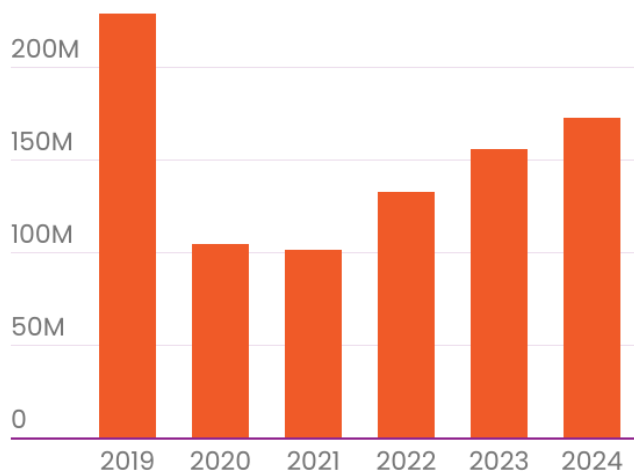


Transit Ridership Recovery Continues

June is Ride Transit Month! The Puget Sound Regional Council encourages and celebrates all things transit. Over the past few years, there's been plenty to celebrate with recovery and expansion of the regional transit system.

The region's transit system has continued to steadily recover ridership since the COVID-19 pandemic. In 2024, there were over 172 million transit boardings. That brought the region back to 75% of 2019 ridership.

Transit Boardings in the Puget Sound



The COVID-19 pandemic triggered a shift to work-from-home for many of the region's workers, many of whom previously commuted to work on transit. This shift is one major reason transit ridership has not fully recovered to pre-pandemic levels.

Ridership recovery is partly fueled by the expansion of the Link light rail system and new Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) lines. Over the last several years the Link light rail 2 Line was opened, and the T Line and the 1 Line were extended. In addition, King County

Metro and Community Transit opened new BRT lines and extended the reach of others to connect to newly opened light rail stations.

The region's transit recovery is not even across transit modes and time of day and week. Commuter rail and vanpool programs lag in recovery at 42% and 45% of 2019 ridership. Meanwhile, transit agencies are reporting that ridership has recovered on weekends and evenings at a faster rate than weekdays.

View the [2025 Current Transportation System Report \(PDF\)](#) to learn more about our current transit system, including a transit supportive densities gap analysis, or visit our [Regional Transportation Plan webpage](#) to see how PSRC is planning for better transportation in the future.



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