



MEMORANDUM

TO: The Commonwealth Transportation Board

THROUGH: Thelma Drake
Agency Director

FROM: Corey Hill
Chief of Public Transportation

DATE: March 17, 2010

SUBJECT: Monthly Statewide Transit Ridership Report

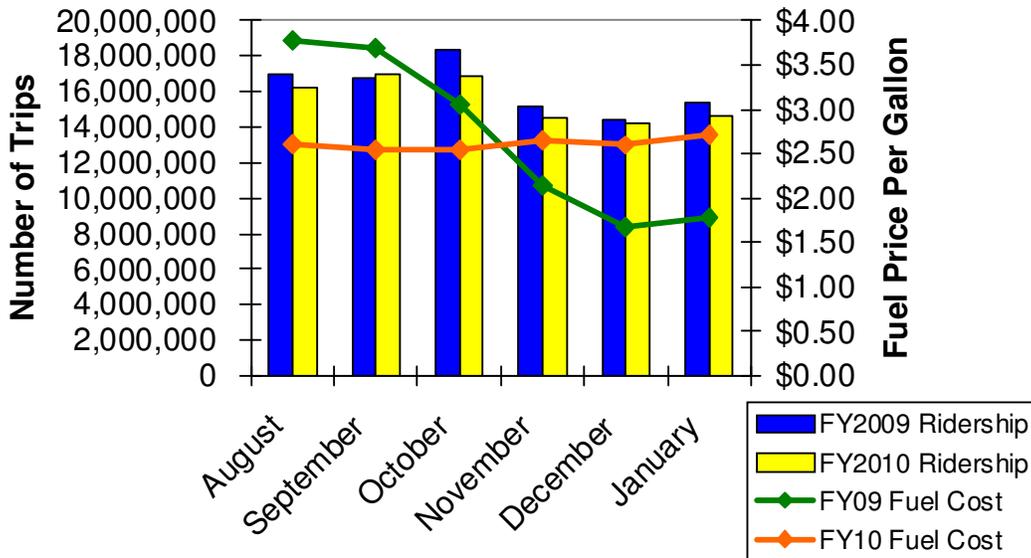
DRPT is pleased to present the monthly Statewide Transit Ridership Report, summarizing January 2010 transit, human service and commuter rail ridership data. This monthly report provides a snapshot of current performance and recent trends.

The following key facts are based on a year-over-year comparison of monthly results reported by operators for January 2010 and January 2009.

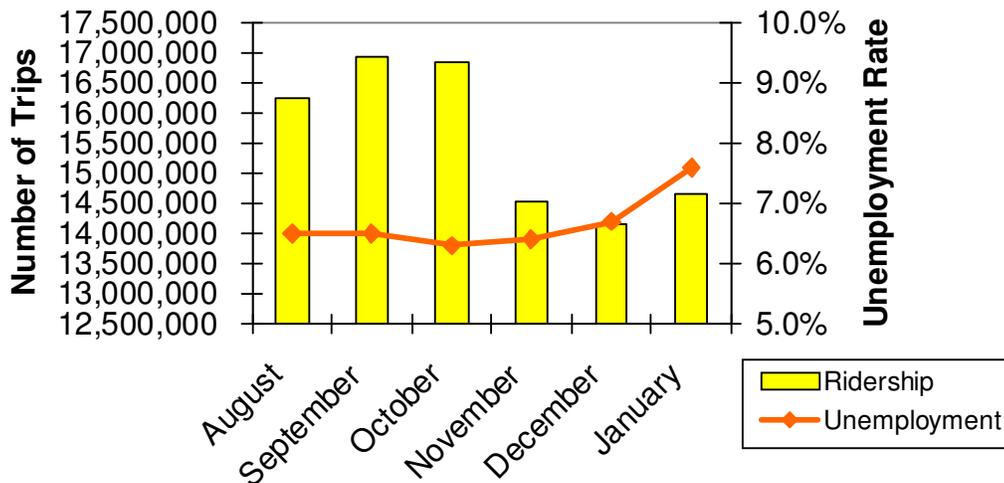
Key Facts

- Year over year comparisons:
 - Virginia's unemployment rate increased by 18.8 percent to 7.6 percent in January 2010 as compared to the January 2009 rate of 6.4 percent.
 - The price of fuel per gallon increased 52.2 percent to \$2.71 per gallon in January 2010, as compared to the January 2009 price of \$1.78 per gallon.
 - Virginia statewide transit and commuter rail ridership for the month of January 2010 decreased by five percent, or 750,553 trips as compared to January 2009, based on reports from all 59 transit operators, 52 (of 55) human service operators, and one commuter rail operator.
 - Fiscal year-to-date 2010 statewide transit and commuter rail ridership decreased three percent in FY2010 as compared to FY2009.
 - January 2010 included the same number of weekdays and one additional weekend day as compared to January 2009.
- Transportation district comparisons:
 - In transit ridership, the **Northern Virginia District** accounts for the majority at 76.9 percent in January 2010, followed by the Hampton Roads District at 8.8 percent and the Richmond District at 6.0 percent.
 - In human service ridership, the **Staunton District** accounts for the majority at 21.6 percent in January 2010, followed by the Hampton Roads District at 17.9 percent and the Northern Virginia and Richmond Districts at 13.1 percent.
 - The district with the greatest increase in transit and human service ridership combined for January 2010, as compared to January 2009, is the **Staunton District** at 17 percent, or 33,547 additional trips.

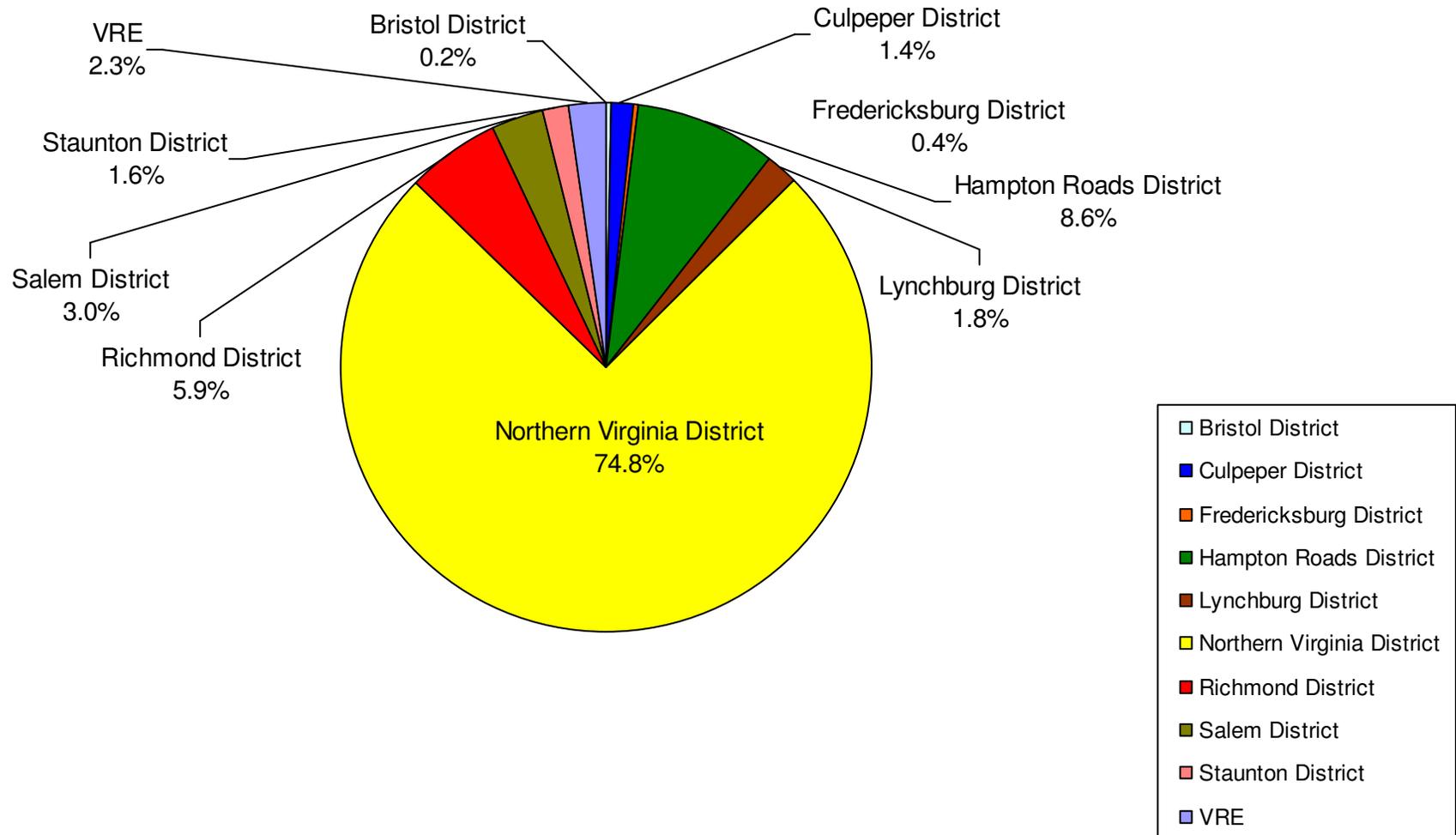
FY2009-FY2010 Transit Ridership and Fuel Cost Comparison



FY2010 Transit Ridership and Virginia Unemployment Comparison

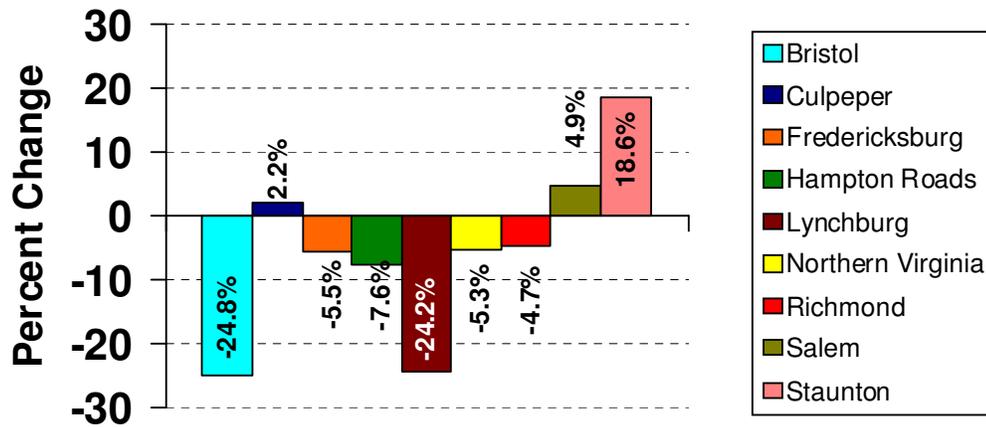


January 2010 Statewide Transit and Commuter Rail Ridership by District



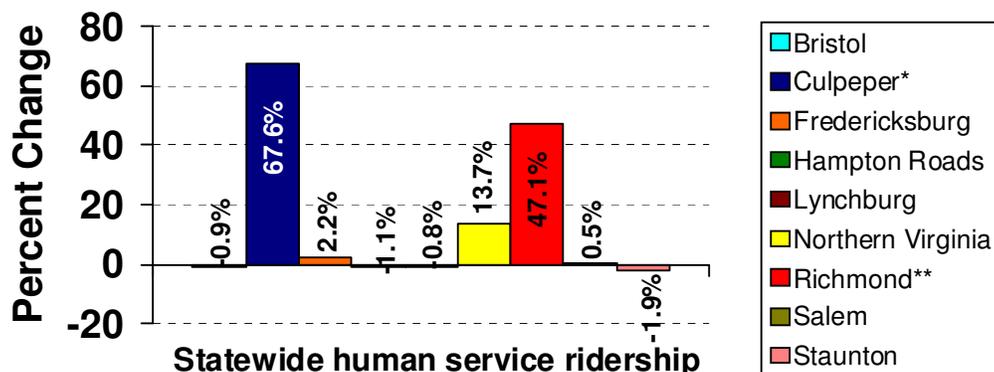
VRE ridership is not included within district totals because the operator provides cross-district service. Percentages may not add to 100 due to rounding.

January 2010 vs. January 2009 Transit Ridership by District



**Statewide transit ridership
decreased 5.3 percent**

January 2010 vs. January 2009 Human Service Ridership by District



**Statewide human service ridership
increased 7.4 percent**

**In the Culpeper District, Rappahannock-Rapidan Community Service Board operated an additional four vehicles in January 2010 than it did in January 2009, contributing to a significant increase in ridership.*

***In the Richmond District, St. Joseph's Villa operated an additional vehicle in January 2010 than it did in January 2009, contributing to a significant increase in ridership.*

January 2010 Statewide Transit and Commuter Rail Ridership Report

Operator	Total Ridership January 2010	Total Ridership January 2009	Percent Change	Fiscal YTD 2010 (July 2009 - January 2010)	Fiscal YTD 2009 (July 2008 - January 2009)	Percent Change
Passenger Rail						
Virginia Railway Express	332,868	295,131	13%	2,295,756	2,214,593	4%
Total Passenger Rail Ridership	332,868	295,131	13%	2,295,756	2,214,593	4%
Bristol District						
City of Bristol Virginia	5,539	5,954	-7%	46,455	44,680	4%
District Three Public Transit	11,161	15,172	-26%	124,403	131,971	-6%
Four County Transit	10,067	12,600	-20%	84,179	102,859	-18%
Junction Center For Independent Living	202	106	91%	1,736	1,209	44%
Mount Rogers Community Services Board	2,123	2,241	-5%	13,919	14,470	-4%
Mountain Empire Older Citizens	3,185	5,426	-41%	31,317	44,222	-29%
Town of Bluefield-Graham Transit	1,896	3,185	-40%	27,279	23,718	15%
Bristol District Total	34,173	44,684	-24%	329,288	363,129	-9%
Culpeper District						
Charlottesville Transit Service	161,650	159,170	2%	1,288,002	1,136,901	13%
Greene County Transit	4,338	4,129	5%	31,321	31,154	1%
JAUNT	23,456	21,402	10%	171,795	159,921	7%
Rappahannock-Rapidan CSB-AAA	2,888	1,723	68%	25,345	18,535	37%
Virginia Regional Transit - Culpeper County	570	455	25%	3,663	3,066	19%
Virginia Regional Transit - Fauquier/Warrenton	3,160	2,531	25%	17,864	15,732	14%
Virginia Regional Transit - Town Of Culpeper	4,763	5,605	-15%	38,014	40,208	-5%
Virginia Regional Transit - Town Of Orange	1,752	2,107	-17%	15,187	16,102	-6%
Culpeper District Total	202,577	197,122	3%	1,591,191	1,421,619	12%
Fredericksburg District						
Bay Aging	9,063	9,525	-5%	74,945	81,290	-8%
Bay Aging/Colonial Beach Transit	920	802	15%	7,713	6,822	13%
FRED - Caroline County	459	589	-22%	4,665	4,743	-2%
FRED - King George	1,343	1,625	-17%	10,034	12,814	-22%
Fredericksburg Regional Transit	38,631	40,794	-5%	289,868	303,861	-5%
Rappahannock Area Community Services Board	9,695	9,485	2%	87,777	68,148	29%
Fredericksburg District Total	60,111	62,820	-4%	475,002	477,678	-1%

Operator	Total Ridership January 2010	Total Ridership January 2009	Percent Change	Fiscal YTD 2010 (July 2009 - January 2010)	Fiscal YTD 2009 (July 2008 - January 2009)	Percent Change
Hampton Roads District						
Arc of the Virginia Peninsula	848	1,152	-26%	8,405	10,029	-16%
Bon Secours Senior Health	288	286	1%	2,304	2,752	-16%
Chesapeake Service Systems	581	504	15%	4,093	2,632	56%
Eastern Shore Community Services Board	2,892	2,781	4%	18,465	18,535	0%
ESAAA/CAA	837	600	40%	7,439	5,918	26%
Hampton Roads Transit	1,172,663	1,275,094	-8%	9,218,352	9,355,775	-1%
Historic Triangle Senior Center	643	570	13%	4,255	2,446	74%
Peninsula Agency on Aging	1,560	1,539	1%	10,810	12,167	-11%
Senior Services	3,725	4,050	-8%	28,115	19,079	47%
STAR Transit	2,834	2,970	-5%	18,843	21,818	-14%
Sussex-Greensville-Emporia Adult Activity Services	1,725	1,647	5%	12,928	12,769	1%
Town of Chincoteague*	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Western Tidewater Community Service Board	463	584	-21%	3,136	5,727	-45%
Williamsburg Area Transit Authority	77,072	76,841	0%	1,713,272	1,886,040	-9%
Hampton Roads District Total	1,266,131	1,368,618	-7%	11,050,417	11,355,687	-3%
Lynchburg District						
Blackstone Area Bus / Piedmont Area Transit	801	709	13%	5,604	5,036	11%
Central VA Area Agency on Aging	2,277	2,084	9%	20,465	20,207	1%
Crossroads Community Services	535	31	1626%	2,880	300	860%
Danville City's Parks, Recreation, And Tourism; Stonewall Therapeutic Recreation Center	40	65	-38%	392	484	-19%
Danville Transit System	18,941	20,516	-8%	145,043	153,521	-6%
Danville-Pittsylvania Community Services	42	n/a	n/a	459	n/a	n/a
Farmville Area Bus	11,161	10,821	3%	74,415	73,550	1%
Greater Lynchburg Transit Company	223,874	304,354	-26%	1,748,472	1,909,191	-8%
JAUNT Buckingham	910	990	-8%	6,894	6,152	12%
Lake Area Bus / Halifax Area Rural Transit	426	479	-11%	3,141	3,929	-20%
Southside Community Services Board	1,014	1,800	-44%	11,866	14,196	-16%
STEPS	1,059	1,024	3%	7,633	8,197	-7%
The Arc Of Central Virginia	1	5	-80%	42	64	-34%
Lynchburg District Total	261,081	342,878	-24%	2,027,306	2,194,827	-8%

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Northern Virginia District						
Alexandria Transit Company	293,301	294,503	0%	2,237,113	2,364,572	-5%
Arlington County	161,607	109,686	47%	1,084,345	839,180	29%
City of Alexandria - King Street Trolley	26,066	18,052	44%	287,000	429,615	-33%
Fairfax CUE	70,356	72,814	-3%	549,287	632,352	-13%
ECHO	4,688	3,788	24%	31,381	26,596	18%
Fairfax Connector	746,924	700,645	7%	5,368,236	5,733,804	-6%
Jewish Community Center of Northern Virginia	148	130	14%	1,042	820	27%
Loudoun County Transit	79,732	65,620	22%	542,472	514,929	5%
PRTC	249,465	230,296	8%	1,861,861	1,873,673	-1%
The Arc of Greater Prince William	5,073	4,797	6%	42,096	35,403	19%
Virginia Regional Transit - Loudoun	50,018	39,693	26%	387,511	321,416	21%
Virginia Regional Transit - Town Of Purcellville	1,582	1,027	54%	12,417	11,016	13%
WMATA MetroBus	1,599,826	1,704,695	-6%	12,087,690	13,356,395	-9%
WMATA MetroRail	7,675,138	8,328,952	-8%	57,053,164	58,778,730	-3%
Northern Virginia District Total	10,963,924	11,574,698	-5%	81,545,615	84,918,501	-4%

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Richmond District						
A Grace Place Adult Care Center	460	462	0%	3,655	3,248	13%
American Red Cross - Richmond	704	732	-4%	5,340	5,370	-1%
Bay Aging/New Kent/Charles City	956	859	11%	7,677	6,974	10%
Beth Sholom Home	343	219	57%	2,840	1,991	43%
Blackstone Area Bus	1,567	1,924	-19%	12,085	12,976	-7%
Blackstone Area Bus / Dinwiddie County	325	n/a	n/a	2,389	n/a	n/a
Blackstone Area Bus / Town & County Transit	438	268	63%	4,656	2,084	123%
Blackstone Area Bus- Brunswick Express	398	426	-7%	2,454	2,417	2%
CAPUP	737	350	111%	4,045	1,272	218%
Chesterfield Community Services Board	1,401	1,403	0%	9,708	11,136	-13%
Crater District Area Agency On Aging /FGP	3,944	2,920	35%	29,201	24,474	19%
Daily Planet	21	16	31%	277	131	111%
ElderHomes Corporation	136	192	-29%	1,350	1,166	16%
Goochland Free Clinic And Family Services	224	170	32%	1,550	1,546	0%
GRTC Transit System	799,769	838,973	-5%	5,933,688	6,260,217	-5%
Henrico Area Mh/Mr Services	8	n/a	n/a	101	n/a	n/a
Lake Country Area Agency on Aging	1,347	1,237	9%	10,667	8,906	20%
Petersburg Area Transit	49,670	53,294	-7%	339,551	363,381	-7%
St. Joseph's Villa	1,816	204	790%	12,444	1,392	794%
Weinstein Jewish Community Center	138	82	68%	1,017	836	22%
Richmond District Total	864,402	903,731	-4%	6,384,695	6,709,517	-5%
Salem District						
Blacksburg Transit	211,935	198,679	7%	2,034,917	1,799,721	13%
Goodwill Industries Of The Valleys	284	185	54%	2,399	646	271%
Greater Roanoke Transit Company	211,414	205,739	3%	1,448,105	1,539,735	-6%
New River Valley Community Services	1,901	2,032	-6%	13,767	13,979	-2%
Piedmont Community Services	547	548	0%	3,998	3,810	5%
Pulaski Area Transit	6,863	6,758	2%	53,433	37,621	42%
RADAR / Martinsville / Henry County	835	70	1093%	4,571	70	6430%
RADAR / Roanoke	3,795	3,314	15%	22,632	12,377	83%
Southern Area Agency on Aging	3,414	3,312	3%	54,526	30,210	80%
Stepping Stones	32	68	-53%	258	388	-34%
Salem District Total	441,020	420,705	5%	3,638,606	3,438,557	6%

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Staunton District						
City of Winchester	8,985	8,968	0%	70,358	81,561	-14%
Grafton	1,074	899	19%	10,481	10,309	2%
Harrisonburg Transit	188,591	158,169	19%	1,125,818	1,021,846	10%
Northwestern Community Services	1,008	775	30%	7,557	6,639	14%
Pleasant View	5,284	6,312	-16%	37,583	37,601	0%
RADAR / Covington & Clifton Forge	871	899	-3%	7,447	8,002	-7%
Rockbridge Area CSB	920	874	5%	6,450	6,496	-1%
Rockbridge Area Occupational Center	399	438	-9%	2,802	4,221	-34%
Rockbridge Area Transportation System	773	842	-8%	5,788	5,764	0%
Shen-Paco Industries	106	102	4%	606	840	-28%
Shenandoah Area Agency on Aging	1,853	1,364	36%	18,531	14,888	24%
The Arc of Harrisonburg/Rockingham	510	507	1%	4,039	3,977	2%
Valley Program for Aging Services	2,311	2,033	14%	18,149	17,132	6%
Vector Industries	2,188	2,602	-16%	17,551	9,780	79%
Virginia Regional Transit - CATS Coordinated Area Transportation	4,917	3,541	39%	35,721	26,537	35%
Virginia Regional Transit - City Of Staunton	6,016	5,875	2%	54,495	60,650	-10%
Virginia Regional Transit - Clarke County	176	175	1%	1,171	1,238	-5%
Virginia Regional Transit - Page County	518	628	-18%	3,659	4,775	-23%
Virginia Regional Transit - Shenandoah Blue Ridge Service	5,015	3,128	60%	32,943	26,344	25%
Virginia Regional Transit - Town Of Front Royal	1,169	1,006	16%	7,751	7,283	6%
Staunton District Total	232,684	199,137	17%	1,468,900	1,355,883	8%
STATEWIDE TRANSIT & COMMUTER RAIL RIDERSHIP						
	14,658,971	15,409,524	-5%	110,806,776	114,449,991	-3%

CALENDAR COMPARISON	January 2010	January 2009	Percent Change	Fiscal YTD 2010 (July 2009 - January 2010)	Fiscal YTD 2009 (July 2008 - January 2009)	Percent Change
Number of Weekdays	18	18	0%	141	140	1%
Number of Saturdays and Sundays	10	9	11%	62	61	2%
Number of Holidays	3	4	-25%	12	14	-14%
COMMUTER RAIL ON-TIME PERFORMANCE	January 2010	January 2009	Percent Change	Fiscal YTD 2010 (July 2009 - January 2010)	Fiscal YTD 2009 (July 2008 - January 2009)	Percent Change
Virginia Railway Express	90.6%	93.1%	-2.5%	89.2%	87.2%	2.0%

*Town of Chincoteague service is seasonal and will resume in Spring 2010.