public Transportation

DATE: March 18, 2009

SUBJECT: Monthly Statewide Ridership Report

DRPT is pleased to present the monthly statewide ridership report, summarizing January 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 January 2008 and January 2009.

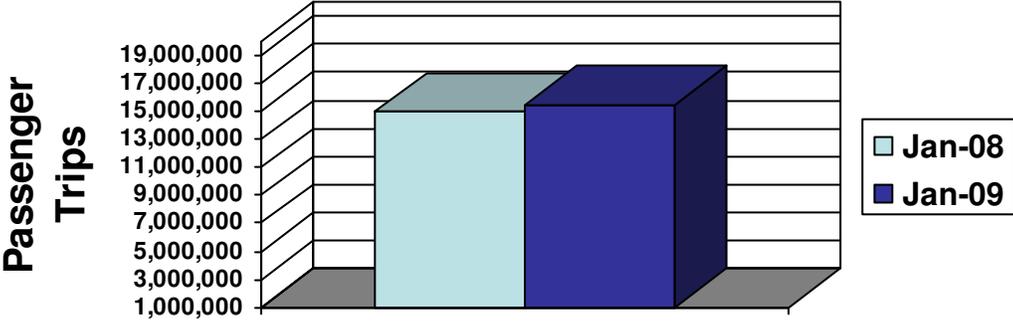
Key Facts

- Year over year comparisons:
 - The price of fuel per gallon dropped 41 percent to \$1.78 per gallon in January 2009, as compared to the January 2008 price of \$3.04 per gallon.
 - Virginia statewide ridership for the month of January 2009 increased by 3 percent, or 515,633 trips, as compared to January 2008 based on reports from all 57 transit operators, 46 (of 49) human service operators, and both passenger rail operators.
 - January 2009 included three fewer weekdays and two more weekend days than January 2008.
 - Year-to-date Virginia statewide ridership increased by six percent, or 6,960,829 trips, over the same period in FY08.
 - Pulaski Area Transport and RADAR/Roanoke experienced 160 percent and 357 percent increases in ridership, respectively, in January 2009 as compared to January 2008 due to new human service transportation and transit service initiated through New Freedom grants.

- Transportation district comparisons:
 - In transit ridership, the Northern Virginia District accounts for the majority at 76.88 percent in January 2009, followed by the Hampton Roads District at 9.01 percent and the Richmond District at 5.96 percent.
 - In human service ridership, the Staunton District accounts for the majority at 20.85 percent in January 2009, followed by the Hampton Roads District at 19.66 percent and the Fredericksburg District at 13.83 percent.
 - The district with the greatest increase in transit and human service ridership combined for January 2009, as compared to January 2008, is the Lynchburg district at 40 percent, or 98,100 trips.

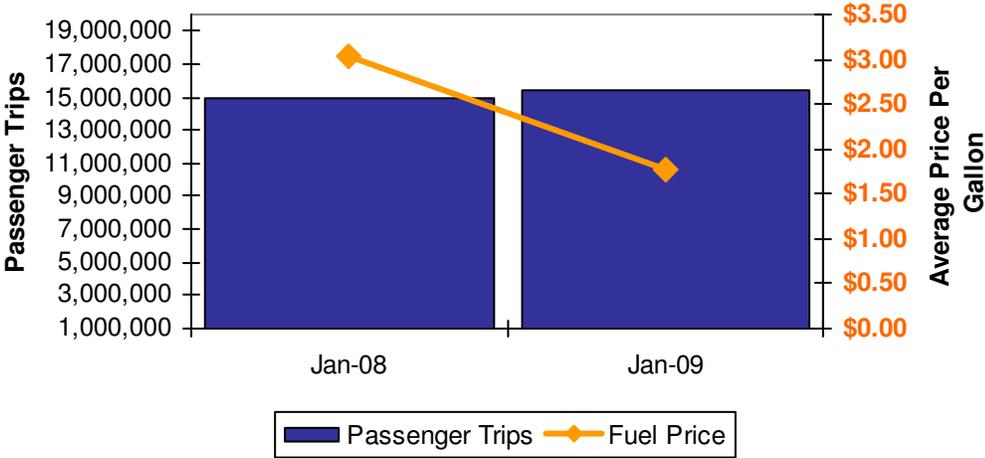
Statewide Ridership January 2008 and January 2009

3% Ridership Increase

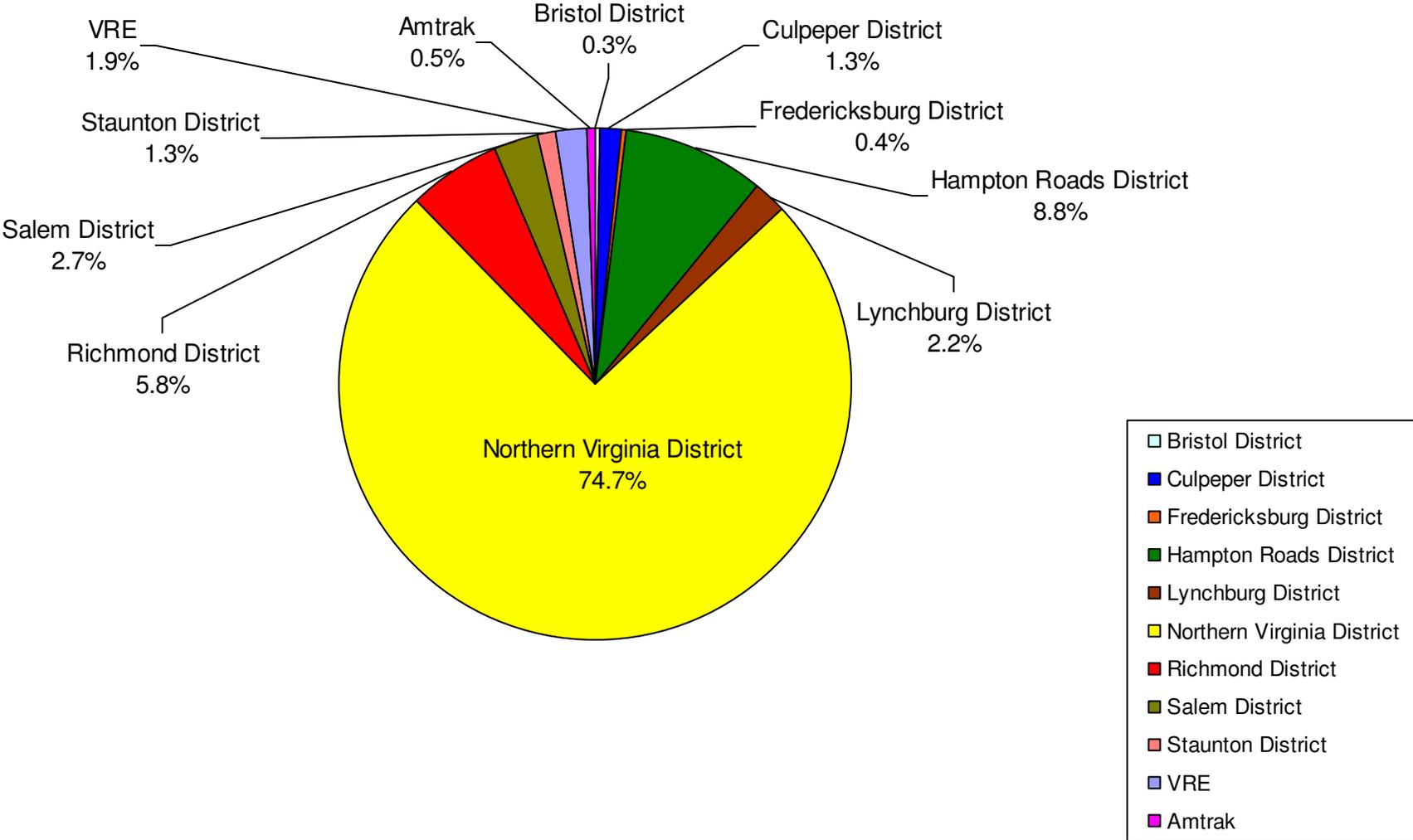


Average Fuel Price vs. Statewide Ridership January 2008 and January 2009

41% Fuel Price Decrease

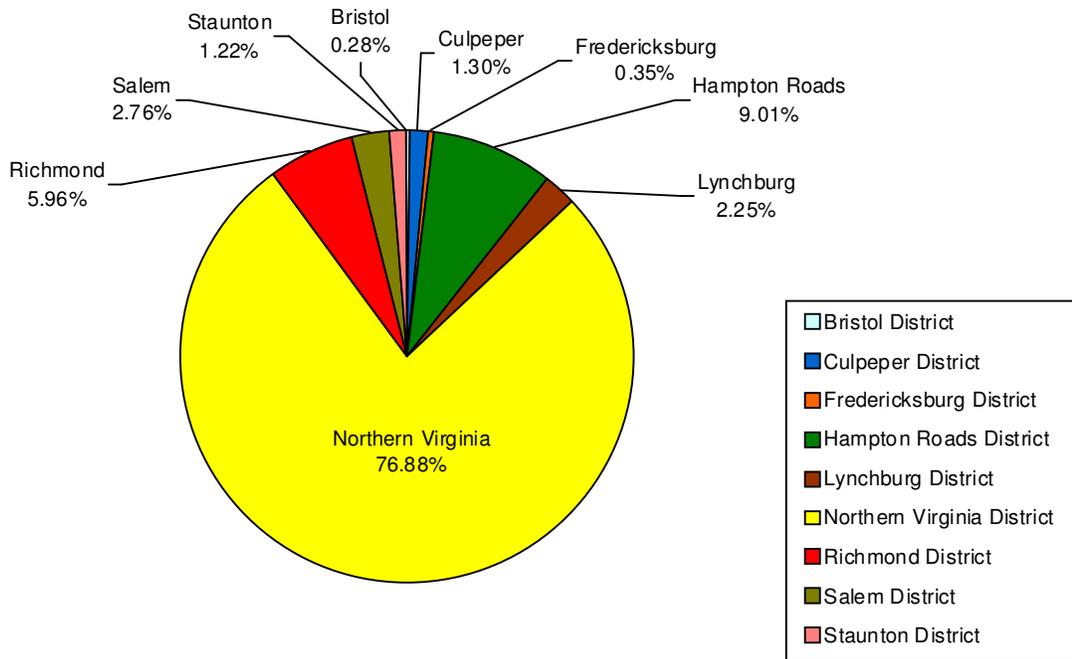


January 2009 Statewide Ridership by District

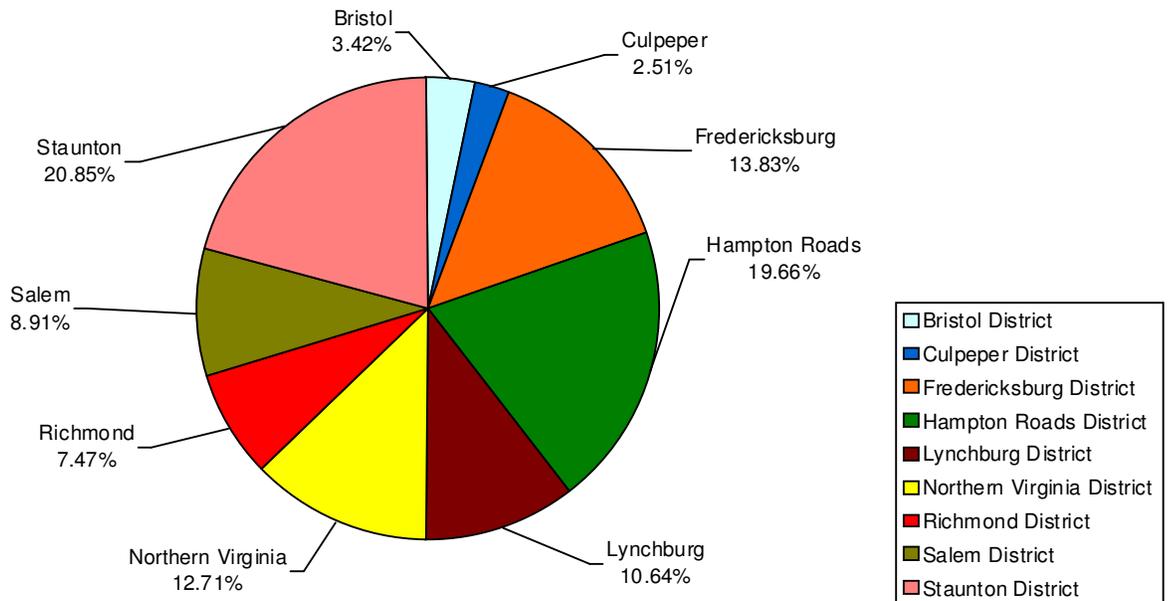


VRE and Amtrak ridership is not included within district totals because the operators provide cross-district service. Percentages may not add to 100 due to rounding.

January 2009 Transit Ridership by District



January 2009 Human Service Ridership by District



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January 2009 Statewide Ridership Report

Operator	Total Ridership January 2009	Total Ridership January 2008	Percent Change	Fiscal YTD 2009 (July 2008 - January 2009)	Fiscal YTD 2008 (July 2007 - January 2008)	Percent Change
PASSENGER RAIL						
Virginia Railway Express	295,131	317,646	-7%	2,211,539	2,043,315	8%
Amtrak (Virginia Only)	76,462	72,999	5%	623,187	581,544	7%
Total Passenger Rail Ridership	371,593	390,645	-5%	2,834,726	2,624,859	8%
PASSENGER RAIL ON-TIME PERFORMANCE						
Virginia Railway Express	93.1%	85.9%	8.4%	87.2%	88.1%	-1%
Amtrak (Virginia Only)*	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
BRISTOL DISTRICT						
AASC / Four County Transit	12,600	14,180	-11%	102,859	109,977	-6%
City of Bristol	5,954	5,597	6%	44,577	37,436	19%
District Three Public Transit	15,172	16,816	-10%	132,325	127,702	4%
Junction Center For Independent Living, Inc.	106	244	-57%	968	1,745	-45%
Mount Rogers Community Services Board	2,241	1,266	77%	14,470	9,229	57%
Mountain Empire Older Citizens, Inc.	5,426	6,713	-19%	44,222	30,820	43%
Town of Bluefield-Graham Transit	3,185	3,555	-10%	23,718	23,190	2%
Total Bristol District Ridership	44,684	48,371	-8%	363,139	340,099	7%
CULPEPER DISTRICT						
Charlottesville Transit Service	159,170	137,476	16%	1,136,891	992,940	14%
Greene County Transit, Inc.	4,129	4,103	1%	31,154	29,876	4%
JAUNT, Inc.	21,402	21,933	-2%	159,921	152,405	5%
Rappahannock-Rapidan CSB-AAA	1,723	2,331	-26%	18,535	16,317	14%
Virginia Regional Transit - Culpeper County	455	303	50%	3,066	2,349	31%
Virginia Regional Transit - Fauquier/Warrenton	2,531	2,617	-3%	15,732	16,897	-7%
Virginia Regional Transit - Town Of Culpeper	5,605	2,590	116%	40,208	34,187	18%
Virginia Regional Transit - Town Of Orange	2,107	2,095	1%	16,102	16,356	-2%
Total Culpeper District Ridership	197,122	173,448	14%	1,421,609	1,261,327	13%

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FREDERICKSBURG DISTRICT						
Bay Aging	9,525	11,222	-15%	81,290	79,231	3%
Bay Aging/Colonial Beach Transit	802	636	26%	6,822	5,482	24%
FRED - Caroline County	589	400	47%	4,743	3,313	43%
FRED - King George	1,625	1,312	24%	12,814	7,706	66%
Fredericksburg Regional Transit	40,794	34,478	18%	303,861	218,025	39%
Rappahannock Area Community Services Board	9,485	8,451	12%	68,148	58,545	16%
Total Fredericksburg District Ridership	62,820	56,499	11%	477,678	372,302	28%
HAMPTON ROADS DISTRICT						
Arc of the Virginia Peninsula, Inc.	1,152	n/a	n/a	10,029	n/a	n/a
Chesapeake Service Systems	504	420	20%	2,632	2,599	1%
Eastern Shore Community Services Board	2,781	2,472	13%	18,535	17,836	4%
Endeppence Center, Inc.	6	10	-40%	16	124	-87%
ESAAA/CAA	600	780	-23%	5,918	7,125	-17%
Hampton Roads Transit	1,275,094	1,256,427	1%	9,355,775	9,109,499	3%
Historic Triangle Senior Center	570	508	12%	4,226	3,316	27%
Hope House Foundation	55	n/a	n/a	347	n/a	n/a
Peninsula Agency on Aging	1,539	1,878	-18%	12,167	13,440	-9%
Senior Services	4,050	2,521	61%	21,341	52,213	-59%
STAR Transit	2,970	3,820	-22%	18,458	25,042	-26%
Sussex-Greensville-Emporia Adult Activity Services, Inc.	1,647	1,841	-11%	12,769	12,492	2%
Town of Chincoteague**	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Western Tidewater Community Service Board	584	628	-7%	5,074	4,253	19%
Williamsburg Area Transit Authority	76,850	71,970	7%	1,834,303	1,893,548	-3%
Total Hampton Roads District Ridership	1,368,402	1,343,275	2%	11,301,590	11,141,487	1%

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LYNCHBURG DISTRICT						
Blackstone Area Bus / Piedmont Area Transit	709	446	59%	6,541	3,712	76%
Central VA Area Agency on Aging	2,084	2,415	-14%	20,207	17,240	17%
Crossroads Community Services	31	n/a	n/a	300	n/a	n/a
Danville City's Parks, Recreation, And Tourism; Stonewall Therapeutic Recreation Center	65	71	-8%	497	535	-7%
Danville Transit System	20,516	19,279	6%	153,521	133,805	15%
Farmville Area Bus	10,821	8,209	32%	73,550	69,764	5%
Greater Lynchburg Transit Company	304,354	213,308	43%	1,909,191	1,508,620	27%
JAUNT Buckingham	990	780	27%	6,152	5,140	20%
Lake Area Bus / Halifax Area Rural Transit	479	451	6%	3,929	3,719	6%
Southside Community Services Board	4,096	1,104	271%	29,252	9,856	197%
STEPS, Inc.	1,024	1,006	2%	8,197	6,198	32%
Total Lynchburg District Ridership	345,169	247,069	40%	2,211,337	1,758,589	26%
NORTHERN VIRGINIA DISTRICT						
Alexandria Transit Company	294,503	310,253	-5%	2,367,435	2,304,297	3%
Arlington County	109,686	102,241	7%	839,184	674,304	24%
City of Alexandria-King Street Trolley	18,052	n/a	n/a	394,897	n/a	n/a
City of Fairfax	72,814	80,512	-10%	632,352	606,123	4%
ECHO.INC	3,788	3,420	11%	38,006	22,683	68%
Fairfax County	700,645	761,148	-8%	5,733,804	5,590,912	3%
Jewish Community Center of Northern Virginia	130	91	43%	820	351	134%
Loudoun County Office of Transportation Services	65,620	68,758	-5%	514,929	430,894	20%
WMATA MetroRail***	8,328,952	7,835,630	6%	58,778,730	56,317,612	4%
WMATA MetroBus	1,704,695	1,704,161	0%	13,337,766	11,913,205	12%
PRTC	230,296	231,697	-1%	1,873,673	1,599,090	17%
The Arc of Greater Prince William	4,797	4,803	0%	35,403	36,726	-4%
Virginia Regional Transit - Loudoun NoVA CTB District	39,693	34,677	14%	321,416	252,290	27%
Virginia Regional Transit - Town Of Purcellville	1,027	1,299	-21%	11,016	10,919	1%
Total Northern Virginia District Ridership	11,574,698	11,138,690	4%	84,879,431	79,759,406	6%

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RICHMOND DISTRICT						
Bay Aging/New Kent/Charles City	859	876	-2%	6,974	6,695	4%
Beth Sholom Home	219	269	-19%	1,991	2,089	-5%
Blackstone Area Bus	1,924	1,100	75%	16,795	8,972	87%
Blackstone Area Bus / Town & County Transit	268	203	32%	2,639	1,769	49%
Blackstone Area Bus- Brunswick Express	426	253	68%	2,856	1,840	55%
Chesterfield Community Services Board	1,403	1,345	4%	11,136	10,808	3%
City of Petersburg	53,294	52,879	1%	363,349	346,095	5%
Crater District Area Agency On Aging /FGP	2,920	3,882	-25%	25,102	28,942	-13%
Daily Planet	16	n/a	n/a	131	n/a	n/a
ElderHomes Corporation	192	164	17%	1,166	1,176	-1%
Goochland Free Clinic And Family Services	85	156	-46%	695	964	-28%
Greater Richmond Transit Company	838,973	851,855	-2%	6,246,307	5,931,867	5%
Lake Area Bus	1,237	1,639	-25%	11,291	12,861	-12%
St. Joseph's Villa	204	n/a	n/a	978	n/a	n/a
Weinsteinjewish Comunity Center	82	138	-41%	836	870	-4%
Total Richmond District Ridership	902,102	914,759	-1%	6,692,246	6,354,948	5%
SALEM DISTRICT						
Blacksburg Transit	198,679	231,490	-14%	1,799,721	1,645,583	9%
Goodwill Industries Of The Valleys	185	n/a	n/a	982	n/a	n/a
Greater Roanoke Transit Company	205,739	207,589	-1%	1,539,735	1,401,234	10%
New River Valley Community Services	2,032	1,574	29%	13,979	13,323	5%
Piedmont Community Services	548	560	-2%	3,810	3,810	0%
Pulaski Area Transit	6,758	2,595	160%	38,321	73,318	-48%
RADAR / Roanoke	3,314	725	357%	12,377	4,822	157%
Southern Area Agency on Aging	3,312	3,634	-9%	30,210	33,351	-9%
Stepping Stones, Inc.	34	35	-3%	248	243	2%
Total Salem District Ridership	420,601	448,202	-6%	3,439,383	3,175,684	8%

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Staunton District Total						
City of Harrisonburg Dept. of Public Transportation	158,169	169,981	-7%	1,021,846	942,812	8%
City of Winchester	8,968	11,602	-23%	81,561	79,462	3%
Friendship Industries, Inc.	786	938	-16%	6,676	7,478	-11%
Grafton, Inc.	899	1,894	-53%	10,309	13,258	-22%
Northwestern Community Services	775	1,000	-23%	7,794	7,000	11%
Pleasant View, Inc.	6,312	n/a	n/a	37,601	n/a	n/a
RADAR / Covington & Clifton Forge	899	942	-5%	8,002	7,395	8%
Rockbridge Area CSB	874	920	-5%	8,430	7,320	15%
Rockbridge Area Occupational Center, Inc.	438	456	-4%	4,221	3,666	15%
Rockbridge Area Transportation System Inc.	842	508	66%	6,795	3,334	104%
Shen-Paco Industries, Inc.	315	100	215%	2,991	1,420	111%
Shenandoah Area Agency on Aging, Inc.	1,364	2,209	-38%	14,888	15,808	-6%
The Arc of Harrisonburg/Rockingham	507	1,888	-73%	11,122	17,876	-38%
Valley Program for Aging Ser	2,033	2,109	-4%	16,500	15,128	9%
Virginia Regional Transit - CATS Coordinated Area Transportation	3,541	3,264	8%	26,537	22,474	18%
Virginia Regional Transit - City Of Staunton	5,875	5,801	1%	60,650	58,125	4%
Virginia Regional Transit - Clarke County	175	158	11%	1,238	1,069	16%
Virginia Regional Transit - Page County	628	720	-13%	4,775	11,540	-59%
Virginia Regional Transit - Shenandoah Blue Ridge Service	3,128	2,714	15%	26,344	15,339	72%
Virginia Regional Transit - Town Of Front Royal	1,006	930	8%	7,283	6,668	9%
Total Staunton District Ridership	197,534	208,134	-5%	1,365,563	1,237,172	10%
TOTAL STATEWIDE RIDERSHIP	Total Statewide Ridership January 2009	Total Statewide Ridership January 2008	Percent Change	Fiscal Year-to- Date 2009 (July 2008-Jan. 2009)	Fiscal YTD 2008 (July 2007-Jan. 2008)	Percent Change
	15,484,725	14,969,092	3%	114,986,702	108,025,873	6%

CALENDAR COMPARISON	January 2009	January 2008	Percent Change	Fiscal Year-to-Date 2009 (July 2008-Jan. 2009)	Fiscal YTD 2008 (July 2007-Jan. 2008)	Percent Change
Number of Weekdays	17	20	-15%	138	141	-2%
Number of Saturdays and Sundays	9	8	13%	61	61	0%
Number of State Holidays	4	3	33%	14	13	8%

*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.

NOTES:

- Transit ridership is impacted by a number of factors to include: land use, population density, seasonal changes, service changes, number of days in a particular month, weather, fuel price, economic conditions and fare adjustments. The best method for comparison is current month's performance compared to the previous year's performance for that month.
- Over time, this report will be come more detailed as DRPT collects and analyzes, in a more comprehensive manner, factors that impact ridership such as economic conditions and fare policy.
- Comparisons between regions or transit operators should be avoided without detailed analysis and understanding of local goals that support investment in public transportation.
- The Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (WMATA) is the nation's second largest rail operator and fifth largest bus operator. WMATA reports only Virginia ridership (trips that begin and/or end in the Commonwealth) for the purpose of this report.