

# Northern Virginia Transit Trends

A look at how Northern Virginia transit has changed over space and time.

## THE TAKEAWAYS

- 1 Transit has been disproportionately used for commuting, however most trips in Northern Virginia are not work related. Transit agencies should investigate options to better meet non-commute travel.
- 2 The region's buses have slowed down. Northern Virginia should invest in opportunities to speed them up with dedicated bus lanes, queue jumps and transit signal priority.
- 3 Many transit riders use routes that take them outside of Northern Virginia to the District of Columbia and Maryland. Local transit agencies should prioritize options that can help move more people inside Northern Virginia.

## TRANSIT TODAY IN NORTHERN VIRGINIA

from the NoVaTransit Data Dashboard



### The Northern Virginia region has...



8 transit agencies



2M residents



1.3M jobs



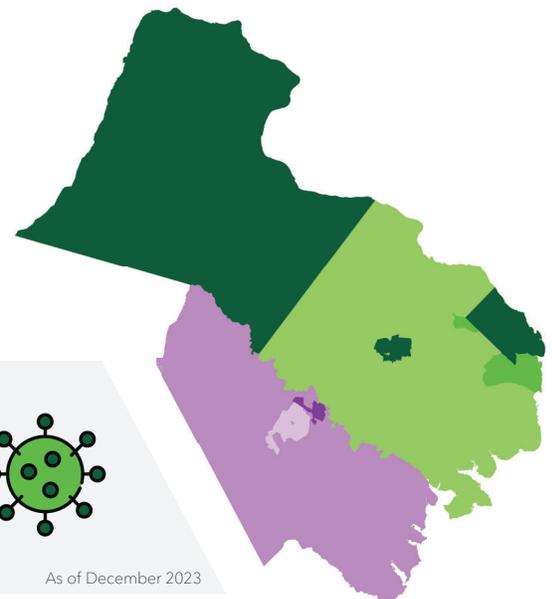
nearly 750K households



256 routes



7,615 stops



Transit ridership has increased by **180%** since the pandemic



As of December 2023

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## TRANSIT TRENDS FROM 2008 TO 2022

9%



increase in bus service

11



new Metro stations

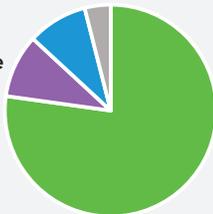
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new VRE station

Commute Modes  
2008-2022 Average

- Car
- Transit
- Telework
- Other



On average, public transit in Northern Virginia made up **10%** of all commutes

Northern Virginians commute by transit **more than** the national average

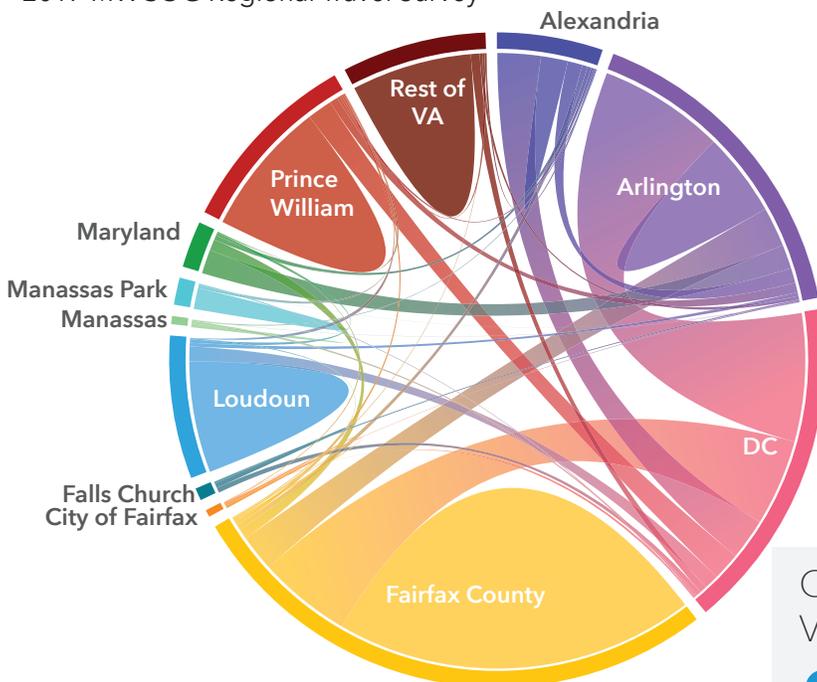
**↑10%** increase in commuter bus speeds

**↓8%** decrease in local bus speeds

## TRENDS AROUND

THE REGION

2017 MWCOC Regional Travel Survey



Transit accounted for **9%** of all Northern Virginia trips

People ride public transit **most often** for commutes and connecting to the District of Columbia

Of all trips starting or ending in Virginia, more than **80%** were not related to commuting

### Public Transit Trips in Virginia

For trips starting or ending in Northern Virginia. The wider the connection between two locations, the greater the number of trips.