



## MEMORANDUM

**TO:** The Commonwealth Transportation Board

**THROUGH:** Charles M. Badger  
Agency Director

**FROM:** Corey Hill  
Chief of Public Transportation

**DATE:** December 16, 2009

**SUBJECT:** Monthly Statewide Transit Ridership Report

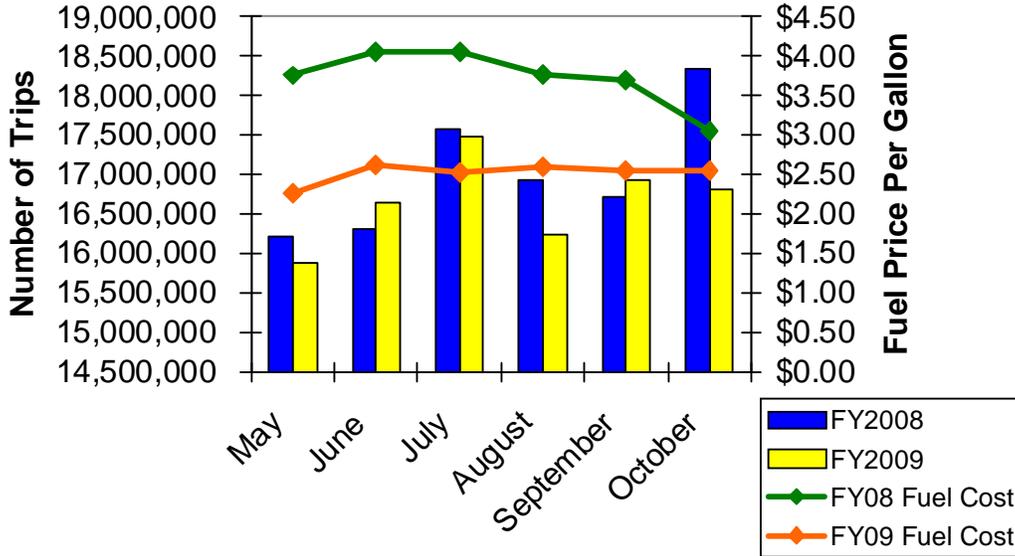
DRPT is pleased to present the monthly Statewide Transit Ridership Report, summarizing October 2009 transit, human service and commuter rail ridership data. This monthly report provides a snapshot of current performance and recent trends. DRPT continues to work with individual operators to refine data and ensure that all modes, including bus, commuter 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 October 2008 and October 2009\*.

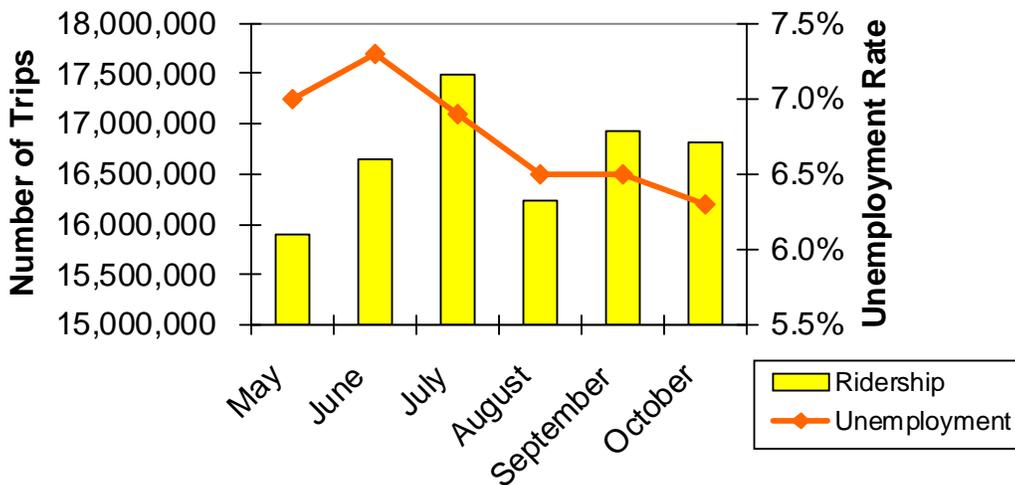
### Key Facts

- Year over year comparisons:
  - The price of fuel per gallon dropped 16.4 percent to \$2.55 per gallon in October 2009, as compared to the October 2008 price of \$3.05 per gallon.
  - Virginia statewide transit ridership for the month of October 2009 decreased by eight percent as compared to October 2008, based on reports from all 59 transit operators, 53 (of 56) human service operators, and the one commuter rail operator.
  - Fiscal year-to-date 2009 statewide transit ridership decreased three percent as compared to fiscal year-to-date 2008.
  - Virginia's unemployment rate was 6.3 percent in October 2009 compared to the October 2008 rate of 4.2 percent.
  - October 2009 included one fewer weekday and one additional weekend day than October 2008.
  
- Transportation district comparisons:
  - In transit ridership, the **Northern Virginia District** accounts for the majority at 73.2 percent in October 2009, followed by the Hampton Roads District at 9.9 percent and the Richmond District at 6.1 percent.
  - In human service ridership, the **Staunton District** accounts for the majority at 24 percent in October 2009, followed by the Hampton Roads District at 18.2 percent and the Northern Virginia District at 12.4 percent.
  - The district with the greatest increase in transit and human service ridership combined for October 2009, as compared to October 2008, is the **Culpeper District** at 13 percent, or 28,469 additional trips.

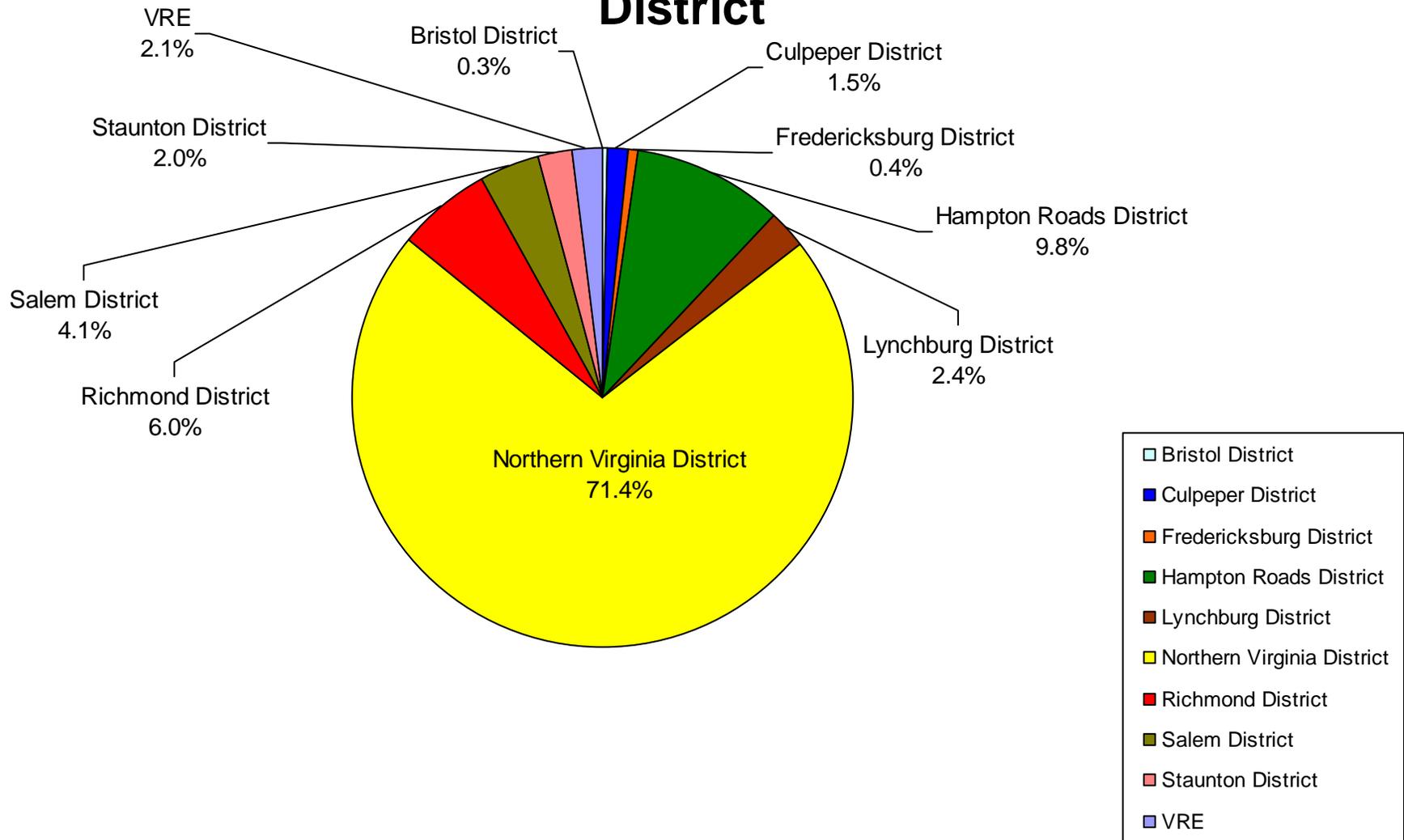
## FY2009-FY2010 Transit Ridership and Fuel Cost Comparison



## 2009 Transit Ridership and Virginia Unemployment Comparison

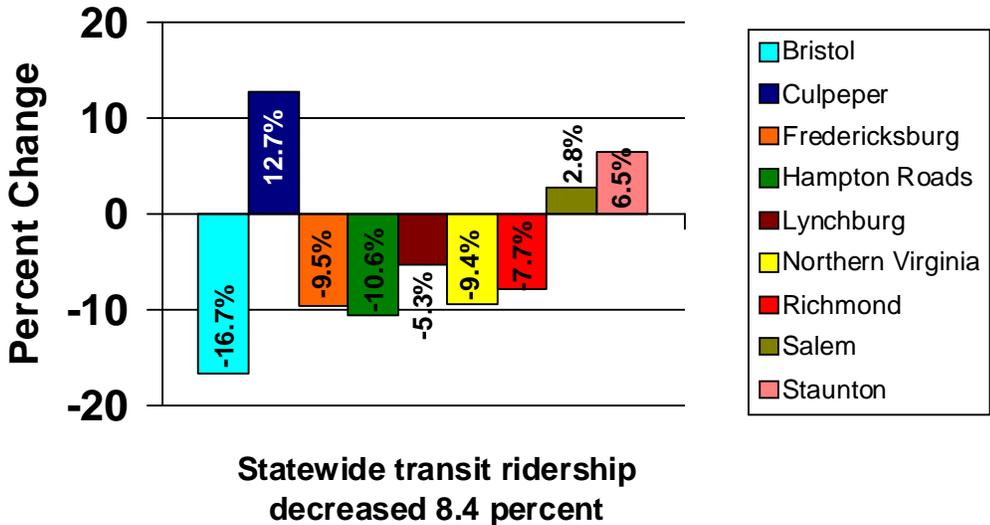


# October 2009 Statewide Transit Ridership by District

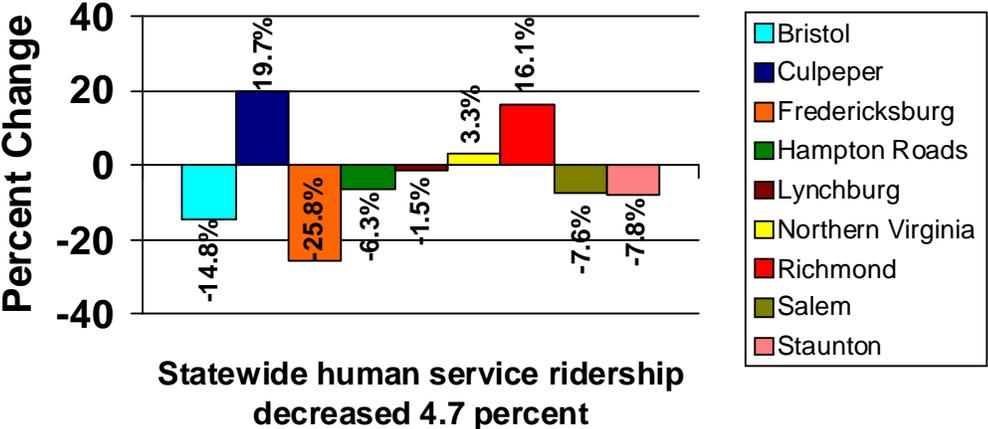


VRE ridership is not included within district totals because the operator provides cross-district service. Percentages may not add to 100 due to rounding.

### October 2009 vs. October 2008 Transit Ridership by District



### October 2009 vs. October 2008 Human Service Ridership by District



## October 2009 Transit Ridership Report

Operator	Total Ridership October 2009	Total Ridership October 2008	Percent Change	Fiscal YTD 2010 (July 2009 - October 2009)	Fiscal YTD 2009 (July 2008 - October 2008)	Percent Change
<b>Commuter Rail</b>						
Virginia Railway Express	345,883	352,652	-2%	1,354,198	1,350,981	0%
<b>Total Commuter Rail Ridership</b>	<b>345,883</b>	<b>352,652</b>	<b>-2%</b>	<b>1,354,198</b>	<b>1,350,981</b>	<b>0%</b>
<b>Bristol District</b>						
City of Bristol Virginia	6,812	6,464	5%	28,053	27,004	4%
District Three Public Transit	18,553	21,402	-13%	81,424	82,697	-2%
Four County Transit	12,840	16,674	-23%	52,004	64,815	-20%
Junction Center For Independent Living	271	241	12%	1,085	933	16%
Mount Rogers Community Services Board	2,161	2,613	-17%	8,104	7,779	4%
Mountain Empire Older Citizens	6,955	9,442	-26%	20,559	27,410	-25%
Town of Bluefield-Graham Transit	3,088	3,906	-21%	12,030	14,477	-17%
<b>Bristol District Total</b>	<b>50,680</b>	<b>60,742</b>	<b>-17%</b>	<b>203,259</b>	<b>225,115</b>	<b>-10%</b>
<b>Culpeper District</b>						
Charlottesville Transit Service	202,975	178,801	14%	798,557	658,040	21%
Greene County Transit	5,238	5,428	-4%	17,905	17,740	1%
JAUNT	27,205	26,377	3%	101,048	95,681	6%
Rappahannock-Rapidan CSB-AAA	3,816	3,187	20%	17,041	11,725	45%
Virginia Regional Transit - Culpeper County	593	537	10%	2,083	1,709	22%
Virginia Regional Transit - Fauquier/Warrenton	3,081	168	1734%	9,669	7,362	31%
Virginia Regional Transit - Town Of Culpeper	6,117	6,159	-1%	23,411	24,230	-3%
Virginia Regional Transit - Town Of Orange	2,356	2,255	4%	9,398	9,947	-6%
<b>Culpeper District Total</b>	<b>251,381</b>	<b>222,912</b>	<b>13%</b>	<b>979,112</b>	<b>826,434</b>	<b>18%</b>
<b>Fredericksburg District</b>						
Bay Aging	11,408	12,784	-11%	47,568	51,661	-8%
Bay Aging/Colonial Beach Transit	1,058	921	15%	5,125	4,133	24%
FRED - Caroline County	752	731	3%	3,099	2,941	5%
FRED - King George	1,531	2,176	-30%	6,069	7,858	-23%
Fredericksburg Regional Transit	45,840	50,360	-9%	173,198	183,324	-6%
Rappahannock Area Community Services Board	7,968	10,741	-26%	44,780	37,941	18%
<b>Fredericksburg District Total</b>	<b>68,557</b>	<b>77,713</b>	<b>-12%</b>	<b>279,839</b>	<b>287,858</b>	<b>-3%</b>

Operator	Total Ridership October 2009	Total Ridership October 2008	Percent Change	Fiscal YTD 2010 (July 2009 - October 2009)	Fiscal YTD 2009 (July 2008 - October 2008)	Percent Change
<b>Hampton Roads District</b>						
Arc of the Virginia Peninsula	1,210	1,487	-19%	4,964	6,279	-21%
Chesapeake Service Systems	546	378	44%	2,328	1,468	59%
Eastern Shore Community Services Board	3,257	3,206	2%	11,199	11,586	-3%
ESAAA/CAA	1,154	888	30%	4,668	3,726	25%
Hampton Roads Transit	1,359,822	1,527,769	-11%	5,680,338	5,530,665	3%
Historic Triangle Senior Center	605	639	-5%	2,514	639	293%
Peninsula Agency on Aging	1,783	2,152	-17%	6,545	7,676	-15%
Senior Services	4,495	4,380	3%	16,572	9,259	79%
STAR Transit	2,932	3,873	-24%	10,847	13,105	-17%
Sussex-Greenville-Emporia Adult Activity Services	1,995	2,071	-4%	7,549	7,701	-2%
Town of Chincoteague	484	624	-22%	10,940	11,712	-7%
Western Tidewater Community Service Board	473	1,364	-65%	2,010	3,941	-49%
Williamsburg Area Transit Authority	261,695	285,491	-8%	1,271,354	1,418,054	-10%
<b>Hampton Roads District Total</b>	<b>1,640,451</b>	<b>1,834,322</b>	<b>-11%</b>	<b>7,031,828</b>	<b>7,025,811</b>	<b>0%</b>
<b>Lynchburg District</b>						
Blackstone Area Bus / Piedmont Area Transit	841	770	9%	3,154	3,077	3%
Central VA Area Agency on Aging	3,121	3,312	-6%	12,728	12,332	3%
Crossroads Community Services	559	122	358%	1,454	177	721%
Danville City's Parks, Recreation, And Tourism; Stonewall Therapeutic Recreation Center	51	64	-20%	261	286	-9%
Danville Transit System	22,665	25,218	-10%	86,148	91,951	-6%
Danville-Pittsylvania Community Services	58	n/a	n/a	205	n/a	n/a
Farmville Area Bus	15,118	15,331	-1%	42,996	42,865	0%
Greater Lynchburg Transit Company	357,616	377,029	-5%	1,050,018	1,158,745	-9%
JAUNT Buckingham	1,024	971	5%	4,273	3,096	38%
Lake Area Bus / Halifax Area Rural Transit	478	589	-19%	1,876	2,527	-26%
Southside Community Services Board	2,012	2,194	-8%	8,480	9,682	-12%
STEPS	1,181	1,382	-15%	4,427	5,120	-14%
The Arc Of Central Virginia	3	16	-81%	38	32	19%
<b>Lynchburg District Total</b>	<b>404,727</b>	<b>426,998</b>	<b>-5%</b>	<b>1,216,058</b>	<b>1,329,890</b>	<b>-9%</b>

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<b>Northern Virginia District</b>						
Alexandria Transit Company - DASH	337,250	370,371	-9%	1,352,406	1,455,090	-7%
Arlington County	173,976	129,220	35%	611,212	507,338	20%
City of Alexandria - King Street Trolley	46,141	71,883	-36%	202,845	157,462	29%
City of Fairfax - CUE	91,772	108,233	-15%	332,845	392,970	-15%
ECHO.INC	4,691	4,157	13%	18,065	15,736	15%
Fairfax County	767,466	906,461	-15%	3,146,772	3,547,610	-11%
Jewish Community Center of Northern Virginia	150	102	47%	588	404	46%
Loudoun County Office of Transportation Services	82,581	83,591	-1%	319,896	320,092	0%
PRTC	283,291	303,005	-7%	1,122,152	1,157,621	-3%
The Arc of Greater Prince William	5,735	5,982	-4%	26,955	20,357	32%
Virginia Regional Transit - Loudoun	57,072	53,247	7%	236,321	197,375	20%
Virginia Regional Transit - Town Of Purcellville	1,756	1,700	3%	7,769	7,428	5%
WMATA Metrobus	1,807,933	2,126,256	-15%	7,409,720	8,158,382	-9%
WMATA Metrorail	8,353,689	9,100,127	-8%	34,489,409	35,465,989	-3%
<b>Northern Virginia District Total</b>	<b>12,013,503</b>	<b>13,264,335</b>	<b>-9%</b>	<b>49,276,955</b>	<b>51,403,854</b>	<b>-4%</b>

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<b>Richmond District</b>						
A Grace Place Adult Care Center	463	410	13%	2,198	1,941	13%
American Red Cross	766	879	-13%	3,305	3,294	0%
Bay Aging/New Kent/Charles City	1,238	1,359	-9%	4,835	4,322	12%
Beth Sholom Home	405	279	45%	1,617	1,209	34%
Blackstone Area Bus	1,662	1,851	-10%	7,168	7,384	-3%
Blackstone Area Bus / Dinwiddie County	369	n/a	n/a	1,257	n/a	n/a
Blackstone Area Bus / Town & County Transit	555	363	53%	1,964	1,218	61%
Blackstone Area Bus- Brunswick Express	394	490	-20%	1,382	1,393	-1%
CAPUP	735	374	97%	2,012	374	438%
Chesterfield Community Services Board	1,450	2,013	-28%	5,776	6,764	-15%
Crater District Area Agency On Aging /FGP	3,991	4,421	-10%	19,708	15,065	31%
Daily Planet	51	26	96%	210	74	184%
ElderHomes Corportation	264	184	43%	772	636	21%
Goochland Free Clinic And Family Services	238	192	24%	1,004	1,152	-13%
GRTC Transit System	946,094	1,026,490	-8%	3,525,179	3,761,548	-6%
Henrico Area Mh/Mr Services	20	n/a	n/a	78	n/a	n/a
Lake Country Area Agency on Aging	1,779	1,706	4%	6,682	6,911	-3%
Petersburg Area Transit	54,584	58,329	-6%	195,313	213,066	-8%
St. Joseph's Villa	2,154	244	783%	8,122	658	1134%
Weinstein Jewish Community Center	194	222	-13%	591	557	6%
<b>Richmond District Total</b>	<b>1,017,406</b>	<b>1,099,832</b>	<b>-7%</b>	<b>3,789,173</b>	<b>4,027,566</b>	<b>-6%</b>
<b>Salem District</b>						
Blacksburg Transit	458,258	417,304	10%	1,278,611	1,088,698	17%
Goodwill Industries Of The Valleys	396	235	69%	1,504	461	226%
Greater Roanoke Transit Company	216,282	243,804	-11%	842,899	916,265	-8%
New River Valley Community Services	2,135	2,341	-9%	8,134	8,094	0%
Piedmont Community Services	581	549	6%	2,310	2,190	5%
Pulaski Area Transit	8,166	4,695	74%	31,762	14,839	114%
RADAR/Martinsville/Henry County	786	n/a	n/a	1,988	n/a	n/a
RADAR / Roanoke	3,873	2,627	47%	9,895	4,538	118%
Southern Area Agency on Aging	3,791	4,306	-12%	17,394	18,142	-4%
Stepping Stones	44	88	-50%	154	196	-21%
<b>Salem District Total</b>	<b>694,312</b>	<b>675,949</b>	<b>3%</b>	<b>2,194,651</b>	<b>2,053,423</b>	<b>7%</b>

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<b>Staunton District</b>						
City of Harrisonburg Dept. of Public Transportation	281,361	259,097	9%	666,910	610,945	9%
City of Winchester	11,083	13,402	-17%	42,708	52,748	-19%
Friendship Industries	863	1,962	-56%	3,574	4,395	-19%
Grafton	1,766	1,949	-9%	6,539	6,914	-5%
Northwestern Community Services	1,114	1,000	11%	4,561	4,000	14%
Pleasant View	5,281	6,124	-14%	21,693	18,844	15%
RADAR / Covington & Clifton Forge	993	1,244	-20%	4,401	5,120	-14%
Rockbridge Area CSB	1,012	1,058	-4%	3,828	3,904	-2%
Rockbridge Area Occupational Center, Inc.	375	626	-40%	1,554	2,694	-42%
Rockbridge Area Transportation System	842	1,031	-18%	3,525	3,221	9%
Shen-Paco Industries	66	138	-52%	344	522	-34%
Shenandoah Area Agency on Aging	2,713	2,610	4%	11,879	9,947	19%
The Arc of Harrisonburg/Rockingham	653	615	6%	2,476	2,395	3%
Valley Program for Aging Services	2,842	2,785	2%	11,007	10,511	5%
Vector Industries	2,982	2,333	28%	10,676	2,514	325%
Virginia Regional Transit - CATS Coordinated Area Transportation	5,334	4,458	20%	21,275	15,491	37%
Virginia Regional Transit - City Of Staunton	8,395	9,810	-14%	36,525	39,903	-8%
Virginia Regional Transit - Clarke County	165	202	-18%	650	638	2%
Virginia Regional Transit - Page County	492	748	-34%	2,153	2,912	-26%
Virginia Regional Transit - Shenandoah Blue Ridge Service	5,647	5,411	4%	19,774	16,661	19%
Virginia Regional Transit - Town Of Front Royal	1,463	1,243	18%	4,628	4,392	5%
<b>Staunton District Total</b>	<b>335,442</b>	<b>317,846</b>	<b>6%</b>	<b>880,680</b>	<b>818,671</b>	<b>8%</b>
<b>STATEWIDE TRANSIT RIDERSHIP</b>	<b>16,822,342</b>	<b>18,333,301</b>	<b>-8%</b>	<b>67,205,753</b>	<b>69,349,603</b>	<b>-3%</b>

<b>CALENDAR COMPARISON</b>	<b>October 2009</b>	<b>October 2008</b>	<b>Percent Change</b>	<b>Fiscal YTD 2010 (July-Oct. 2009)</b>	<b>Fiscal YTD 2009 (July-Oct. 2008)</b>	<b>Percent Change</b>
Number of Weekdays	21	22	-5%	85	86	-1%
Number of Saturdays and Sundays	9	8	13%	35	34	3%
Number of Holidays	1	1	0%	1	1	0%
<b>COMMUTER RAIL ON-TIME PERFORMANCE</b>						
	<b>October 2009</b>	<b>October 2008</b>	<b>Percent Change</b>	<b>Fiscal YTD 2010 (July-Oct. 2009)</b>	<b>Fiscal YTD 2009 (July-Oct. 2008)</b>	<b>Percent Change</b>
Virginia Railway Express	86.9%	85.4%	1.8%	90.5%	87.3%	3.7%

\*Amtrak ridership and on-time performance data is now provided in the monthly Statewide Amtrak Performance Report