RIDERSHIP TRENDS

March 2019



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Executive Summary

Estimated passenger trips decreased 2.2 percent in March 2019 compared to March 2018. March 2019 had one less weekday, the same number of Saturdays, and one additional Sunday/holiday compared to March 2018.

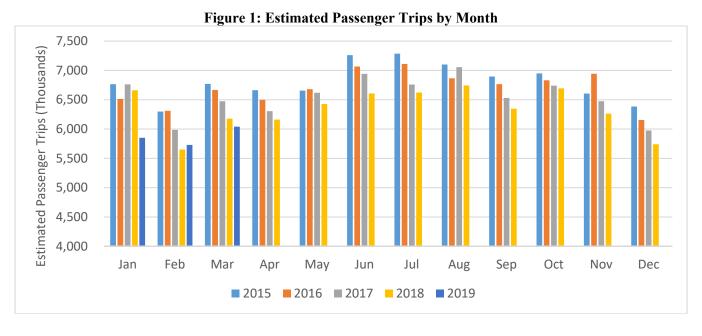
Estimated passenger trips decreased 4.7 percent in January-March (year-to-date) 2019 compared to 2018. Major factors influencing ridership in the first quarter of 2019 included the Polar Vortex extreme winter weather event on January 30 and 31 and the lack of 10-Ride Ticket stockpiling in 2019 compared to 2018, due to there being no fare increase in 2019.

Estimated passenger trips have decreased 3.4 percent in the last 12 months compared to the previous 12 months.

Table 1: Estimated Passenger Trips by Month ¹

N.C. and b	E	stimated Pas	senger Trips (Thousands)		Cha	nge
Month	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2015-2019	2018-2019
Jan	6,764	6,513	6,762	6,661	5,850	-13.5%	-12.2%
Feb	6,297	6,310	5,985	5,651	5,729	-9.0%	1.4%
Mar	6,770	6,666	6,474	6,176	6,040	-10.8%	-2.2%
Apr	6,663	6,497	6,305	6,162			
May	6,656	6,681	6,618	6,426			
Jun	7,260	7,066	6,941	6,607			
Jul	7,286	7,110	6,759	6,623			
Aug	7,100	6,866	7,055	6,742			
Sep	6,896	6,766	6,530	6,347			
Oct	6,949	6,832	6,740	6,694			
Nov	6,606	6,943	6,475	6,261			
Dec	6,385	6,153	5,976	5,739			
Year-to-date	19,831	19,489	19,220	18,488	17,619	-11.2%	-4.7%
Last 12 Months	83,540	81,288	80,134	77,888	75,220	-10.0%	-3.4%

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For the 2019 budget year, Metra estimated total annual passenger trips to be 75.6 million. To track how well ridership is comparing to this budgeted amount, monthly estimates have been calculated by distributing the budgeted trips throughout the year based on the distribution in previous years. Unanticipated differences in holiday and special event travel are common explanations for variations between the monthly budget distribution and actual ridership. These effects are less pronounced at the quarterly and annual level. Table 2 shows the estimated monthly passenger trips compared to this distribution.

Table 2: Estimated vs. Budget Passenger Trips 1

Month	Estimated Passeng	ger Trips (Thousands)	Variance
Worth	Budget (2019)	Actual (2019)	variance
Jan	6,400	5,850	-8.6%
Feb	5,700	5,729	0.5%
Mar	5,950	6,040	1.5%
1st Quarter	18,050	17,619	-2.4%
Apr	6,450		
May	6,400		
Jun	6,360		
2nd Quarter	19,210		
Jul	6,830		
Aug	6,490		
Sep	6,530		
3rd Quarter	19,850		
Oct	6,500		
Nov	5,970		
Dec	5,990		
4th Quarter	18,460		
Year-to-date	18,050	17,619	-2.4%
Total	75,570		

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Ridership

Estimated ridership figures are based on the number of ticket sales multiplied by a standard ridership factor unique to each ticket type, in addition to the number of RTA Ride Free Permit passenger trips reported by conductors.

Estimated Passenger Trips by Line

Table 3 shows estimated passenger trips by line for the current month, the last three months, and the last 12 months. Estimated passenger trips decreased by 4.7 percent in the last three months compared to the previous year, and decreased 3.4 percent in the last 12 months compared to the previous year.

Table 3: Estimated Passenger Trips by Line

Lina		March		La	st 3 Months		Las	st 12 Months	
Line	2018	2019	Change	2018	2019	Change	2018	2019	Change
BNSF	1,284,242	1,258,543	-2.0%	3,853,186	3,690,679	-4.2%	16,139,219	15,660,145	-3.0%
HC	60,042	59,535	-0.8%	179,905	175,906	-2.2%	722,371	724,468	0.3%
MD-N	526,837	526,553	-0.1%	1,591,707	1,538,261	-3.4%	6,772,269	6,556,614	-3.2%
MD-W	508,545	492,923	-3.1%	1,490,759	1,415,847	-5.0%	6,287,047	6,069,084	-3.5%
ME	642,132	599,901	-6.6%	1,905,835	1,722,858	-9.6%	7,995,545	7,533,144	-5.8%
NCS	132,594	129,803	-2.1%	407,354	384,934	-5.5%	1,677,895	1,618,564	-3.5%
RI	630,345	613,350	-2.7%	1,872,418	1,792,922	-4.2%	7,835,113	7,498,834	-4.3%
SWS	201,581	197,969	-1.8%	606,425	585,749	-3.4%	2,443,603	2,400,245	-1.8%
UP-N	688,476	682,299	-0.9%	2,094,760	1,992,012	-4.9%	8,928,672	8,587,027	-3.8%
UP-NW	846,947	841,181	-0.7%	2,532,684	2,455,966	-3.0%	10,811,791	10,520,962	-2.7%
UP-W	654,083	637,901	-2.5%	1,952,578	1,863,829	-4.5%	8,274,341	8,050,594	-2.7%
Total	6,175,822	6,039,955	-2.2%	18,487,610	17,618,960	-4.7%	77,887,863	75,219,679	-3.4%

Estimated Passenger Trips by Fare Zone Pair

Table 4 shows estimated passenger trips by fare zone pair for the current month, the last three months, and the last 12 months.

- The long-term decline in No Zone Pair passenger trips is expected to continue as data collection improvements and the shift to the Ventra App cause fewer trips to be reported without a zone pair.
- In July 2018, year-long testing of the zone consolidation policy began. All tickets for Zones K through M were capped to the price of Zone J tickets. This caused an increase in passenger trips for Zone A-J, and a decrease for passenger trips for Zones A-K and A-M. There are no stations in Zone L.

Table 4: Estimated Passenger Trips by Fare Zone Pair ¹

Zama Dain		h (Thous		Last 3 Mo	onths (The			1onths (Th	ousands)
Zone Pair	2018	2019	Change	2018	2019	Change	2018	2019	Change
A-A	21	20	-5.0%	60	58	-3.1%	238	236	-0.9%
A-B	449	450	0.1%	1,375	1,325	-3.7%	5,603	5,474	-2.3%
A-C	846	848	0.2%	2,578	2,512	-2.6%	10,509	10,414	-0.9%
A-D	1,030	1,003	-2.6%	3,131	2,993	-4.4%	12,896	12,534	-2.8%
A-E	1,306	1,309	0.3%	3,961	3,892	-1.7%	16,345	16,084	-1.6%
A-F	801	760	-5.0%	2,407	2,250	-6.5%	9,823	9,636	-1.9%
A-G	482	478	-0.8%	1,459	1,409	-3.4%	5,993	5,866	-2.1%
A-H	392	380	-3.1%	1,171	1,105	-5.6%	4,870	4,725	-3.0%
A-I	134	130	-2.8%	399	378	-5.4%	1,646	1,615	-1.9%
A-J	22	56	161.0%	67	158	136.8%	288	549	90.7%
A-K	26	-	-100%	78	-	-100%	328	99	-69.9%
A-M	7	-	-100%	19	-	-100%	87	24	-72.1%
A-J, K, & M	55	56	2.1%	164	158	-3.4%	703	672	-4.4%
Intermediate	190	176	-7.6%	572	520	-9.1%	2,401	2,260	-5.9%
No Zone Pair	468	428	-8.6%	1,210	1,018	-15.9%	6,859	5,705	-16.8%
Total	6,176	6,040	-2.2%	18,488	17,619	-4.7%	77,888	75,220	-3.4%

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Estimated Passenger Trips by Ticket Type

Table 5 shows estimated passenger trips by ticket type for the current month, the last three months, and the last 12 months. Special event tickets and other data irregularities can affect month-to-month comparisons of passenger trips by ticket type:

• Stockpiling of 10-Ride Tickets occurred in advance of the 2017 and 2018 fare increases. As a result, 10-Ride Ticket passenger revenue and ticket sales were overstated in January 2018 and understated in subsequent months. As there was no fare increase in 2019, March 10-Ride Ticket sales were not reduced by stockpiling in January 2019 as they have been in previous years.

Table 5: Estimated Passenger Trips by Ticket Type ¹

		Mar	ch (Thousa	ands)			Last 3 M	onths (Tho	Last 3 Months (Thousands)					
Ticket Type				Share	Share				Share	Share				
	2018	2019	Change	2018	2019	2018	2019	Change	2018	2019				
Monthly Pass	3,789	3,652	-3.6%	61.3%	60.4%	11,167	10,834	-3.0%	60.3%	61.4%				
10-Ride Ticket	1,359	1,389	2.2%	22.0%	23.0%	4,647	4,255	-8.4%	25.1%	24.1%				
One-Way Ticket	723	709	-2.0%	11.7%	11.7%	1,916	1,886	-1.6%	10.3%	10.7%				
Weekend Pass	240	226	-5.9%	3.9%	3.7%	582	465	-20.0%	3.1%	2.6%				
Special Passes	-	-		0.0%	0.0%	0	-	-100%	0.0%	0.0%				
RTA Ride Free Permit	73	71	-2.4%	1.2%	1.2%	205	193	-5.7%	1.1%	1.1%				
Total ²	6,183	6,046	-2.2%			18,517	17,633	-4.8%						

		Last 12 M	lonths (The	ousands)	
Ticket Type				Share	Share
	2018	2019	Change	2018	2019
Monthly Pass	45,383	44,062	-2.9%	58.3%	58.6%
10-Ride Ticket	18,766	18,046	-3.8%	24.1%	24.0%
One-Way Ticket	9,221	9,482	2.8%	11.8%	12.6%
Weekend Pass	3,481	2,684	-22.9%	4.5%	3.6%
Special Passes	129	90	-29.9%	0.2%	0.1%
RTA Ride Free Permit	925	871	-5.9%	1.2%	1.2%
Total ²	77,904	75,235	-3.4%		

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² Passenger trip totals differ from those presented in other tables in this report, due to adjustments made for group sales, marketing sales, and refunds.

Passenger Loads

Table 6 shows the average daily passenger loads by service period for the current month, the last three months, and the last 12 months, derived from conductor counts. Average peak-peak direction passenger loads increased by 0.4 percent in the current month, and average total weekday passenger loads decreased by 0.8 percent in the same period.

Table 6: Average Daily Passenger Loads 1

Service Period	Marc	th (Thous	sands)		st 3 Mont housand		Last 12 Months (Thousands)		
	2018	2019	Change	2018	2019	Change	2018	2019	Change
Peak - Peak Direction	211	212	0.4%	212	205	-3.2%	214	209	-2.1%
Peak - Reverse Direction	19	18	-4.8%	19	17	-9.9%	20	19	-5.6%
Midday	30	28	-5.5%	29	27	-7.1%	32	31	-5.2%
Evening	15	14	-4.1%	14	13	-6.4%	16	16	-3.8%
Weekday	275	273	-0.8%	273	262	-4.3%	283	275	-2.8%
Saturday	66	68	2.8%	55	54	-0.5%	65	60	-7.7%
Sunday	33	30	-9.0%	29	30	1.4%	40	38	-5.6%

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RTA Ride Free Permit Free Trips

Figure 2 shows the number of RTA Ride Free Permit passenger trips for the last five years. Trips are included in ridership estimates because Metra is eligible for reimbursement for the number provided.

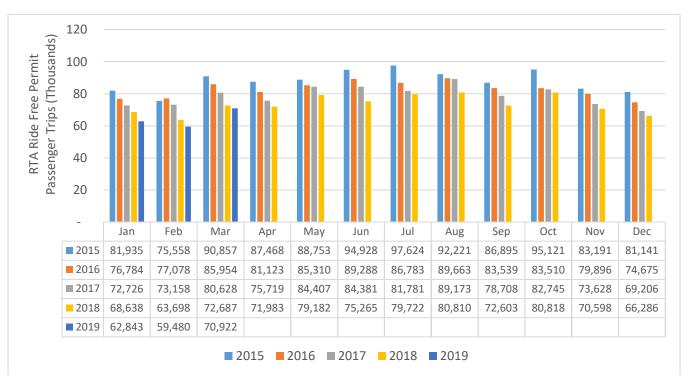
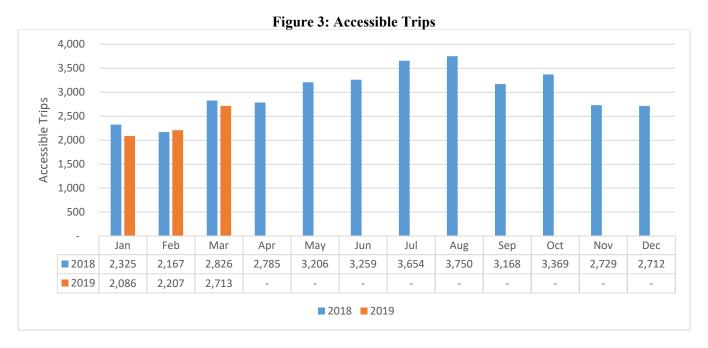


Figure 2: RTA Ride Free Permit Passenger Trips

Accessible Trips

Figure 3 shows the number of trips provided using accessible equipment. Accessible equipment consists of bridge plates on the Metra Electric Line and wheelchair lifts on all other lines.



Bicycle Trips

Figure 4 shows the number of trips provided where the passenger transported a bicycle.

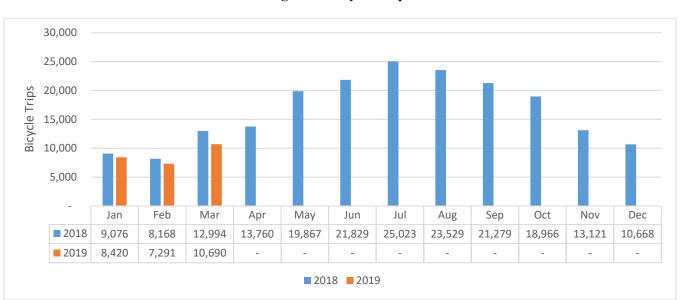


Figure 4: Bicycle Trips

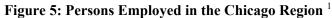
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Ridership Influences

Many different factors (such as the employment, gas prices, road construction, service changes, and special events) can influence ridership trends.

Employment

Figure 5 shows the number of persons employed in the six-county Chicago Region. The number of persons employed changed 0.0 percent in March 2019 compared to March 2018.





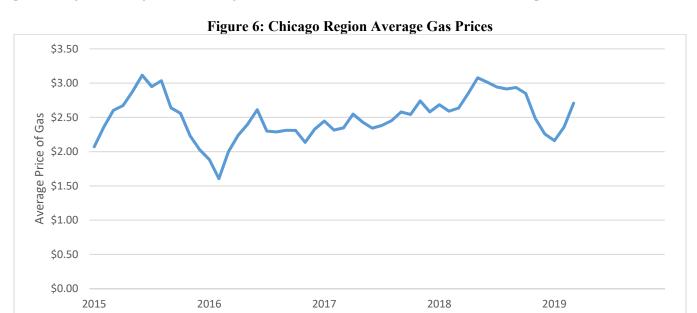
Year	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Year-to- date Average
2015	4,010	4,014	4,016	4,038	4,066	4,122	4,134	4,108	4,084	4,107	4,078	4,072	4,013
2016	4,033	4,078	4,115	4,128	4,150	4,192	4,218	4,155	4,125	4,106	4,105	4,087	4,076
2017	4,044	4,070	4,098	4,066	4,102	4,156	4,151	4,089	4,085	4,088	4,115	4,102	4,071
2018	4,050	4,113	4,130	4,111	4,131	4,171	4,187	4,131	4,113	4,147	4,161	4,113	4,098
2019	4,080	4,107	4,131										4,106
Change 2018- 2019	0.8%	-0.1%	0.0%										0.2%

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Source: Illinois Department of Employment Security

Gas Prices

Figure 6 shows the average price of unleaded regular gas for the Chicago-Naperville-Elgin area. The average price of a gallon of regular unleaded gas was \$2.71 in March 2019, a \$0.07 increase compared to March 2018.



Year	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Year-to- date Average
2015	\$3.45	\$3.52	\$3.83	\$3.95	\$3.86	\$3.99	\$3.71	\$3.57	\$3.61	\$3.30	\$3.00	\$2.57	\$3.60
2016	\$1.89	\$1.61	\$2.00	\$2.24	\$2.40	\$2.61	\$2.30	\$2.29	\$2.31	\$2.31	\$2.14	\$2.33	\$1.83
2017	\$2.45	\$2.32	\$2.35	\$2.55	\$2.43	\$2.34	\$2.38	\$2.45	\$2.58	\$2.54	\$2.74	\$2.58	\$2.37
2018	\$2.69	\$2.59	\$2.64	\$2.85	\$3.08	\$3.01	\$2.94	\$2.92	\$2.94	\$2.85	\$2.49	\$2.26	\$2.64
2019	\$2.16	\$2.36	\$2.71										\$2.41
Change 2018-2019	-\$0.52	-\$0.23	\$0.07										-\$0.23

Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics

Road Construction

No new roadway construction projects of regional significance began in March. The following projects are either under construction or were recently completed:

• Jane Byrne Interchange Reconfiguration – In 2015, work began on a major reconfiguration of the Jane Byrne Interchange. Work is expected to continue through 2022.

Service Changes

A two-year reverse-commute pilot project began March 4 on the Milwaukee District-North. The Milwaukee District-North schedule was adjusted to add two outbound morning express trains between Union Station and Lake Forest, and one inbound evening train.

Special Events and Promotions

Trains operated on a modified schedule with additional service and seating capacity for the downtown St. Patrick's Day Parade (March 16). Rock Island Line trains operated with additional seating capacity for the South Side Irish Parade (March 17).

Passenger Revenue and Ticket Sales

Changes in fares, ticket policies, and ticket sales channels can affect passenger revenue and ticket sales trends:

- The Ventra App was introduced in November 2015, causing a long-term shift from ticket agent and conductor sales to sales through the app.
- In June 2018, Metra stopped selling Monthly Passes and 10-Ride Tickets from vending machines at 15 non-downtown stations on the Metra Electric Line.
- In June 2018, Metra ended its Ticket-by-Internet program.
- In July 2018, yearlong testing of the zone consolidation policy began. All tickets from Zone A to Zones K through M were capped at the price of Zone J tickets.
- In July 2018, select stations with perceived inconsistencies in distance from downtown were reassigned to closer zones. Ashland, Racine, West Pullman, Stewart Ridge and State Street stations moved from Zone D to C. On the Metra Electric mainline, the 83rd Street and 87th Street stations were moved from Zone C to B. On the Rock Island Beverly Branch, the 123rd Street Station was moved from Zone D to C.
- In December 2018, an update to the Ventra app ended the option for purchasing mobile tickets without creating a Ventra account.

Special event tickets and other data irregularities can affect month-to-month comparisons of passenger revenue and ticket sales figures:

• Stockpiling of 10-Ride Tickets occurred in advance of the 2017 and 2018 fare increases. As a result, 10-Ride Ticket passenger revenue and ticket sales were overstated in January 2018 and understated in subsequent months. As there was no fare increase in 2019, March 10-Ride Ticket sales were not reduced by stockpiling in January 2019 as they have been in previous years.

Passenger Revenue

Table 7 shows passenger revenue by line for the current month, the last three months, and the last 12 months.

Table 7: Passenger Revenue by Line 1

	Table 7. I assenger Revenue by Line											
Line	Marc	ch (Thousa	nds)	Last 3 M	onths (Tho	usands)	Last 12 N	Ionths (Tho	usands)			
Line	2018	2019	Change	2018	2019	Change	2018	2019	Change			
BNSF	\$6,400	\$6,307	-1.5%	\$18,881	\$18,547	-1.8%	\$76,501	\$79,048	3.3%			
HC	\$314	\$311	-1.0%	\$926	\$920	-0.7%	\$3,616	\$3,802	5.2%			
MD-N	\$2,665	\$2,655	-0.4%	\$7,884	\$7,793	-1.2%	\$32,354	\$33,496	3.5%			
MD-W	\$2,538	\$2,461	-3.1%	\$7,358	\$7,111	-3.4%	\$29,878	\$30,630	2.5%			
ME	\$2,878	\$2,679	-6.9%	\$8,368	\$7,731	-7.6%	\$33,891	\$33,903	0.0%			
NCS	\$749	\$736	-1.8%	\$2,278	\$2,189	-3.9%	\$9,159	\$9,260	1.1%			
RI	\$2,950	\$2,876	-2.5%	\$8,622	\$8,442	-2.1%	\$34,963	\$35,473	1.5%			
SWS	\$937	\$925	-1.3%	\$2,776	\$2,746	-1.1%	\$10,884	\$11,283	3.7%			
UP-N	\$3,068	\$3,048	-0.7%	\$9,102	\$8,919	-2.0%	\$37,647	\$38,774	3.0%			
UP-NW	\$4,335	\$4,311	-0.6%	\$12,743	\$12,607	-1.1%	\$52,640	\$54,447	3.4%			
UP-W	\$3,244	\$3,175	-2.1%	\$9,478	\$9,280	-2.1%	\$38,872	\$40,403	3.9%			
Total	\$30,079	\$29,482	-2.0%	\$88,416	\$86,285	-2.4%	\$360,405	\$370,521	2.8%			

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Table 8 shows passenger revenue by ticket type for the current month, the last three months, and the last 12 months.

Table 8: Passenger Revenue by Ticket Type ¹

		March	(Thousand	ds)		Last 3 Months (Thousands)					
Ticket Type				Share	Share				Share	Share	
	2018	2019	Change	2018	2019	2018	2019	Change	2018	2019	
Monthly Pass	\$16,581	\$15,947	-3.8%	55.1%	54.0%	\$48,028	\$47,324	-1.5%	54.2%	54.8%	
10-Ride Ticket	\$8,069	\$8,248	2.2%	26.8%	27.9%	\$26,477	\$25,348	-4.3%	29.9%	29.4%	
One-Way Ticket	\$4,504	\$4,419	-1.9%	15.0%	15.0%	\$11,875	\$11,828	-0.4%	13.4%	13.7%	
Weekend Pass	\$959	\$897	-6.4%	3.2%	3.0%	\$2,170	\$1,855	-14.5%	2.5%	2.1%	
Special Passes	-	-		0.0%	0.0%	\$0	-		0.0%	0.0%	
Total ²	\$30,112	\$29,511	-2.0%			\$88,550	\$86,355	-2.5%			

	Last 12 Months (Thousands)								
Ticket Type	2010	2010	Cl	Share	Share				
	2018	2019	Change	2018	2019				
Monthly Pass	\$189,747	\$192,573	1.5%	52.6%	51.9%				
10-Ride Ticket	\$102,811	\$107,424	4.5%	28.5%	29.0%				
One-Way Ticket	\$56,088	\$59,570	6.2%	15.6%	16.1%				
Weekend Pass	\$11,499	\$10,731	-6.7%	3.2%	2.9%				
Special Passes	\$471	\$469	-0.5%	0.1%	0.1%				
Total ²	\$360,616	\$370,768	2.8%						

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on the unrounded values.

² Passenger revenue totals differ from those presented in other tables in this report, due to adjustments made for group sales, marketing sales, and refunds.

Table 9 shows passenger revenue by ticket type and sales channel for the current month 2018 and 2019.

Table 9: Passenger Revenue by Ticket Type and Sales Channel (Current Month) ¹

			Pass (Thous			ales Chann		icket (Tho	,	
Sales Channel	2018	2019	Change	Share 2018	Share 2019	2018	2019	Change	Share 2018	Share 2019
Commuter Benefit	\$5,284	\$4,962	-6.1%	31.9%	31.1%	\$635	\$606	-4.6%	7.9%	7.3%
Conductor	-	-		0.0%	0.0%	-	-		0.0%	0.0%
Internet	\$470	-	-100%	2.8%	0.0%	\$50	-	-100%	0.6%	0.0%
Ticket Agent	\$5,110	\$4,909	-3.9%	30.8%	30.8%	\$2,381	\$2,205	-7.4%	29.5%	26.7%
Vending Machine	\$651	\$486	-25.3%	3.9%	3.0%	\$412	\$334	-19.0%	5.1%	4.0%
Ventra App	\$5,066	\$5,590	10.3%	30.6%	35.1%	\$4,590	\$5,104	11.2%	56.9%	61.9%
Total	\$16,581	\$15,947	-3.8%			\$8,069	\$8,248	2.2%		
		One-Way T	icket (Thou	ısands)		Weekend	l, Special,	Ravinia Pa	sses (Tho	usands)
Sales Channel				Share	Share				Share	Share
	2018	2019	Change	2018	2019	2018	2019	Change	2018	2019
Commuter Benefit	-	-		0.0%	0.0%	-	-		0.0%	0.0%
Conductor	\$936	\$786	-16.1%	20.8%	17.8%	\$429	\$366	-14.7%	44.8%	40.8%
Internet	-	-		0.0%	0.0%	-	-		0.0%	0.0%
Ticket Agent	\$1,376	\$1,214	-11.8%	30.5%	27.5%	\$167	\$148	-11.6%	17.4%	16.5%
Vending Machine	\$160	\$144	-10.5%	3.6%	3.2%	\$25	\$23	-10.1%	2.6%	2.5%
Ventra App	\$2,032	\$2,276	12.0%	45.1%	51.5%	\$337	\$361	7.0%	35.2%	40.2%

		All Ticket 1	ypes (Thou	usands)	
Sales Channel				Share	Share
	2018	2019	Change	2018	2019
Commuter Benefit	\$5,918	\$5,568	-5.9%	19.7%	18.9%
Conductor	\$1,365	\$1,152	-15.6%	4.5%	3.9%
Internet	\$520	-	-100%	1.7%	0.0%
Ticket Agent	\$9,034	\$8,475	-6.2%	30.0%	28.7%
Vending Machine	\$1,249	\$986	-21.0%	4.1%	3.3%
Ventra App	\$12,026	\$13,330	10.8%	39.9%	45.2%
Total ²	\$30,112	\$29,511	-2.0%		

 $^{^{\}rm l}$ Values are rounded to the thousand. Change and share are calculated based on the unrounded values.

² Passenger revenue totals differ from those presented in other tables in this report, due to adjustments made for group sales, marketing sales, and refunds

Ticket Sales

Table 10 shows ticket sales by ticket type for the current month, the last three months, and the last 12 months. Monthly Pass sales decreased by 3.6 percent in the current month compared to the previous year, and 10-Ride Ticket sales increased by 2.2 percent in the same period.

Table 10: Ticket Sales by Ticket Type ¹

		Ma	rch (Thous	ands)	Last 3 Months (Thousands)					
Ticket Type				Share	Share				Share	Share
	2018	2019	Change	2018	2019	2018	2019	Change	2018	2019
Monthly Pass	88	85	-3.6%	8.4%	8.3%	260	252	-3.0%	9.0%	9.2%
10-Ride Ticket	136	139	2.2%	13.0%	13.6%	465	426	-8.4%	16.2%	15.5%
One-Way Ticket	723	709	-2.0%	69.3%	69.3%	1,916	1,886	-1.6%	66.7%	68.6%
Weekend Pass	96	90	-5.9%	9.2%	8.8%	233	186	-20.0%	8.1%	6.8%
Special Passes	-	-		0.0%	0.0%	0	-	-100%	0.0%	0.0%
Total	1,043	1,023	-1.9%			2,873	2,749	-4.3%		

	Last 12 Months (Thousands)								
Ticket Type				Share	Share				
	2018	2019	Change	2018	2019				
Monthly Pass	1,055	1,025	-2.9%	7.8%	7.6%				
10-Ride Ticket	1,877	1,805	-3.8%	13.8%	13.4%				
One-Way Ticket	9,221	9,482	2.8%	67.8%	70.6%				
Weekend Pass	1,392	1,074	-22.9%	10.2%	8.0%				
Special Passes	53	40	-25.6%	0.4%	0.3%				
Total	13,598	13,425	-1.3%						

 $^{^{\}rm l}$ Values are rounded to the thousand. Change and share are calculated based on the unrounded values.

Tables 11 details ticket sales by line and ticket type.

Table 11: Ticket Sales by Ticket Type and Line (Current Month)

			es by Ticket	Type and Lin	10-Ride	•	
Line	Monthly 2018	2019	Chango	Line	2018	2019	Change
BNSF			Change				Change
HC	19,562	18,660	-4.6%	BNSF	27,791	29,428	5.9%
	1,055	1,004	-4.8%	HC	1,166	1,296	11.1%
MD-N	6,813	6,751	-0.9%	MD-N	13,696	14,116	3.1%
MD-W	7,308	6,956	-4.8%	MD-W	9,198	9,273	0.8%
ME	8,745	8,373	-4.3%	ME	12,946	11,409	-11.9%
NCS	2,078	1,968	-5.3%	NCS	2,851	3,023	6.0%
RI	10,124	9,805	-3.2%	RI	10,710	10,632	-0.7%
SWS	3,436	3,293	-4.2%	SWS	3,668	3,801	3.6%
UP-N	8,200	7,957	-3.0%	UP-N	20,110	20,923	4.0%
UP-NW	11,749	11,452	-2.5%	UP-NW	18,632	19,559	5.0%
UP-W	9,041	8,718	-3.6%	UP-W	15,084	15,412	2.2%
Total	88,111	84,937	-3.6%	Total	135,852	138,872	2.2%
	e-Way Ticket (M	obile & Statio	on)		ne-Way Ticket	(Conductor)	
Line	2018	2019	Change	Line	2018	2019	Change
BNSF	97,042	96,660	-0.4%	BNSF	15,538	13,427	-13.6%
HC	2,579	2,774	7.6%	HC	376	318	-15.4%
MD-N	51,116	52,277	2.3%	MD-N	16,292	13,101	-19.6%
MD-W	50,019	51,648	3.3%	MD-W	17,356	14,041	-19.1%
ME	79,661	77,357	-2.9%	ME	23,814	19,668	-17.4%
NCS	9,325	9,820	5.3%	NCS	4,952	4,410	-10.9%
RI	48,757	49,202	0.9%	RI	12,981	10,631	-18.1%
SWS	11,420	12,520	9.6%	SWS	3,356	2,893	-13.8%
UP-N	69,036	71,997	4.3%	UP-N	28,268	25,856	-8.5%
UP-NW	78,868	83,787	6.2%	UP-NW	22,867	20,465	-10.5%
UP-W	62,354	62,730	0.6%	UP-W	17,129	12,981	-24.2%
Total	560,177	570,772	1.9%	Total	162,929	137,791	-15.4%
Weekend, S	pecial, Ravinia P	asses (Mobile	e & Station)	Weekend	, Special, Ravin	ia Passes (Cor	ductor)
Line	2018	2019	Change	Line	2018	2019	Change
BNSF	11,755	11,821	0.6%	BNSF	6,307	4,626	-26.7%
НС	-	-		HC	-	-	
MD-N	5,609	5,296	-5.6%	MD-N	4,504	4,732	5.1%
MD-W	5,471	5,794	5.9%	MD-W	4,885	4,933	1.0%
ME	4,617	4,253	-7.9%	ME	2,053	1,816	-11.5%
NCS	-	-		NCS	-	-	
RI	3,396	4,052	19.3%	RI	4,589	4,123	-10.2%
SWS	162	167	3.1%	sws	390	630	61.5%
UP-N	5,251	5,011	-4.6%	UP-N	5,239	3,919	-25.2%
UP-NW	9,815	9,405	-4.2%	UP-NW	9,354	7,535	-19.4%
UP-W	6,890	7,321	6.3%	UP-W	5,548	4,794	-13.6%
Total	52,966	53,120	0.3%	Total	42,869	37,108	-13.4%

Tables 12 and 13 show ticket sales by ticket type, sales channel, and tender type for the current month and year-to date 2017 and 2018. Tables 14 and 15 show total ticket sales by sales channel and tender type for the current month and year-to-date 2017 and 2018.

Table 12: Ticket Sales by Ticket Type, Sales Channel, and Tender Type (Current Month) ¹

Table 12: 1			Pass (Thou					Ticket (Tho		
Sales Channel				Share	Share				Share	Share
	2018	2019	Change	2018	2019	2018	2019	Change	2018	2019
Commuter Benefit	28	26	-5.9%	31.2%	30.5%	10	9	-4.4%	7.3%	6.8%
Conductor	-	-				-	-			
Internet	2	-	-100%	2.8%		1	-	-100%	0.6%	
Ticket Agent	28	27	-3.8%	31.4%	31.3%	42	39	-7.1%	30.8%	28.0%
Cash & Other	5	4	-28.0%			7	6	-20.3%		
Credit Card	23	23	1.5%			35	33	-4.4%		
Vending Machine	3	3	-24.8%	4.0%	3.1%	7	6	-18.7%	5.0%	4.0%
Ventra App	27	30	10.6%	30.6%	35.1%	76	85	11.1%	56.3%	61.2%
Credit Card	24	28	13.5%			72	81	11.3%		
Mixed & Other	2	1	-39.3%			1	1	-37.1%		
Ventra	1	1	47.8%			3	4	26.7%		
Total	88	85	-3.6%			136	139	2.2%		
		One-Way	Ticket (Tho	ousands)		Weeken	d, Special	, Ravinia P	asses (Tho	usands)
Sales Channel										
i				Share	Share				Share	Share
	2018	2019	Change	Share 2018	Share 2019	2018	2019	Change	Share 2018	Share 2019
Commuter Benefit	2018	2019	Change			2018	2019	Change		
			-15.4%					Change		
Commuter Benefit	-	-		2018	2019	-	-		2018	2019
Commuter Benefit Conductor Internet Ticket Agent	163	-		2018	2019	43	-		2018	2019
Commuter Benefit Conductor Internet	- 163 -	- 138 -	-15.4%	2018	19.4%	- 43 -	- 37 -	-13.4%	2018 44.7%	2019 41.1%
Commuter Benefit Conductor Internet Ticket Agent	- 163 - 216	- 138 - 191	-15.4%	2018	19.4%	- 43 - 17	- 37 - 15	-13.4% -11.6%	2018 44.7%	2019 41.1%
Commuter Benefit Conductor Internet Ticket Agent Cash & Other	163 - 216 120	138 - 191 104	-15.4% -11.7% -13.8%	2018	19.4%	- 43 - 17 9	- 37 - 15	-13.4% -11.6% -9.5%	2018 44.7%	2019 41.1%
Commuter Benefit Conductor Internet Ticket Agent Cash & Other Credit Card	- 163 - 216 120 96	138 - 191 104 87	-15.4% -11.7% -13.8% -9.1%	2018 22.5% 29.9%	19.4% 26.9%	- 43 - 17 9 8	- 37 - 15 8 7	-13.4% -11.6% -9.5% -13.9%	2018 44.7% 17.5%	2019 41.1% 16.4%
Commuter Benefit Conductor Internet Ticket Agent Cash & Other Credit Card Vending Machine	- 163 - 216 120 96 25	138 - 191 104 87 22	-15.4% -11.7% -13.8% -9.1% -11.3%	2018 22.5% 29.9% 3.5%	19.4% 26.9% 3.2%	- 43 - 17 9 8	- 37 - 15 8 7	-13.4% -11.6% -9.5% -13.9% -10.1%	2018 44.7% 17.5%	2019 41.1% 16.4% 2.5%
Commuter Benefit Conductor Internet Ticket Agent Cash & Other Credit Card Vending Machine Ventra App	- 163 - 216 120 96 25 319	138 - 191 104 87 22 357	-15.4% -11.7% -13.8% -9.1% -11.3% 12.2%	2018 22.5% 29.9% 3.5%	19.4% 26.9% 3.2%	- 43 - 17 9 8 3 34	- 37 - 15 8 7 2	-13.4% -11.6% -9.5% -13.9% -10.1% 7.0%	2018 44.7% 17.5%	2019 41.1% 16.4% 2.5%
Commuter Benefit Conductor Internet Ticket Agent Cash & Other Credit Card Vending Machine Ventra App Credit Card	163 - 216 120 96 25 319 282	138 - 191 104 87 22 357 325	-15.4% -11.7% -13.8% -9.1% -11.3% 12.2% 15.5%	2018 22.5% 29.9% 3.5%	19.4% 26.9% 3.2%	- 43 - 17 9 8 3 34 31	- 37 - 15 8 7 2 36 34	-13.4% -11.6% -9.5% -13.9% -10.1% 7.0% 9.5%	2018 44.7% 17.5%	2019 41.1% 16.4% 2.5%

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Table 13: Ticket Sales by Ticket Type, Sales Channel, and Tender Type (Year-to-date)

Table 15.	Table 13: Ticket Sales by Ticket Type, Sales Channel, Monthly Pass (Thousands)					and ICI		`		
Sales Channel		Wonthi	y Pass (Tho	Share	Share		10-kide	Ticket (The	Share	Share
Jaies Chainlei	2018	2019	Change	2018	2019	2018	2019	Change	2018	2019
Commuter Benefit	82	78	-5.5%	31.7%	30.9%	31	29	-6.8%	6.8%	6.9%
Conductor	-	-				-	-			
Internet	8	-	-100%	3.0%		4	-	-100%	0.8%	
Mail	-	-				-	-			
Ticket Agent	82	79	-3.5%	31.5%	31.3%	150	118	-21.2%	32.2%	27.8%
Cash & Other	15	11	-27.0%			24	17	-28.4%		
Credit Card	66	68	2.0%			126	101	-19.8%		
Vending Machine	10	8	-21.7%	3.9%	3.1%	20	17	-16.5%	4.3%	3.9%
Ventra App	78	87	12.3%	30.0%	34.7%	260	261	0.6%	55.9%	61.4%
Credit Card	70	81	15.7%			245	248	1.1%		
Mixed & Other	6	4	-41.6%			4	2	-42.4%		
Ventra	2	3	51.2%			11	11	4.9%		
Total	260	252	-3.0%			465	426	-8.4%		
		One-Way	Ticket (Th	ousands)		Weeken	d, Special	, Ravinia P	asses (Tho	ousands)
Sales Channel	2018	2019	Change	Share 2018	Share 2019	2018	2019	Change	Share 2018	Share 2019
Commuter Benefit	-	-				-	-			
Conductor	452	374	-17.3%	23.6%	19.8%	117	87	-25.6%	50.2%	46.5%
Internet	-	-				-	-			
Mail	-	-				-	-			
Ticket Agent	548	480	-12.5%	28.6%	25.4%	32	23	-27.2%	13.8%	12.5%
Cash & Other	315	267	-15.4%			17	12	-27.0%		
Credit Card	233	213	-8.5%			15	11	-27.3%		
Vending Machine	66	57	-13.3%	3.4%	3.0%	7	5	-26.6%	2.8%	2.6%
Ventra App	850	975	14.8%	44.4%	51.7%	77	72	-7.4%	33.2%	38.4%
Credit Card	751	886	17.9%			71	67	-4.9%		
Mixed & Other	8	5	-40.0%			1	0	-46.8%		
Ventra	90	84	-6.3%			6	4	-33.4%		
Total	1,916	1,886	-1.6%			233	187	-19.8%		

Table 14: Total Ticket Sales by Sales Channel and Tender Type (Current Month) 1

	-	All Ticket	: Types (Th	ousands)	
Sales Channel				Share	Share
	2018	2019	Change	2018	2019
Commuter Benefit	37	35	-5.5%	3.6%	3.5%
Conductor	206	175	-15.0%	19.7%	17.1%
Internet	3	-	-100%	0.3%	
Ticket Agent	303	271	-10.4%	29.0%	26.5%
Cash & Other	141	121	-14.4%		
Credit Card	161	150	-6.8%		
Vending Machine	38	33	-13.8%	3.7%	3.2%
Ventra App	456	508	11.5%	43.7%	49.7%
Credit Card	410	468	14.2%		
Mixed & Other	7	4	-41.9%		
Ventra	39	37	-7.0%		
Total	1,043	1,023	-1.9%		

 $^{^{\}rm l}$ Values are rounded to the thousand. Change and share are calculated based on the unrounded values.

Table 15: Total Ticket Sales by Sales Channel and Tender Type (Year-to-date) 1

		All Ticket	Types (Th	ousands)	
Sales Channel				Share	Share
	2018	2019	Change	2018	2019
Commuter Benefit	114	107	-5.9%	4.0%	3.9%
Conductor	569	461	-19.0%	19.8%	16.8%
Internet	11	-	-100%	0.4%	
Ticket Agent	812	700	-13.8%	28.3%	25.5%
Cash & Other	371	307	-17.2%		
Credit Card	440	393	-10.8%		
Vending Machine	102	86	-15.6%	3.6%	3.1%
Ventra App	1,265	1,396	10.4%	44.0%	50.8%
Credit Card	1,137	1,282	12.8%		
Mixed & Other	19	11	-41.3%		
Ventra	109	103	-5.4%		
Total	2,873	2,750	-4.3%		

 $^{^{\}rm l}$ Values are rounded to the thousand. Change and share are calculated based on the unrounded values.

Link-Up and PlusBus Sales

Sales of CTA Link-Up passes decreased by 7.6 percent in the current month compared to the previous year, and sales of Pace PlusBus passes decreased by 10.6 percent in the same period. Table 16 shows Link-Up and PlusBus sales by month for 2018 and 2019.

Table 16: Link-Up and PlusBus Sales

Month	20	18	20	19	Cha	nge	Mobile Sh	are (2019)
Month	Link-Up	PlusBus	Link-Up	PlusBus	Link-Up	PlusBus	Link-Up	PlusBus
Jan	3,090	1,177	2,836	1,057	-8.2%	-10.2%	27.5%	23.4%
Feb	3,120	1,155	2,867	1,046	-8.1%	-9.4%	29.0%	23.6%
Mar	3,109	1,188	2,873	1,062	-7.6%	-10.6%	29.1%	24.1%
Apr	3,051	1,148						
May	2,964	1,107						
Jun	2,908	1,068						
Jul	2,812	1,038						
Aug	2,820	1,060						
Sep	2,798	1,063						
Oct	2,899	1,111						
Nov	2,925	1,070						
Dec	2,699	922						
Year-to-date	9,319	3,520	8,576	3,165	-8.0%	-10.1%	28.5%	23.7%
Last 12 Months	36,315	14,126	34,452	12,752	-5.1%	-9.7%	26.4%	22.1%

Reduced Fare Sales

Seniors, some Medicare recipients, some persons with disabilities, primary and secondary school students, children, and military personnel are eligible for reduced fares on Metra. Table 17 shows the number of reduced fare tickets sold by month for 2018 and 2019.

Table 17: Reduced Fare Ticket Sales

		7	2018				2019	
Month	Monthly	10-Ride	One-Wa	y Ticket	Monthly	10-Ride	One-Wa	y Ticket
	Pass	Ticket	Mobile & Station	Conductor	Pass	Ticket	Mobile & Station	Conductor
Jan	2,771	18,132	40,528	20,183	2,752	11,168	42,613	19,183
Feb	2,897	9,165	36,638	18,463	2,838	10,771	33,924	14,399
Mar	3,007	11,429	64,010	24,568	2,940	11,587	63,580	21,353
Apr	3,006	12,195	43,755	22,532	-	-	-	-
May	3,039	13,026	55,248	27,998	-	-	-	-
Jun	2,875	12,742	73,733	34,342	-	-	-	-
Jul	2,841	12,374	88,996	34,797	-	-	-	-
Aug	2,703	12,919	82,500	32,105	-	-	-	-
Sep	3,154	12,430	49,190	24,220	-	-	-	-
Oct	3,318	14,436	52,359	25,649	-	-	-	-
Nov	3,122	12,216	53,685	22,797	-	-	-	-
Dec	2,675	11,029	57,839	24,766	-	_	-	-
Year-to-date	8,675	38,726	141,176	63,214	8,530	33,526	140,117	54,935
Last 12 Months	35,695	157,569	696,746	330,160	35,263	146,893	697,422	304,141

Month	Change			
	Monthly Pass	10-Ride Ticket	One-Wa Mobile & Station	y Ticket Conductor
Jan	-0.7%	-38.4%	5.1%	-5.0%
Feb	-2.0%	17.5%	-7.4%	-22.0%
Mar	-2.2%	1.4%	-0.7%	-13.1%
Apr				
May				
Jun				
Jul				
Aug				
Sep				
Oct				
Nov				
Dec				
Year-to-date	-1.7%	-13.4%	-0.8%	-13.1%
Last 12 Months	-1.2%	-6.8%	0.1%	-7.9%