

Bus Ridership by Route

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How to read this report

This report shows many customers ride each route in the CTA bus system. Two types of numbers are presented in this report – ridership and productivity. Both are explained below.

How are customers counted?

Boardings are recorded using the bus farebox and fare card reader. A bus operator begins his or her duty by entering the route number into the farebox, allowing CTA to assign the ridership reported by the farebox to the proper route.

Ridership

The ridership numbers presented in this report are daily averages. Weekdays, Saturdays, and Sundays are reported separately. The averages are calculated by dividing the route's total monthly ridership for that day type by the number of such days that the route operated. For example, in September 2000 the #20 Madison  operated 20 weekdays and served 436,026 customers for an average weekday ridership of $436,026/20 = 21,803$. For routes that don't operate every day, such as the #19 United Center Express , the number of days that the route operates may be less than the actual number of days in the month.

Productivity

Productivity is the ridership on a route divided by the number of buses that operate on that route and the number of hours that they operate. That is, ridership per bus per hour.

For example, suppose route A serves 2,000 customers a day. Suppose further that route A is in operation for 10 hours, and that it takes 5 buses at a time to operate route A. Then the productivity of route A is $2,000/(10*5) = 2,000/50 = 40$. That is, on average 40 customers board every bus every hour on route A.

Productivity is a useful measure because the cost of operating a route is proportional to the number of buses on the route and the number of hours they operate.

What is route 0?

Occasionally, a bus operator may enter the route number incorrectly into the fare box. Although we have several ways to determine what the route number should have been, in some cases it is impossible to determine. In such cases, we consider the route “unspecified” and assign it the route number 0.

Why don't some routes have a productivity number reported?

Productivity is only reported for routes that have regularly scheduled service. Some routes, such as the #19 United Center Express , are only operated as needed and we do not report their productivity.

Why do we report the days in the month and the days in the average?

Usually, the number of days in the month and the number of days that we use to calculate average daily ridership are the same. On occasion, though, we experience data transmission problems that prevent us from identifying the route on which the ridership occurred. We exclude these days from the averages and divide by the number of days for which we have valid data.

Holidays

The following holidays are reported as Sundays:

- New Year's Day
- Memorial Day
- Independence Day
- Labor Day
- Thanksgiving Day
- Christmas Day

All other holidays are reported as the type of day they fall on.

March 2003 Notes

The following factors influenced March 2003 bus ridership.

#75 74th/75th 𠄎

Starting in the winter of 2001, the #75 𠄎 was rerouted to serve the 79th Street Red Line station.

#X55 Garfield Express 𠄎 and #X80 Irving Park Express 𠄎

Effective June 24, 2002, the #X55 Garfield Express 𠄎 and #X80 Irving Park Express 𠄎 buses began operating weekdays, supplementing local service and speeding trips for customers between their residential communities and job locations. The express bus routes are designed to provide faster service along two major east-west traffic corridors where there are no parallel 'L' lines.

#18 16th/18th 𠄎

Effective December 22, 2002, as part of a six-month experimental program, service on the #18 16th/18th 𠄎 has been extended to provide easy and direct connections to the Cicero Blue Line station (Cermak Branch) and the Cermak-Chinatown Red Line stations. Service hours remain the same.

#X21 Cermak Express 𠄎

Effective December 22, 2002, as part of a six-month experimental program, the #X21 Cermak Express 𠄎 has expanded weekend service to provide direct access to the Loop (Jackson Blue Line station 𠄎), Illinois Medical District (includes 14 hospitals and institutions), and North Riverside Park Mall. The express bus route is designed to provide faster service on the weekends with limited stops between residential communities and key employment centers. Service hours have also been extended from 6:00 a.m. to midnight in order for employees of all shifts to travel to and from their work locations.

#X80 Irving Park Express 𠄎

Effective March 17, 2003, the #X80 Irving Park Express 𠄎 revised its hours and route. The route has been extended to Harlem Irving Plaza.

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Route	Name	2001	2002	2003	Percent Change		Passengers Per Platform Hour
					'01-'03	'02-'03	
0	Unspecified Route	6,171	4,299	4,011	-35.0%	-6.7%	
1	Indiana-Hyde Park 	7,572	7,706	7,235	-4.4%	-6.1%	49.4
2	Hyde Park Express 	862	1,170	1,159	34.5%	-0.9%	69.4
3	King Drive 	23,082	22,728	21,671	-6.1%	-4.7%	56.3
4	Cottage Grove 	24,464	23,611	22,755	-7.0%	-3.6%	61.1
6	Jeffery 	19,087	18,861	17,710	-7.2%	-6.1%	40.8
7	Harrison 	5,729	5,429	5,480	-4.3%	0.9%	47.4
8	Halsted 	20,443	19,764	19,180	-6.2%	-3.0%	47.3
8A	South Halsted 	3,287	3,167	3,424	4.2%	8.1%	45.2
9	Ashland 	31,564	31,006	29,829	-5.5%	-3.8%	46.3
11	Lincoln 	3,726	3,366	3,246	-12.9%	-3.6%	27.9
12	Roosevelt 	11,388	10,182	10,514	-7.7%	3.3%	54.7
14	South Lake Shore Express	9,541	9,343	8,988	-5.8%	-3.8%	56.6
17	Westchester 	578	589	488	-15.5%	-17.1%	29.0
18	16th-18th 	1,718	1,623	1,755	2.2%	8.1%	25.8
19	United Center Express 	983	486	853	-13.3%	75.3%	
20	Madison 	22,560	23,120	22,024	-2.4%	-4.7%	65.6
21	Cermak 	7,862	7,066	7,247	-7.8%	2.6%	55.6
22	Clark 	22,535	20,942	20,796	-7.7%	-0.7%	53.8
24	Wentworth 	4,669	4,830	4,852	3.9%	0.5%	31.3
25	West Cermak 	275	435	863	214.5%	98.3%	71.6
27	South Deering 	6,091	5,390	5,130	-15.8%	-4.8%	40.3
28	Stony Island 	13,173	12,871	11,823	-10.2%	-8.1%	52.8
29	State 	17,733	17,082	17,139	-3.4%	0.3%	59.3
30	South Chicago 	4,203	3,759	3,471	-17.4%	-7.7%	26.3
33	Mag Mile Express	780	696	727	-6.9%	4.4%	37.6
34	South Michigan 	8,338	7,873	8,005	-4.0%	1.7%	55.6
35	35th 	6,190	6,191	5,436	-12.2%	-12.2%	36.8
36	Broadway 	15,572	15,002	15,367	-1.3%	2.4%	51.3
37	Sedgwick/Ogden 	2,618	2,330	2,804	7.1%	20.3%	30.1
39	Pershing 	2,256	2,068	1,873	-17.0%	-9.4%	18.6

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43	43rd &	1,308	1,215	1,230	-6.0%	1.2%	28.5
44	Wallace-Racine &	6,994	6,058	6,494	-7.1%	7.2%	37.5
47	47th &	8,658	8,155	7,849	-9.3%	-3.7%	44.8
48	South Damen	1,314	1,188	1,269	-3.4%	6.8%	31.0
49	Western &	24,336	24,183	20,726	-14.8%	-14.3%	46.9
49A	South Western &	437	604	538	23.2%	-10.8%	22.4
49B	North Western &	5,150	5,282	4,499	-12.6%	-14.8%	53.9
X49	Western Express &	6,016	5,481	7,896	31.2%	44.1%	31.0
50	Damen &	9,353	8,500	8,121	-13.2%	-4.4%	42.7
51	51st &	4,966	4,746	4,936	-0.6%	4.0%	52.4
52	Kedzie/California &	12,226	10,962	11,545	-5.6%	5.3%	51.3
52A	South Kedzie &	6,445	6,707	6,223	-3.4%	-7.2%	33.9
53	Pulaski &	22,336	20,472	20,179	-9.7%	-1.4%	59.8
53A	South Pulaski &	9,782	9,407	9,373	-4.2%	-0.4%	39.4
54	Cicero &	12,638	11,459	10,932	-13.5%	-4.6%	55.3
54A	North Cicero/Skokie Blvd.	1,445	1,172	1,250	-13.5%	6.6%	25.0
54B	South Cicero &	5,085	4,638	4,611	-9.3%	-0.6%	35.8
55	Garfield &	13,365	12,989	11,309	-15.4%	-12.9%	52.9
X55	Garfield Express &			2,510			32.7
55N	55th/Narragansett	1,138	1,033	1,054	-7.4%	2.1%	15.9
56	Milwaukee &	15,492	14,219	15,205	-1.9%	6.9%	46.4
56A	North Milwaukee &	634	574	1,056	66.6%	84.1%	26.1
57	Laramie &	3,156	3,117	3,210	1.7%	3.0%	59.5
59	59th/61st &	4,569	4,214	3,931	-14.0%	-6.7%	39.1
60	Blue Island/26th &	14,752	13,518	13,857	-6.1%	2.5%	51.9
62	Archer &	15,564	15,179	14,030	-9.9%	-7.6%	38.4
62H	Archer/Harlem &	1,454	1,392	1,328	-8.7%	-4.6%	24.1
63	63rd &	22,721	22,449	21,136	-7.0%	-5.8%	60.0
63W	West 63rd &	2,324	2,129	2,339	0.7%	9.9%	27.1
64	Foster-Canfield &	269	207	227	-15.5%	9.7%	18.9
65	Grand &	7,000	6,725	6,281	-10.3%	-6.6%	40.9

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66	Chicago &	21,183	22,357	20,716	-2.2%	-7.3%	61.6
67	67th-69th-71st &	14,909	14,198	14,482	-2.9%	2.0%	58.8
68	Northwest Highway &	1,681	1,512	1,481	-11.9%	-2.0%	26.5
69	Cumberland/East River	442	436	523	18.1%	20.0%	39.5
70	Division &	11,038	11,367	10,563	-4.3%	-7.1%	60.5
71	71st &	7,311	7,554	7,207	-1.4%	-4.6%	68.1
72	North &	16,133	15,428	14,419	-10.6%	-6.5%	54.8
73	Armitage &	5,325	5,098	5,290	-0.7%	3.8%	41.4
74	Fullerton &	13,118	12,683	12,387	-5.6%	-2.3%	60.5
75	74th-75th &	7,321	7,987	7,958	8.7%	-0.4%	65.5
76	Diversey &	14,294	12,430	12,471	-12.8%	0.3%	55.0
77	Belmont &	20,927	19,580	20,117	-3.9%	2.7%	51.1
78	Montrose &	9,481	8,590	8,411	-11.3%	-2.1%	48.3
79	79th &	31,981	33,410	31,744	-0.7%	-5.0%	58.3
80	Irving Park &	12,316	11,565	11,240	-8.7%	-2.8%	46.8
X80	Irving Park Express &			1,153			17.9
81	Lawrence &	15,299	13,887	14,241	-6.9%	2.6%	72.2
81W	West Lawrence &	1,508	1,484	1,641	8.8%	10.6%	25.3
82	Kimball-Homan &	21,323	19,445	18,547	-13.0%	-4.6%	49.7
84	Peterson &	4,466	4,054	3,927	-12.1%	-3.1%	48.0
85	Central &	13,872	12,734	12,771	-7.9%	0.3%	61.8
85A	North Central &	853	689	838	-1.8%	21.6%	27.3
86	Narragansett/Ridgeland &	1,971	1,896	1,885	-4.4%	-0.6%	32.5
87	87th &	17,094	16,772	16,349	-4.4%	-2.5%	49.9
88	Higgins &	1,797	1,554	1,910	6.3%	22.9%	35.3
90	Harlem &	3,958	3,621	3,945	-0.3%	8.9%	50.1
90N	North Harlem &	310	415	449	44.9%	8.1%	15.6
91	Austin	8,666	8,122	8,553	-1.3%	5.3%	45.5
92	Foster &	7,907	7,482	7,617	-3.7%	1.8%	58.9
93	North California &	2,351	2,239	2,413	2.6%	7.8%	49.6
94	South California &	10,912	10,428	9,839	-9.8%	-5.6%	46.1

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95E	93rd-95th ♿	5,881	6,297	5,848	-0.6%	-7.1%	42.3
95W	West 95th ♿	5,292	4,962	4,310	-18.6%	-13.1%	47.0
96	Lunt	1,293	1,221	1,122	-13.2%	-8.1%	24.9
97	Skokie ♿	3,702	3,613	3,601	-2.7%	-0.3%	32.7
X98	Avon Express ♿			398			69.4
100	Jeffery Manor Express ♿	1,256	1,359	1,112	-11.5%	-18.2%	30.9
103	West 103rd ♿	3,883	3,868	3,779	-2.7%	-2.3%	31.1
106	103rd/106th ♿	2,358	2,447	2,686	13.9%	9.8%	39.5
108	Halsted/95th ♿	3,195	2,972	2,763	-13.5%	-7.0%	42.4
111	Pullman/111th/115th ♿	6,336	5,755	5,951	-6.1%	3.4%	45.4
112	Vincennes/111th ♿	4,067	3,711	3,715	-8.7%	0.1%	33.4
119	Michigan/119th ♿	5,394	5,316	4,934	-8.5%	-7.2%	41.9
120	NW/Wacker Express	837	913	1,894	126.2%	107.6%	48.8
121	Union/Wacker Express	1,522	1,307	1,864	22.5%	42.6%	37.9
122	Illinois Center/NW Express	1,093	1,147	547	-49.9%	-52.3%	20.2
123	Illinois Center/Union Express	751	828	813	8.3%	-1.8%	32.9
125	Water Tower Express	2,221	1,947	2,496	12.4%	28.2%	32.7
126	Jackson ♿	11,114	9,416	9,446	-15.0%	0.3%	45.0
127	NW/Madison ♿	182	145	342	88.5%	135.8%	33.3
129	West Loop/South Loop ♿	820	745	1,110	35.3%	49.1%	40.2
135	Wilson/LaSalle Express	2,850	3,147	2,896	1.6%	-8.0%	53.5
136	Sheridan/LaSalle Express	1,954	1,990	2,148	9.9%	7.9%	50.6
145	Wilson/Michigan	8,718	8,181	8,170	-6.3%	-0.1%	44.4
146	Marine-Michigan	9,820	9,470	9,079	-7.5%	-4.1%	42.8
147	Outer Drive Express ♿	9,739	9,200	9,073	-6.8%	-1.4%	42.8
151	Sheridan ♿	25,367	23,212	21,702	-14.4%	-6.5%	46.2
152	Addison	11,576	10,513	10,464	-9.6%	-0.5%	46.7
155	Devon ♿	7,675	7,206	6,511	-15.2%	-9.6%	59.4
156	LaSalle	9,422	8,751	8,719	-7.5%	-0.4%	43.2
157	Streeterville ♿	3,480	3,118	2,989	-14.1%	-4.1%	35.7
168	UIC-Pilsen Express ♿		85	107		25.9%	

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169	69th-UPS Express	767	449	420	-45.2%	-6.5%	30.2
170	U of Chicago - Midway	238	388	229	-3.8%	-40.8%	41.1
171	U of Chicago - Hyde Park	984	1,027	931	-5.3%	-9.3%	51.0
172	U of Chicago - Kenwood	1,002	1,114	963	-3.9%	-13.5%	39.7
173	U of Chicago - Lakeview	213	193	225	5.4%	16.2%	9.9
201	Central/Sherman 	1,414	1,287	1,259	-10.9%	-2.2%	18.4
202	Main/Emerson	494	430	432	-12.6%	0.4%	11.8
203	Ridge/Grant 	1,701	1,608	1,507	-11.4%	-6.3%	26.9
204	Dodge	1,691	1,417	1,321	-21.9%	-6.8%	30.3
Weekday Total		1,005,758	960,548	943,604	-6.2%	-1.8%	47.6

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Section II: Average Saturday Boardings

Route	Name	2001	2002	2003	Percent Change		Passengers Per Platform Hour
					'01-'03	'02-'03	
0	Unspecified Route	2,909	2,905	3,285	12.9%	13.1%	
3	King Drive &	14,787	14,203	13,966	-5.6%	-1.7%	45.0
4	Cottage Grove &	19,494	16,606	17,284	-11.3%	4.1%	44.6
6	Jeffery &	12,859	12,953	13,234	2.9%	2.2%	34.7
8	Halsted &	13,257	12,914	13,349	0.7%	3.4%	42.4
8A	South Halsted &	2,915	2,776	3,356	15.1%	20.9%	39.7
9	Ashland &	23,910	23,958	23,319	-2.5%	-2.7%	47.1
10	Museum of S & I &	975	646	546	-43.9%	-15.4%	21.6
11	Lincoln &	1,875	1,741	1,778	-5.2%	2.1%	25.5
12	Roosevelt &	7,385	6,721	6,533	-11.5%	-2.8%	45.3
18	16th-18th &	980	736	956	-2.5%	29.8%	15.5
19	United Center Express &	2,112	268	894	-57.7%	234.0%	
20	Madison &	14,278	14,119	13,351	-6.5%	-5.4%	51.8
21	Cermak &	8,240	7,539	8,341	1.2%	10.6%	49.0
X21	Cermak Express &	1,174	1,256	612	-47.9%	-51.3%	5.7
22	Clark &	15,978	14,673	15,184	-5.0%	3.5%	46.5
27	South Deering &	3,487	3,413	3,203	-8.1%	-6.1%	33.9
28	Stony Island &	10,381	8,948	9,036	-13.0%	1.0%	49.9
29	State &	13,084	13,441	12,559	-4.0%	-6.6%	47.6
30	South Chicago &	2,201	2,217	2,000	-9.1%	-9.8%	19.5
34	South Michigan &	6,219	5,193	4,519	-27.3%	-13.0%	36.3
35	35th &	3,612	3,063	3,025	-16.3%	-1.3%	26.1
36	Broadway &	14,705	13,144	13,516	-8.1%	2.8%	43.9
43	43rd &	722	633	700	-3.0%	10.6%	23.9
44	Wallace-Racine &	3,150	2,443	3,125	-0.8%	27.9%	40.6
47	47th &	6,689	5,450	5,920	-11.5%	8.6%	42.8
49	Western &	20,587	19,680	19,770	-4.0%	0.5%	47.1
49B	North Western &	3,374	2,952	3,308	-2.0%	12.1%	60.3
50	Damen &	4,720	3,766	4,181	-11.4%	11.0%	28.6
51	51st &	4,193	4,221	3,746	-10.7%	-11.3%	43.8
52	Kedzie/California &	9,252	7,113	7,614	-17.7%	7.0%	41.6

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					'01-'03	'02-'03	
52A	South Kedzie ♿	3,810	3,328	3,322	-12.8%	-0.2%	37.1
53	Pulaski ♿	16,071	14,806	14,486	-9.9%	-2.2%	47.7
53A	South Pulaski ♿	3,559	2,948	3,341	-6.1%	13.3%	38.9
54	Cicero ♿	10,285	8,314	8,873	-13.7%	6.7%	52.3
54B	South Cicero ♿	5,161	4,327	4,620	-10.5%	6.8%	49.2
55	Garfield ♿	9,829	9,246	9,347	-4.9%	1.1%	50.1
55N	55th/Narragansett	165	126	165	-0.5%	31.2%	6.3
56	Milwaukee ♿	10,098	8,512	9,734	-3.6%	14.4%	40.3
57	Laramie ♿	1,647	1,489	1,515	-8.0%	1.7%	43.8
59	59th/61st ♿	2,337	2,222	2,033	-13.0%	-8.5%	26.4
60	Blue Island/26th ♿	10,674	8,924	9,179	-14.0%	2.9%	34.2
62	Archer ♿	8,070	7,304	7,524	-6.8%	3.0%	28.8
62H	Archer/Harlem ♿	708	559	473	-33.2%	-15.4%	18.2
63	63rd ♿	17,746	16,955	15,885	-10.5%	-6.3%	52.2
63W	West 63rd ♿	753	681	772	2.5%	13.3%	21.4
65	Grand ♿	3,692	3,225	3,093	-16.2%	-4.1%	29.4
66	Chicago ♿	13,293	13,284	13,898	4.6%	4.6%	57.2
67	67th-69th-71st ♿	10,346	9,537	9,921	-4.1%	4.0%	49.0
68	Northwest Highway ♿	727	535	628	-13.7%	17.3%	18.8
70	Division ♿	7,872	7,594	7,969	1.2%	4.9%	53.4
71	71st ♿	5,808	5,438	5,536	-4.7%	1.8%	56.5
72	North ♿	11,415	11,613	11,016	-3.5%	-5.1%	44.3
73	Armitage ♿	2,502	2,283	3,000	19.9%	31.4%	33.6
74	Fullerton ♿	11,042	8,777	8,928	-19.1%	1.7%	46.4
75	74th-75th ♿	5,307	5,374	6,372	20.1%	18.6%	56.7
76	Diversey ♿	8,628	6,966	7,213	-16.4%	3.6%	44.1
77	Belmont ♿	14,096	11,836	13,855	-1.7%	17.1%	47.2
78	Montrose ♿	6,178	5,389	6,063	-1.9%	12.5%	50.7
79	79th ♿	26,331	25,059	25,100	-4.7%	0.2%	53.2
80	Irving Park ♿	8,866	8,426	9,113	2.8%	8.1%	44.6
81	Lawrence ♿	12,537	10,638	11,230	-10.4%	5.6%	62.0

March 2003 Bus Ridership by Route

Section II: Average Saturday Boardings

Route	Name	2001	2002	2003	Percent Change		Passengers Per Platform Hour
					'01-'03	'02-'03	
81W	West Lawrence 	1,025	725	1,019	-0.6%	40.6%	25.1
82	Kimball-Homan 	13,335	11,774	11,507	-13.7%	-2.3%	48.4
84	Peterson 	2,343	2,276	1,945	-17.0%	-14.6%	30.8
85	Central 	8,536	7,514	7,764	-9.0%	3.3%	50.6
85A	North Central 	86	236	227	162.1%	-3.9%	13.2
87	87th 	10,972	10,317	10,997	0.2%	6.6%	53.2
88	Higgins 	749	677	734	-2.0%	8.4%	20.0
90	Harlem 	3,083	2,678	3,324	7.8%	24.1%	46.4
90N	North Harlem 	157	149	334	112.5%	124.1%	18.3
91	Austin	4,707	3,911	4,017	-14.7%	2.7%	48.3
92	Foster 	4,398	4,091	4,005	-8.9%	-2.1%	52.7
93	North California 	1,195	1,104	1,363	14.1%	23.5%	36.2
94	South California 	5,039	4,772	4,534	-10.0%	-5.0%	38.2
95E	93rd-95th 	4,964	4,092	3,790	-23.6%	-7.4%	28.5
95W	West 95th 	5,492	4,566	4,569	-16.8%	0.0%	40.3
97	Skokie 	2,285	2,195	1,960	-14.2%	-10.7%	33.4
X98	Avon Express 			32			76.5
103	West 103rd 	1,681	1,514	1,584	-5.8%	4.7%	25.9
106	103rd/106th 	799	671	723	-9.4%	7.8%	25.7
111	Pullman/111th/115th 	3,803	3,206	3,574	-6.0%	11.5%	32.8
112	Vincennes/111th 	1,497	1,527	1,456	-2.7%	-4.7%	20.7
119	Michigan/119th 	5,124	4,261	4,665	-9.0%	9.5%	40.7
124	Navy Pier Express 	861	701	727	-15.6%	3.7%	
126	Jackson 	5,090	4,150	4,524	-11.1%	9.0%	32.5
145	Wilson/Michigan	4,169	3,288	3,826	-8.2%	16.4%	35.2
146	Marine-Michigan	6,422	5,809	6,170	-3.9%	6.2%	40.6
147	Outer Drive Express 	6,144	5,046	5,458	-11.2%	8.2%	36.7
151	Sheridan 	16,149	13,983	14,311	-11.4%	2.3%	39.1
152	Addison	4,946	4,157	4,371	-11.6%	5.2%	35.9
155	Devon 	5,320	5,332	5,278	-0.8%	-1.0%	52.4
168	UIC-Pilsen Express 		4	11		159.0%	

March 2003 Bus Ridership by Route

Section II: Average Saturday Boardings

Route	Name	2001	2002	2003	Percent Change		Passengers Per Platform Hour
					'01-'03	'02-'03	
169	69th-UPS Express	56	65	90	61.7%	39.6%	32.8
171	U of Chicago - Hyde Park	313	326	491	57.0%	50.4%	47.1
172	U of Chicago - Kenwood	77	85	165	116.1%	94.3%	20.5
173	U of Chicago - Lakeview	251	214	239	-5.0%	11.4%	8.0
201	Central/Sherman 	642	698	514	-20.0%	-26.3%	14.6
Saturday Total		628,981	570,939	586,131	-6.8%	2.7%	43.0

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Section III: Average Sunday Boardings

Route	Name	2001	2002	2003	Percent Change		Passengers Per Platform Hour
					'01-'03	'02-'03	
0	Unspecified Route	1,358	1,939	2,923	115.2%	50.7%	
3	King Drive &	8,980	8,691	8,814	-1.8%	1.4%	35.7
4	Cottage Grove &	11,762	10,606	11,657	-0.9%	9.9%	38.6
6	Jeffery &	7,180	7,204	7,640	6.4%	6.0%	32.7
8	Halsted &	9,257	9,290	8,609	-7.0%	-7.3%	30.4
8A	South Halsted &	1,586	1,592	1,683	6.1%	5.7%	29.1
9	Ashland &	16,119	15,943	15,821	-1.8%	-0.8%	37.5
10	Museum of S & I &	534	431	612	14.6%	42.1%	24.2
11	Lincoln &	1,088	793	947	-13.0%	19.5%	20.0
12	Roosevelt &	5,398	5,636	5,011	-7.2%	-11.1%	42.1
18	16th-18th &	711	555	731	2.8%	31.5%	13.0
19	United Center Express &	645	381	513	-20.5%	34.7%	
20	Madison &	8,497	8,691	8,965	5.5%	3.2%	43.5
21	Cermak &	5,853	4,705	5,422	-7.4%	15.2%	37.7
X21	Cermak Express &	511	613	271	-47.0%	-55.8%	2.6
22	Clark &	11,678	10,386	10,976	-6.0%	5.7%	43.1
27	South Deering &	2,549	2,495	2,491	-2.3%	-0.2%	27.8
28	Stony Island &	6,018	5,896	5,573	-7.4%	-5.5%	33.6
29	State &	9,137	7,896	8,990	-1.6%	13.9%	43.5
30	South Chicago &	707	578	797	12.6%	37.8%	12.2
34	South Michigan &	4,215	3,502	3,537	-16.1%	1.0%	44.2
35	35th &	2,076	1,733	1,732	-16.6%	-0.1%	22.2
36	Broadway &	9,019	9,358	9,682	7.3%	3.5%	41.3
43	43rd &	369	217	249	-32.5%	15.0%	12.1
44	Wallace-Racine &	1,663	1,411	1,655	-0.4%	17.3%	27.6
47	47th &	3,836	3,683	3,484	-9.2%	-5.4%	31.4
49	Western &	12,525	12,592	13,143	4.9%	4.4%	43.2
49B	North Western &	2,091	2,259	2,259	8.0%	0.0%	47.0
50	Damen &	2,919	2,639	2,696	-7.6%	2.2%	20.4
51	51st &	2,093	2,307	2,095	0.1%	-9.2%	33.9
52	Kedzie/California &	5,549	5,134	5,144	-7.3%	0.2%	36.6

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Section III: Average Sunday Boardings

Route	Name	2001	2002	2003	Percent Change		Passengers Per Platform Hour
					'01-'03	'02-'03	
52A	South Kedzie ♿	2,188	1,780	2,180	-0.4%	22.5%	36.4
53	Pulaski ♿	10,142	10,127	9,705	-4.3%	-4.2%	42.3
53A	South Pulaski ♿	1,673	1,632	1,773	6.0%	8.6%	31.4
54	Cicero ♿	6,537	5,517	5,933	-9.2%	7.6%	44.3
54B	South Cicero ♿	2,754	2,551	2,540	-7.7%	-0.4%	45.4
55	Garfield ♿	7,085	7,020	6,826	-3.7%	-2.8%	41.8
56	Milwaukee ♿	7,307	6,453	6,609	-9.6%	2.4%	32.2
57	Laramie ♿	685	638	599	-12.6%	-6.1%	21.4
60	Blue Island/26th ♿	6,836	6,194	6,194	-9.4%	0.0%	26.3
62	Archer ♿	4,971	4,456	4,966	-0.1%	11.5%	26.5
63	63rd ♿	11,882	11,748	11,927	0.4%	1.5%	44.6
63W	West 63rd ♿	427	423	577	34.9%	36.4%	19.8
65	Grand ♿	1,957	1,866	1,857	-5.1%	-0.5%	25.9
66	Chicago ♿	8,252	8,663	8,647	4.8%	-0.2%	49.0
67	67th-69th-71st ♿	6,833	6,336	7,064	3.4%	11.5%	48.5
68	Northwest Highway ♿	275	247	315	14.9%	27.6%	22.3
70	Division ♿	5,414	5,692	5,117	-5.5%	-10.1%	39.6
71	71st ♿	3,438	3,339	3,506	2.0%	5.0%	56.9
72	North ♿	7,688	7,017	7,736	0.6%	10.2%	41.1
73	Armitage ♿	1,404	1,208	1,478	5.3%	22.4%	30.3
74	Fullerton ♿	6,419	5,813	6,088	-5.2%	4.7%	43.6
75	74th-75th ♿	3,295	3,770	4,152	26.0%	10.1%	39.4
76	Diversey ♿	5,706	4,800	4,895	-14.2%	2.0%	37.0
77	Belmont ♿	9,080	7,775	9,382	3.3%	20.7%	44.4
78	Montrose ♿	3,609	3,408	3,594	-0.4%	5.5%	30.2
79	79th ♿	17,012	16,861	15,658	-8.0%	-7.1%	49.9
80	Irving Park ♿	6,235	4,966	5,731	-8.1%	15.4%	37.0
81	Lawrence ♿	8,143	7,414	8,160	0.2%	10.1%	57.4
81W	West Lawrence ♿	437	266	509	16.3%	91.4%	16.6
82	Kimball-Homan ♿	7,651	7,494	7,059	-7.7%	-5.8%	42.3
84	Peterson ♿	1,168	963	924	-20.9%	-4.0%	28.3

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Section III: Average Sunday Boardings

Route	Name	2001	2002	2003	Percent Change		Passengers Per Platform Hour
					'01-'03	'02-'03	
85	Central ♿	5,215	4,701	5,006	-4.0%	6.5%	42.0
87	87th ♿	5,650	5,906	5,648	0.0%	-4.4%	45.7
88	Higgins ♿	444	562	425	-4.2%	-24.3%	13.6
90	Harlem ♿	1,619	1,518	1,943	20.0%	28.0%	38.0
91	Austin	2,729	2,349	2,311	-15.3%	-1.7%	34.3
92	Foster ♿	2,607	2,714	2,580	-1.0%	-5.0%	44.3
94	South California ♿	3,107	3,222	2,866	-7.7%	-11.1%	32.7
95E	93rd-95th ♿	3,213	2,809	2,798	-12.9%	-0.4%	23.2
95W	West 95th ♿	3,096	3,094	3,220	4.0%	4.1%	43.3
97	Skokie ♿	1,369	1,169	1,339	-2.2%	14.5%	29.7
103	West 103rd ♿	1,196	1,046	1,365	14.1%	30.5%	24.8
106	103rd/106th ♿	463	416	296	-36.1%	-28.8%	16.9
111	Pullman/111th/115th ♿	2,449	1,861	2,096	-14.4%	12.6%	25.5
112	Vincennes/111th ♿	923	936	1,174	27.3%	25.5%	22.6
119	Michigan/119th ♿	2,934	2,312	2,652	-9.6%	14.7%	35.2
124	Navy Pier Express ♿	569	567	537	-5.6%	-5.1%	
126	Jackson ♿	3,046	2,692	2,745	-9.9%	1.9%	25.6
145	Wilson/Michigan	2,073	1,786	2,218	7.0%	24.2%	32.6
146	Marine-Michigan	3,861	3,489	4,106	6.3%	17.7%	34.0
151	Sheridan ♿	13,393	11,481	11,446	-14.5%	-0.3%	36.9
152	Addison	2,519	2,048	2,338	-7.2%	14.1%	32.4
155	Devon ♿	3,792	3,929	3,907	3.0%	-0.5%	51.4
171	U of Chicago - Hyde Park	266	368	148	-44.4%	-59.7%	14.9
172	U of Chicago - Kenwood	65	81	186	186.6%	130.2%	24.0
173	U of Chicago - Lakeview	136	169	226	66.2%	33.5%	12.0
201	Central/Sherman ♿	283	230	169	-40.3%	-26.7%	15.7
Sunday Total		389,283	366,368	379,070	-2.6%	3.5%	37.2

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Section IV: Operating Data

	2001	2002	2003	Percent Change	
				'01-'03	'02-'03
Monthly Total (Operating Data)	26,828,710	24,858,040	24,641,698	-8.2%	-0.9%

Days in Month

<i>Weekdays</i>	22	21	21
<i>Saturdays</i>	5	5	5
<i>Sundays</i>	4	5	5

Days in Averages (Varies by Route)

<i>Weekdays</i>	22	21	21
<i>Saturdays</i>	5	5	5
<i>Sundays</i>	4	5	5

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Section V: Highest Ridership Routes

Route	Name	2001	2002	2003	Percent Change		Passengers Per Platform Hour
					'01-'03	'02-'03	
<i>Weekday</i>							
79	79th 	31,981	33,410	31,744	-0.7%	-5.0%	58.3
9	Ashland 	31,564	31,006	29,829	-5.5%	-3.8%	46.3
4	Cottage Grove 	24,464	23,611	22,755	-7.0%	-3.6%	61.1
20	Madison 	22,560	23,120	22,024	-2.4%	-4.7%	65.6
151	Sheridan 	25,367	23,212	21,702	-14.4%	-6.5%	46.2
3	King Drive 	23,082	22,728	21,671	-6.1%	-4.7%	56.3
63	63rd 	22,721	22,449	21,136	-7.0%	-5.8%	60.0
22	Clark 	22,535	20,942	20,796	-7.7%	-0.7%	53.8
49	Western 	24,336	24,183	20,726	-14.8%	-14.3%	46.9
66	Chicago 	21,183	22,357	20,716	-2.2%	-7.3%	61.6
<i>Saturday</i>							
79	79th 	26,331	25,059	25,100	-4.7%	0.2%	53.2
9	Ashland 	23,910	23,958	23,319	-2.5%	-2.7%	47.1
49	Western 	20,587	19,680	19,770	-4.0%	0.5%	47.1
4	Cottage Grove 	19,494	16,606	17,284	-11.3%	4.1%	44.6
63	63rd 	17,746	16,955	15,885	-10.5%	-6.3%	52.2
22	Clark 	15,978	14,673	15,184	-5.0%	3.5%	46.5
53	Pulaski 	16,071	14,806	14,486	-9.9%	-2.2%	47.7
151	Sheridan 	16,149	13,983	14,311	-11.4%	2.3%	39.1
3	King Drive 	14,787	14,203	13,966	-5.6%	-1.7%	45.0
66	Chicago 	13,293	13,284	13,898	4.6%	4.6%	57.2
<i>Sunday</i>							
9	Ashland 	16,119	15,943	15,821	-1.8%	-0.8%	37.5
79	79th 	17,012	16,861	15,658	-8.0%	-7.1%	49.9
49	Western 	12,525	12,592	13,143	4.9%	4.4%	43.2
63	63rd 	11,882	11,748	11,927	0.4%	1.5%	44.6
4	Cottage Grove 	11,762	10,606	11,657	-0.9%	9.9%	38.6
151	Sheridan 	13,393	11,481	11,446	-14.5%	-0.3%	36.9
22	Clark 	11,678	10,386	10,976	-6.0%	5.7%	43.1
53	Pulaski 	10,142	10,127	9,705	-4.3%	-4.2%	42.3
36	Broadway 	9,019	9,358	9,682	7.3%	3.5%	41.3
77	Belmont 	9,080	7,775	9,382	3.3%	20.7%	44.4

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Section VI: Highest Increase Routes

Route	Name	2001	2002	2003	Percent Change		Passengers Per Platform Hour
					'01-'03	'02-'03	
<i>Weekday</i>							
120	NW/Wacker Express	837	913	1,894	126.2%	107.6%	48.8
25	West Cermak 	275	435	863	214.5%	98.3%	71.6
56A	North Milwaukee 	634	574	1,056	66.6%	84.1%	26.1
129	West Loop/South Loop 	820	745	1,110	35.3%	49.1%	40.2
X49	Western Express 	6,016	5,481	7,896	31.2%	44.1%	31.0
121	Union/Wacker Express	1,522	1,307	1,864	22.5%	42.6%	37.9
125	Water Tower Express	2,221	1,947	2,496	12.4%	28.2%	32.7
88	Higgins 	1,797	1,554	1,910	6.3%	22.9%	35.3
85A	North Central 	853	689	838	-1.8%	21.6%	27.3
37	Sedgwick/Ogden 	2,618	2,330	2,804	7.1%	20.3%	30.1
<i>Saturday</i>							
90N	North Harlem 	157	149	334	112.5%	124.1%	18.3
172	U of Chicago - Kenwood	77	85	165	116.1%	94.3%	20.5
171	U of Chicago - Hyde Park	313	326	491	57.0%	50.4%	47.1
81W	West Lawrence 	1,025	725	1,019	-0.6%	40.6%	25.1
169	69th-UPS Express	56	65	90	61.7%	39.6%	32.8
73	Armitage 	2,502	2,283	3,000	19.9%	31.4%	33.6
55N	55th/Narragansett	165	126	165	-0.5%	31.2%	6.3
18	16th-18th 	980	736	956	-2.5%	29.8%	15.5
44	Wallace-Racine 	3,150	2,443	3,125	-0.8%	27.9%	40.6
90	Harlem 	3,083	2,678	3,324	7.8%	24.1%	46.4
<i>Sunday</i>							
172	U of Chicago - Kenwood	65	81	186	186.6%	130.2%	24.0
81W	West Lawrence 	437	266	509	16.3%	91.4%	16.6
30	South Chicago 	707	578	797	12.6%	37.8%	12.2
63W	West 63rd 	427	423	577	34.9%	36.4%	19.8
173	U of Chicago - Lakeview	136	169	226	66.2%	33.5%	12.0
18	16th-18th 	711	555	731	2.8%	31.5%	13.0
103	West 103rd 	1,196	1,046	1,365	14.1%	30.5%	24.8
90	Harlem 	1,619	1,518	1,943	20.0%	28.0%	38.0
68	Northwest Highway 	275	247	315	14.9%	27.6%	22.3
112	Vincennes/111th 	923	936	1,174	27.3%	25.5%	22.6

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Section VII: Highest Decrease Routes

Route	Name	2001	2002	2003	Percent Change		Passengers Per Platform Hour
					'01-'03	'02-'03	
<i>Weekday</i>							
122	Illinois Center/NW Express	1,093	1,147	547	-49.9%	-52.3%	20.2
170	U of Chicago - Midway	238	388	229	-3.8%	-40.8%	41.1
100	Jeffery Manor Express ♿	1,256	1,359	1,112	-11.5%	-18.2%	30.9
17	Westchester ♿	578	589	488	-15.5%	-17.1%	29.0
49B	North Western ♿	5,150	5,282	4,499	-12.6%	-14.8%	53.9
49	Western ♿	24,336	24,183	20,726	-14.8%	-14.3%	46.9
172	U of Chicago - Kenwood	1,002	1,114	963	-3.9%	-13.5%	39.7
95W	West 95th ♿	5,292	4,962	4,310	-18.6%	-13.1%	47.0
55	Garfield ♿	13,365	12,989	11,309	-15.4%	-12.9%	52.9
35	35th ♿	6,190	6,191	5,436	-12.2%	-12.2%	36.8
<i>Saturday</i>							
X21	Cermak Express ♿	1,174	1,256	612	-47.9%	-51.3%	5.7
201	Central/Sherman ♿	642	698	514	-20.0%	-26.3%	14.6
62H	Archer/Harlem ♿	708	559	473	-33.2%	-15.4%	18.2
84	Peterson ♿	2,343	2,276	1,945	-17.0%	-14.6%	30.8
34	South Michigan ♿	6,219	5,193	4,519	-27.3%	-13.0%	36.3
51	51st ♿	4,193	4,221	3,746	-10.7%	-11.3%	43.8
97	Skokie ♿	2,285	2,195	1,960	-14.2%	-10.7%	33.4
30	South Chicago ♿	2,201	2,217	2,000	-9.1%	-9.8%	19.5
59	59th/61st ♿	2,337	2,222	2,033	-13.0%	-8.5%	26.4
95E	93rd-95th ♿	4,964	4,092	3,790	-23.6%	-7.4%	28.5
<i>Sunday</i>							
171	U of Chicago - Hyde Park	266	368	148	-44.4%	-59.7%	14.9
X21	Cermak Express ♿	511	613	271	-47.0%	-55.8%	2.6
106	103rd/106th ♿	463	416	296	-36.1%	-28.8%	16.9
201	Central/Sherman ♿	283	230	169	-40.3%	-26.7%	15.7
88	Higgins ♿	444	562	425	-4.2%	-24.3%	13.6
12	Roosevelt ♿	5,398	5,636	5,011	-7.2%	-11.1%	42.1
94	South California ♿	3,107	3,222	2,866	-7.7%	-11.1%	32.7
70	Division ♿	5,414	5,692	5,117	-5.5%	-10.1%	39.6
51	51st ♿	2,093	2,307	2,095	0.1%	-9.2%	33.9
8	Halsted ♿	9,257	9,290	8,609	-7.0%	-7.3%	30.4

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Section VIII: Highest Productivity Routes

Route	Name	2001	2002	2003	Percent Change		Passengers Per Platform Hour
					'01-'03	'02-'03	
<i>Weekday</i>							
81	Lawrence 	15,299	13,887	14,241	-6.9%	2.6%	72.2
25	West Cermak 	275	435	863	214.5%	98.3%	71.6
2	Hyde Park Express 	862	1,170	1,159	34.5%	-0.9%	69.4
X98	Avon Express 			398			69.4
71	71st 	7,311	7,554	7,207	-1.4%	-4.6%	68.1
20	Madison 	22,560	23,120	22,024	-2.4%	-4.7%	65.6
75	74th-75th 	7,321	7,987	7,958	8.7%	-0.4%	65.5
85	Central 	13,872	12,734	12,771	-7.9%	0.3%	61.8
66	Chicago 	21,183	22,357	20,716	-2.2%	-7.3%	61.6
4	Cottage Grove 	24,464	23,611	22,755	-7.0%	-3.6%	61.1
<i>Saturday</i>							
X98	Avon Express 			32			76.5
81	Lawrence 	12,537	10,638	11,230	-10.4%	5.6%	62.0
49B	North Western 	3,374	2,952	3,308	-2.0%	12.1%	60.3
66	Chicago 	13,293	13,284	13,898	4.6%	4.6%	57.2
75	74th-75th 	5,307	5,374	6,372	20.1%	18.6%	56.7
71	71st 	5,808	5,438	5,536	-4.7%	1.8%	56.5
70	Division 	7,872	7,594	7,969	1.2%	4.9%	53.4
87	87th 	10,972	10,317	10,997	0.2%	6.6%	53.2
79	79th 	26,331	25,059	25,100	-4.7%	0.2%	53.2
92	Foster 	4,398	4,091	4,005	-8.9%	-2.1%	52.7
<i>Sunday</i>							
81	Lawrence 	8,143	7,414	8,160	0.2%	10.1%	57.4
71	71st 	3,438	3,339	3,506	2.0%	5.0%	56.9
155	Devon 	3,792	3,929	3,907	3.0%	-0.5%	51.4
79	79th 	17,012	16,861	15,658	-8.0%	-7.1%	49.9
66	Chicago 	8,252	8,663	8,647	4.8%	-0.2%	49.0
67	67th-69th-71st 	6,833	6,336	7,064	3.4%	11.5%	48.5
49B	North Western 	2,091	2,259	2,259	8.0%	0.0%	47.0
87	87th 	5,650	5,906	5,648	0.0%	-4.4%	45.7
54B	South Cicero 	2,754	2,551	2,540	-7.7%	-0.4%	45.4
63	63rd 	11,882	11,748	11,927	0.4%	1.5%	44.6

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Section IX: Lowest Productivity Routes

Route	Name	2001	2002	2003	Percent Change		Passengers Per Platform Hour
					'01-'03	'02-'03	
<i>Weekday</i>							
173	U of Chicago - Lakeview	213	193	225	5.4%	16.2%	9.9
202	Main/Emerson	494	430	432	-12.6%	0.4%	11.8
90N	North Harlem 	310	415	449	44.9%	8.1%	15.6
55N	55th/Narragansett	1,138	1,033	1,054	-7.4%	2.1%	15.9
X80	Irving Park Express 			1,153			17.9
201	Central/Sherman 	1,414	1,287	1,259	-10.9%	-2.2%	18.4
39	Pershing 	2,256	2,068	1,873	-17.0%	-9.4%	18.6
64	Foster-Canfield 	269	207	227	-15.5%	9.7%	18.9
122	Illinois Center/NW Express	1,093	1,147	547	-49.9%	-52.3%	20.2
49A	South Western 	437	604	538	23.2%	-10.8%	22.4
<i>Saturday</i>							
X21	Cermak Express 	1,174	1,256	612	-47.9%	-51.3%	5.7
55N	55th/Narragansett	165	126	165	-0.5%	31.2%	6.3
173	U of Chicago - Lakeview	251	214	239	-5.0%	11.4%	8.0
85A	North Central 	86	236	227	162.1%	-3.9%	13.2
201	Central/Sherman 	642	698	514	-20.0%	-26.3%	14.6
18	16th-18th 	980	736	956	-2.5%	29.8%	15.5
62H	Archer/Harlem 	708	559	473	-33.2%	-15.4%	18.2
90N	North Harlem 	157	149	334	112.5%	124.1%	18.3
68	Northwest Highway 	727	535	628	-13.7%	17.3%	18.8
30	South Chicago 	2,201	2,217	2,000	-9.1%	-9.8%	19.5
<i>Sunday</i>							
X21	Cermak Express 	511	613	271	-47.0%	-55.8%	2.6
173	U of Chicago - Lakeview	136	169	226	66.2%	33.5%	12.0
43	43rd 	369	217	249	-32.5%	15.0%	12.1
30	South Chicago 	707	578	797	12.6%	37.8%	12.2
18	16th-18th 	711	555	731	2.8%	31.5%	13.0
88	Higgins 	444	562	425	-4.2%	-24.3%	13.6
171	U of Chicago - Hyde Park	266	368	148	-44.4%	-59.7%	14.9
201	Central/Sherman 	283	230	169	-40.3%	-26.7%	15.7
81W	West Lawrence 	437	266	509	16.3%	91.4%	16.6
106	103rd/106th 	463	416	296	-36.1%	-28.8%	16.9