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October saw highest average weekday ridership since the pandemic

BART ridership continued its steady recovery in October, posting the highest weekday average since the pandemic began.

Ridership was 10.7% higher than October 2024, with an average of nearly 200,000 weekday riders. In total, passengers took more than 5.3 million trips during the month. On Saturday, October 18, BART recorded 150,000 trips—the highest Saturday ridership since the pandemic.

Usage of the new Tap and Ride payment system continues to grow. Nearly 10% of all trips in October used Tap and Ride, which allows riders to pay directly at the fare gates with a contactless bank card. Tap and Ride is now the second most-used payment method after Clipper Adult, with usage up 23% from September.

Special fare programs are also expanding. Clipper START, which offers a 50% fare discount to qualifying low-income riders, saw a 40% increase in usage over last October. Meanwhile, usage of Clipper BayPass, the all-in-one Bay Area transit pass, rose 13.4% in October alone and 138% compared to a year ago.

BART has been investing in system improvements based on rider feedback, prioritizing safety, cleanliness, and customer experience enhancements. Earlier this year, BART completed installation of stronger, more secure fare gates at all 50 stations and became the first Tap and Ride agency—a system that will soon expand to other local transit agencies through the Next Generation Clipper program.



Despite encouraging ridership gains, **BART continues to face a \$375 million budget deficit.** To close that gap solely with fare revenue, current ridership would need to more than double. BART’s most recent budget forecast projects a 4% ridership increase in 2026.

BART’s gradual recovery is closely tied to work-from-home trends in the region. While more riders are returning to the system, they are generally taking fewer trips due to remote and hybrid work schedules.

Additional ridership information is publicly available and posted monthly at this location: <https://www.bart.gov/about/reports/ridership>

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October 2025 Monthly Ridership Snapshot



	Oct 2025 Actuals	Compared to Last Month		Compared to a Year Ago		Compared to Budget	
System Ridership							
Weekday	199,151	+3,811	+2.0%	+18,318	+10.1%	+11,942	+6.4%
Saturday	123,108	-4,607	-3.6%	+20,679	+20.2%	+16,408	+15.4%
Sunday	83,533	-5,066	-5.7%	+5,836	+7.5%	+2,233	+2.7%
Total¹	5,346,891	+299,770	+5.9%	+515,460	+10.7%	+343,691	+6.9%

	Oct 2025 Actuals	Compared to Last Month		Compared to a Year Ago		Ridership Notes
Ridership by Station (Average Weekday)						
Richmond	2,696	-36	-1.3%	+240	+9.8%	Ridership Events: Oct 3-5: Hardly Strictly Bluegrass Oct 10-12: Fleet Week Oct 14-16: Dreamforce Conference @ Moscone Center Oct 18: Regionwide No Kings Day Protests Oakland Roots: 2 home games
El Cerrito del Norte	4,347	-32	-0.7%	+315	+7.8%	
El Cerrito Plaza	2,515	+72	+2.9%	+329	+15.0%	
North Berkeley	2,037	+27	+1.4%	+217	+11.9%	Service Events: Oct 20: Equipment problem in Transbay Tube, single-tracking and cancellation of Red and Green service starting at 6:20AM. Normal service resumed 9:20AM. Oct 27: Equipment problem in Transbay Tube, single tracking and truncation of Red and Green service starting at 5:00AM. Normal service resumed 6:00AM.
Downtown Berkeley	7,260	+194	+2.8%	+1,088	+17.6%	
Ashby	2,317	+15	+0.7%	+240	+11.5%	
Antioch	2,041	+26	+1.3%	+10	+0.5%	Notable: Highest Ridership Day: Wednesday, Oct 22 (220,293) Lowest Ridership Day: Sunday, Oct 26 (72,257) Highest Saturday Since Pandemic: Oct 18 (149,852), No Kings Day Protests
Pittsburg Center	581	+9	+1.6%	+47	+8.8%	
Pittsburg / Bay Point	2,594	-14	-0.5%	+311	+13.6%	
North Concord / Martinez	698	-1	-0.2%	+35	+5.3%	
Concord	2,969	-11	-0.4%	+164	+5.8%	
Pleasant Hill	2,892	+8	+0.3%	+239	+9.0%	
Walnut Creek	3,270	+21	+0.6%	+240	+7.9%	
Lafayette	1,860	+24	+1.3%	+154	+9.0%	
Orinda	1,478	-13	-0.9%	+158	+11.9%	
Rockridge	3,192	+123	+4.0%	+450	+16.4%	
MacArthur	4,442	+126	+2.9%	+518	+13.2%	
19th St / Oakland	5,577	+165	+3.1%	+686	+14.0%	
12th St / Oakland City Center	5,847	-67	-1.1%	+604	+11.5%	The Show Must Go On: Civic Center Growth Outpacing Other Downtown Stations During AM Peak
Berryessa / North San Jose	1,940	+31	+1.6%	+200	+11.5%	
Milpitas	1,453	+10	+0.7%	+116	+8.6%	
Warm Springs / South Fremont	1,356	-11	-0.8%	+127	+10.3%	Clipper START Trips (Past 12 Months)
Fremont	2,384	-8	-0.3%	+179	+8.1%	
Union City	2,176	-16	-0.7%	+176	+8.8%	
South Hayward	1,617	+13	+0.8%	+135	+9.1%	Clipper BayPass Trips (Past 12 Months)
Hayward	2,525	-45	-1.8%	+33	+1.3%	
Dublin / Pleasanton	3,434	-46	-1.3%	+277	+8.8%	
West Dublin / Pleasanton	1,432	-12	-0.9%	+84	+6.2%	
Castro Valley	1,419	+13	+0.9%	+135	+10.5%	
Bay Fair	2,903	+3	+0.1%	+139	+5.0%	
San Leandro	3,728	+1	+0.0%	+168	+4.7%	
Coliseum	2,779	-106	-3.7%	+176	+6.7%	
Oakland International Airport	558	-21	-3.6%	-81	-12.6%	
Fruitvale	4,364	-9	-0.2%	+34	+0.8%	
Lake Merritt	3,205	-3	-0.1%	+143	+4.7%	
West Oakland	4,215	+134	+3.3%	+609	+16.9%	
Embarcadero	20,192	-44	-0.2%	+1,924	+10.5%	
Montgomery Street	16,514	+419	+2.6%	+1,923	+13.2%	
Powell Street	12,785	+838	+7.0%	+1,357	+11.9%	
Civic Center	10,891	+650	+6.3%	+1,286	+13.4%	
16th Street Mission	6,533	+430	+7.0%	+684	+11.7%	
24th Street Mission	6,157	+268	+4.5%	+322	+5.5%	
Glen Park	3,527	+93	+2.7%	+175	+5.2%	
Balboa Park	4,711	-25	-0.5%	+315	+7.2%	
Daly City	5,832	+10	+0.2%	+298	+5.4%	
Colma	1,764	+63	+3.7%	+185	+11.7%	
South San Francisco	1,596	+28	+1.8%	+141	+9.7%	
San Bruno	1,724	+50	+3.0%	+157	+10.0%	
San Francisco International Airport	4,662	+415	+9.8%	+571	+14.0%	
Millbrae	2,164	+52	+2.5%	+288	+15.3%	

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Ridership by Ticket Type					
Clipper Adult	3,286,102	+93,944	+2.9%	-286,132	-8.0%
Tap and Ride	528,642	+98,558	+22.9%	+528,642	n/a
Clipper Senior	432,820	+24,196	+5.9%	+38,205	+9.7%
Clipper High Value Discount	309,322	+16,729	+5.7%	-2,258	-0.7%
Clipper BayPass	303,477	+35,965	+13.4%	+175,708	+137.5%
Clipper START	185,756	+15,264	+9.0%	+53,641	+40.6%
Clipper Youth	112,162	+3,594	+3.3%	+324	+0.3%
Clipper Disabled	100,969	+5,243	+5.5%	+3,978	+4.1%
Clipper MUNI FastPass	87,641	+6,277	+7.7%	+3,352	+4.0%

Notes:
¹ Monthly total may not be directly comparable with other months due to differing number of days and day types.
 Data are preliminary, unaudited, and subject to restatement.