# **RIDERSHIP TRENDS**

June 2017



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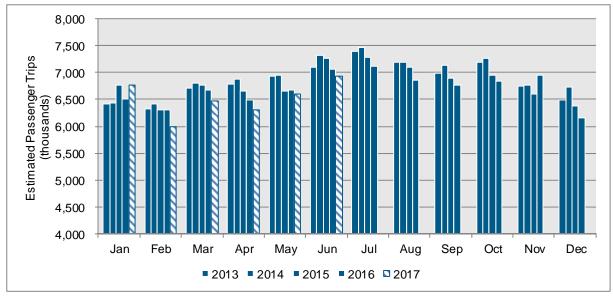
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#### **Executive Summary**

Estimated passenger trips decreased by 1.8 percent in June 2017 compared to June 2016. June 2017 had the same number of weekdays, Saturdays, and Sundays compared to June 2016. Year-to-date, estimated passenger trips in 2017 have decreased 1.7 percent compared to 2016, and 2017 has had the same number of weekdays, one less Saturday, and the same number of Sunday/holidays compared to 2016.

Table 1: Estimated Passenger Trips by Month													
	Est	timated Pas	senger Trip	<b>s</b> (thousand	ls)	Cha	nge						
	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2013-2017	2016-2017						
Jan	6,412	6,437	6,764	6,513	6,762	5.5%	3.8%						
Feb	6,329	6,419	6,297	6,310	5,985	-5.4%	-5.1%						
Mar	6,707	6,805	6,770	6,666	6,474	-3.5%	-2.9%						
Apr	6,783	6,885	6,663	6,497	6,305	-7.0%	-3.0%						
May	6,928	6,953	6,656	6,681	6,608	-4.6%	-1.1%						
Jun	7,103	7,318	7,260	7,066	6,941	-2.3%	-1.8%						
Jul	7,399	7,473	7,286	7,110	-	-	-						
Aug	7,194	7,192	7,100	6,866	-	-	-						
Sep	6,987	7,144	6,896	6,766	-	-	-						
Oct	7,187	7,260	6,949	6,832	-	-	-						
Nov	6,750	6,760	6,606	6,943	-	-	-						
Dec	6,489	6,724	6,385	6,153	-	-	-						
Last 3 Months	20,814	21,156	20,578	20,244	19,854	-4.6%	-1.9%						
Last 12 Months	81,125	82,823	82,962	80,954	79,745	-1.7%	-1.5%						
Year-to-date	40,262	40,817	40,409	39,733	39,075	-2.9%	-1.7%						

#### Figure 1: Estimated Passenger Trips by Month



For the 2017 budget year, Metra estimated total annual passenger trips to be 80.0 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. Table 2 shows the estimated monthly passenger trips compared to this distribution.

Table 2.1	Estimated vs. D	uuget i assenge	n mps
	2017 Budget	2017 Actual	Variance
	(thousands)	(thousands)	variance
Jan	6,553	6,762	3.2%
Feb	6,251	5,985	-4.3%
Mar	6,604	6,474	-2.0%
1st Quarter	19,409	19,220	-1.0%
Apr	6,437	6,305	-2.0%
May	6,619	6,608	-0.2%
Jun	7,001	6,941	-0.9%
2nd Quarter	20,057	19,854	-1.0%
Jul	7,044	-	-
Aug	6,714	-	-
Sep	6,874	-	-
3rd Quarter	20,632	-	-
Oct	6,927	-	-
Nov	6,585	-	-
Dec	6,365	-	-
4th Quarter	19,877	-	-
Year-to-date	39,466	39,075	-1.0%
Total	79,974	-	-

Table 2: Estimated vs. Budget Passenger Trips

# **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 Benefit Access free passenger trips reported by conductors.

#### **Estimated Passenger Trips by Line**

Table 3 shows estimated passenger trips by line for June, the last three months, and the last 12 months. Estimated passenger trips decreased by 1.9 percent in the last three months compared to the previous year, and decreased 1.5 percent in the last 12 months compared to the previous year.

			Table 3:	Estimated P	assenger Tri	ps by Lin	e		Table 3: Estimated Passenger Trips by Line													
		June		La	st 3 Months		La	st 12 Months														
	2016	2017	Change	2016	2017	Change	2016	2017	Change													
BNSF	1,435,372	1,439,251	0.3%	4,115,132	4,099,731	-0.4%	16,333,081	16,310,477	-0.1%													
ME	742,580	702,944	-5.3%	2,190,160	2,066,632	-5.6%	8,870,746	8,446,236	-4.8%													
нс	61,946	61,907	-0.1%	180,209	182,337	1.2%	690,863	732,938	6.1%													
MD-N	615,253	612,023	-0.5%	1,739,878	1,716,719	-1.3%	6,982,696	6,883,558	-1.4%													
MD-W	580,710	554,532	-4.5%	1,665,780	1,600,931	-3.9%	6,724,358	6,500,110	-3.3%													
NCS	152,287	149,794	-1.6%	435,264	423,692	-2.7%	1,748,112	1,705,949	-2.4%													
RI	706,966	695,193	-1.7%	2,041,707	2,001,707	-2.0%	8,201,468	8,046,348	-1.9%													
SWS	216,480	207,049	-4.4%	637,329	609,194	-4.4%	2,578,749	2,487,287	-3.5%													
UP-N	827,294	806,301	-2.5%	2,332,719	2,278,872	-2.3%	9,256,919	9,145,043	-1.2%													
UP-NW	986,750	970,516	-1.6%	2,801,189	2,767,607	-1.2%	11,215,779	11,098,440	-1.0%													
UP-W	740,735	741,676	0.1%	2,104,621	2,107,028	0.1%	8,350,900	8,388,201	0.4%													
Total	7,066,372	6,941,185	-1.8%	20,243,986	19,854,447	-1.9%	80,953,668	79,744,584	-1.5%													

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#### **Estimated Passenger Trips by Fare Zone Pair**

Table 4 shows estimated passenger trips by fare zone pair for June, the last three months, and the last 12 months. The decline in No Zone Pair passenger trips is expected to continue as data improvements and the shift to the Ventra Mobile App cause fewer trips to be reported without a zone pair.

	Jun	<b>e</b> (thousar	nds)	Last 3 M	onths (thou	usands)	Last 12 Months (thousands)			
	2016	2017	Change	2016	2017	Change	2016	2017	Change	
A-A	22	22	-3.2%	67	64	-5.1%	267	252	-5.3%	
A-B	494	480	-2.7%	1,470	1,428	-2.8%	5,813	5,777	-0.6%	
A-C	932	922	-1.0%	2,716	2,681	-1.3%	10,717	10,678	-0.4%	
A-D	1,149	1,138	-0.9%	3,322	3,287	-1.1%	13,151	13,118	-0.3%	
A-E	1,458	1,447	-0.8%	4,195	4,161	-0.8%	16,701	16,560	-0.8%	
A-F	880	861	-2.2%	2,543	2,488	-2.1%	10,058	10,011	-0.5%	
A-G	529	532	0.6%	1,527	1,529	0.1%	6,035	6,026	-0.1%	
A-H	453	436	-3.8%	1,289	1,245	-3.4%	5,121	5,025	-1.9%	
A-I	150	145	-3.4%	431	416	-3.5%	1,715	1,691	-1.4%	
A-J	28	26	-7.1%	81	74	-8.4%	319	306	-4.2%	
A-K	30	29	-3.7%	87	85	-2.8%	353	338	-4.2%	
A-M	9	8	-4.2%	27	23	-13.4%	115	94	-18.5%	
Intermediate	216	206	-4.6%	650	617	-5.1%	2,565	2,520	-1.8%	
No Zone Pair	717	689	-3.9%	1,839	1,757	-4.5%	8,024	7,348	-8.4%	
Total	7,066	6,941	-1.8%	20,244	19,854	-1.9%	80,954	79,744	-1.5%	

**Table 4: Estimated Passenger Trips by Fare Zone Pair** 

# Estimated Passenger Trips by Ticket Type

Table 5 shows estimated passenger trips by ticket type for June, the last three months, and the last 12 months.

			(thousand	0		Last 3 Months (thousands)					
				Sha	are				Share		
	2016	2017	Change	2016	2017	2016	2017	Change	2016	2017	
Monthly	4,116	3,926	-4.6%	58.2%	56.5%	12,382	11,812	-4.6%	61.1%	59.5%	
Ten-Ride	1,559	1,617	3.7%	22.0%	23.3%	4,342	4,534	4.4%	21.4%	22.8%	
One-Way	983	967	-1.7%	13.9%	13.9%	2,450	2,394	-2.3%	12.1%	12.1%	
Weekend	320	350	9.2%	4.5%	5.0%	827	884	6.9%	4.1%	4.4%	
Special Event & Ravinia	5	4	-	0.1%	0.1%	-	4	-	0.0%	0.0%	
Benefit Access (free)	89	84	-5.5%	1.3%	1.2%	256	234	-8.4%	1.3%	1.2%	
Total <sup>1</sup> 7,073 6,94		6,947	-1.8%			20,261	19,861	-2.0%			

Table	5:	Estimated	Passenger	Trips	bv	<b>Ticket Type</b>	
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	L	ast 12 Mo	onths (tho	usands)	)						
	Share										
	2016	2017	Change	2016	2017						
Monthly	49,672	47,648	-4.1%	61.3%	59.7%						
Ten-Ride	17,187	18,045	5.0%	21.2%	22.6%						
One-Way	9,547	9,365	-1.9%	11.8%	11.7%						
Weekend	3,446	3,408	-1.1%	4.3%	4.3%						
Special Event & Ravinia	152	336	120.9%	0.2%	0.4%						
Benefit Access (free)	1,032	959	-7.1%	1.3%	1.2%						
Total <sup>1</sup>	81,035	79,762	-1.6%								

<sup>1</sup> 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 June, the last three months, and the last 12 months, derived from conductor counts. Average peak-peak direction passenger loads decreased by 1.5 percent compared to the previous year, and total weekday passenger loads decreased by 1.9 percent in the same period.

	Table 6: Average Daily Passenger Loads													
	June	e (thousa	nds)	Last 3 M	onths (the	ousands)	Last 12 Months (thousands)							
	2016	2017	Change	2016	2017	Change	2016	2017	Change					
Peak - Peak Direction	224	221	-1.5%	224	222	-0.7%	224	221	-1.3%					
Peak - Reverse Direction	22	21	-4.1%	21	20	-4.7%	21	19	-5.9%					
Midday	35	34	-1.2%	33	32	-2.0%	32	31	-2.5%					
Evening	20	19	-5.7%	18	16	-7.5%	18	16	-8.4%					
Weekday	300	294	-1.9%	295	290	-1.5%	295	288	-2.2%					
Saturday	74	73	-2.3%	65	65	-0.9%	66	64	-3.6%					
Sunday	52	51	-1.0%	45	43	-4.8%	42	40	-5.2%					

# Free Trips

Figure 2 shows the number of Benefit Access free passenger trips for the last five years. Benefit Access trips are included in ridership estimates because Metra is eligible for reimbursement for the number provided.

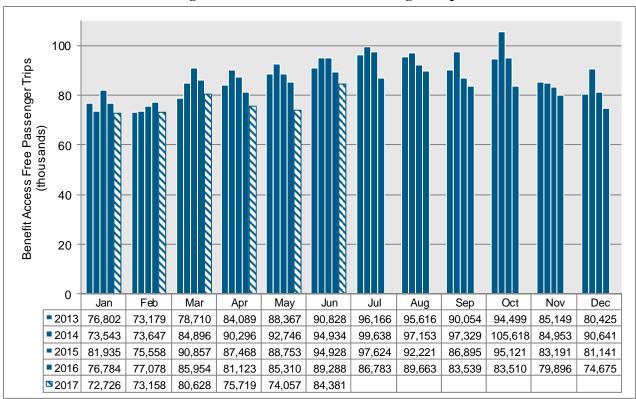
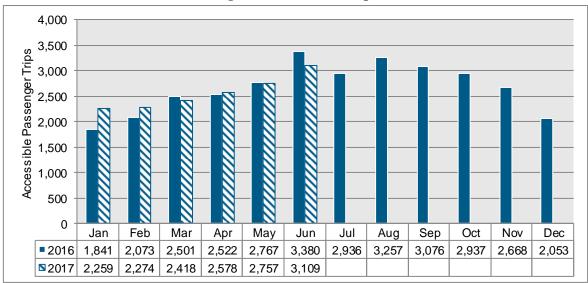
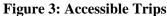


Figure 2: Benefit Access Free Passenger Trips

# Accessible Trips

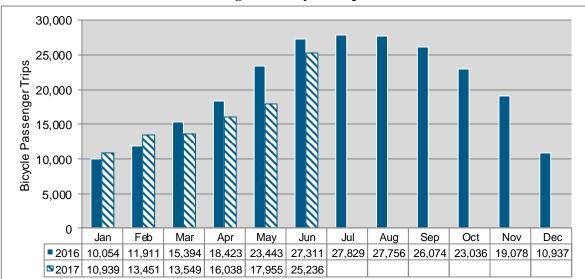
Figure 3 shows the number of trips provided using accessible equipment. Accessible equipment consists of bridge plates on the Metra Electric and wheelchair lifts on all other lines.





### **Bicycle Trips**

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



**Figure 4: Bicycle Trips** 

#### **Ridership Influences**

Many different factors (such as the employment, fare changes, 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 decreased 0.8 percent in June 2017 compared to June 2016.

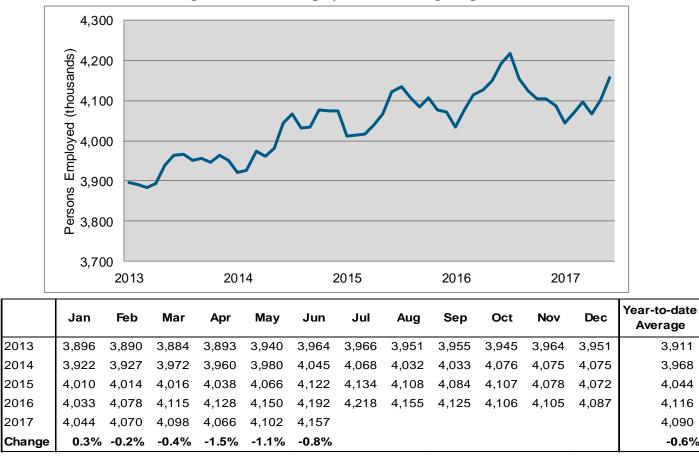
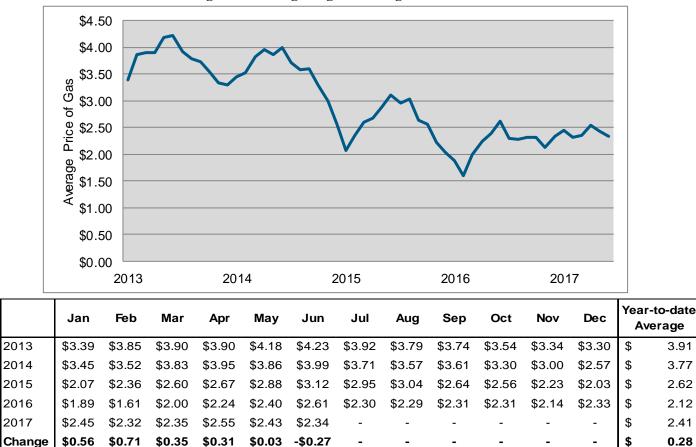


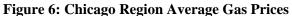
Figure 5: Persons Employed in the Chicago Region

Source: Illinois Department of Employment Security

# **Gas Prices**

Figure 6 shows the average price of unleaded regular gas for the Chicago-Gary-Kenosha area. The average price of a gallon of regular unleaded gas was \$2.34 in June 2017, \$0.27 lower compared to June 2016.





Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics

#### **Road Construction**

No new roadway construction projects of regional significance began in June. 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. The project is expected to last through mid-2017.
- Union Station Access The Adams Street Bridge Reconstruction project was completed in early 2017. The project periodically restricted pedestrian access to Union Station via Adams Street in 2016.

# **Service Changes**

No service changes occurred in June.

# **Special Events and Promotions**

Metra added additional service for Blues Fest and Spring Awakening (June 9-10) and the Chicago Pride Parade (June 25).

# **Passenger Revenue and Ticket Sales**

# Passenger Revenue

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

Table 7: Passenger Revenue by Line																
		Jun	<b>e</b> (1	thousand	s)		Last 3 N	lon	ths (thou	isands)	Last 12 Months (thousands)					
		2016		2017	Change		2016		2017	Change		2016		2017	Change	
BNSF	\$	6,366	\$	6,774	6.4%	\$	18,096	\$	19,194	6.1%	\$	70,784	\$	73,598	4.0%	
ME	\$	2,938	\$	2,969	1.0%	\$	8,590	\$	8,644	0.6%	\$	34,298	\$	34,033	-0.8%	
HC	\$	288	\$	309	7.3%	\$	834	\$	901	8.1%	\$	3,148	\$	3,489	10.8%	
MD-N	\$	2,757	\$	2,907	5.4%	\$	7,708	\$	8,093	5.0%	\$	30,458	\$	31,285	2.7%	
MD-W	\$	2,606	\$	2,620	0.5%	\$	7,398	\$	7,509	1.5%	\$	29,442	\$	29,484	0.1%	
NCS	\$	785	\$	814	3.7%	\$	2,223	\$	2,286	2.8%	\$	8,795	\$	8,894	1.1%	
RI	\$	2,952	\$	3,078	4.3%	\$	8,449	\$	8,809	4.3%	\$	33,446	\$	34,170	2.2%	
SWS	\$	898	\$	920	2.5%	\$	2,617	\$	2,682	2.5%	\$	10,438	\$	10,529	0.9%	
UP-N	\$	3,269	\$	3,400	4.0%	\$	9,075	\$	9,464	4.3%	\$	35,447	\$	36,544	3.1%	
UP-NW	\$	4,542	\$	4,702	3.5%	\$	12,735	\$	13,272	4.2%	\$	50,208	\$	51,540	2.7%	
UP-W	\$	3,275	\$	3,471	6.0%	\$	9,197	\$	9,770	6.2%	\$	35,906	\$	37,528	4.5%	
Total	\$	30,675	\$	31,962	4.2%	\$	86,922	\$	90,625	4.3%	\$	342,370	\$	351,095	2.5%	

 Table 7: Passenger Revenue by Line

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

		June (t	housands	)		Last 3 Months (thousands)						
				Share							Sha	are
	2016	2017	Change	2016	2017		2016		2017	Change	2016	2017
Monthly	\$ 15,964	\$ 16,267	1.9%	52.0%	50.8%	\$	47,984	\$	48,916	1.9%	55.1%	53.9%
Ten-Ride	\$ 8,022	\$ 8,765	9.3%	26.1%	27.4%	\$	22,267	\$	24,508	10.1%	25.6%	27.0%
One-Way	\$ 5,686	\$ 5,830	2.5%	18.5%	18.2%	\$	14,119	\$	14,436	2.2%	16.2%	15.9%
Weekend	\$ 1,025	\$ 1,119	9.2%	3.3%	3.5%	\$	2,645	\$	2,814	6.4%	3.0%	3.1%
Special Event & Ravinia	\$ 20	\$ 14	-30.6%	0.1%	0.0%	\$	20	\$	14	-30.4%	0.0%	0.0%
Total <sup>1</sup>	\$ 30,717	\$ 31,996	4.2%			\$	87,036	\$	90,687	4.2%		

 Table 8: Passenger Revenue by Ticket Type

	L	ast 12 Mon	ths (thous	sands)						
	Share									
	2016	2017	Change	2016	2017					
Monthly	\$190,869	\$189,863	-0.5%	55.7%	54.0%					
Ten-Ride	\$ 86,606	\$ 94,572	9.2%	25.3%	26.9%					
One-Way	\$ 54,063	\$ 55,101	1.9%	15.8%	15.7%					
Weekend	\$ 11,027	\$ 10,893	-1.2%	3.2%	3.1%					
Special Event & Ravinia	\$ 351	\$ 915	160.5%	0.1%	0.3%					
Total <sup>1</sup>	\$342,917	\$351,345	2.5%							

<sup>1</sup> 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 June 2016 and 2017. Passenger revenue totals are adjusted for group sales, marketing sales, and refunds. The commuter benefit category includes only direct ticket sales through third party employee benefit providers; it does not include purchases made with the RTA Transit Benefit Prepaid MasterCard through the internet, ticket agents, vending machines, and the Ventra Mobile App.

Table 9: Passenger Revenue by Ticket Type and Sales Channel												
	Monthly (thousands)				Ten-Ride (thousar					ds)		
June				Sha	are						Sha	are
	2016	2017	Change	2016	2017		2016		2017	Change	2016	2017
Commuter Benefit	\$ 5,219	\$ 5,163	-1.1%	32.7%	31.7%	\$	650	\$	629	-3.3%	8.1%	7.2%
Conductor	\$-	\$-	-	0.0%	0.0%	\$	-	\$	-	-	0.0%	0.0%
Internet	\$ 577	\$ 431	-25.3%	3.6%	2.6%	\$	85	\$	69	-19.3%	1.1%	0.8%
Mail	\$ 594	\$ 442	-25.6%	3.7%	2.7%	\$	0	\$	-	-100.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Ticket Agent	\$ 5,596	\$ 5,112	-8.6%	35.1%	31.4%	\$	3,477	\$	2,960	-14.9%	43.3%	33.8%
Vending Machine <sup>2</sup>	\$ 807	\$ 691	-14.3%	5.1%	4.2%	\$	858	\$	652	-24.0%	10.7%	7.4%
Ventra Mobile App	\$ 3,171	\$ 4,428	39.7%	19.9%	27.2%	\$	2,952	\$	4,456	51.0%	36.8%	50.8%
Total	\$ 15,964	\$ 16,267	1.9%			\$	8,022	\$	8,765	9.3%		
		One-Wa	<b>y</b> (thousar	nds)		Weekend, Special Event, & Ravinia (thousands)						
				Sha	are						Sha	are
	2016	2017	Change	2016	2017		2016		2017	Change	2016	2017
Commuter Benefit	\$-	\$-	-	0.0%	0.0%	\$	-	\$	-	-	0.0%	0.0%
Conductor	\$ 1,703	\$ 1,469	-13.8%	30.0%	25.2%	\$	713	\$	633	-11.2%	68.2%	55.9%
Internet	\$-	\$-	-	0.0%	0.0%	\$	-	\$	-	-	0.0%	0.0%
Mail	\$-	\$-	-	0.0%	0.0%	\$	-	\$	-	-	0.0%	0.0%
Ticket Agent <sup>2</sup>	\$ 2,345	\$ 2,086	-11.0%	41.2%	35.8%	\$	146	\$	159	9.3%	14.0%	14.1%
Vending Machine	\$ 448	\$ 236	-47.2%	7.9%	4.1%	\$	46	\$	37	-20.9%	4.4%	3.2%
Ventra Mobile App	\$ 1,190	\$ 2,039	71.4%	20.9%	35.0%	\$	140	\$	304	116.9%	13.4%	26.8%
Total	\$ 5,686	\$ 5,830	2.5%			\$	1,045	\$	1,133	8.4%		

	Total (thousands)								
				Sha	are				
	2016	2017	Change	2016	2017				
Commuter Benefit	\$ 5,869	\$ 5,791	-1.3%	19.1%	18.1%				
Conductor	\$ 2,416	\$ 2,102	-13.0%	7.9%	6.6%				
Internet	\$ 662	\$ 500	-24.5%	2.2%	1.6%				
Mail	\$ 594	\$ 442	-25.6%	1.9%	1.4%				
Ticket Agent <sup>2</sup>	\$ 11,564	\$ 10,318	-10.8%	37.6%	32.2%				
Vending Machine	\$ 2,159	\$ 1,616	-25.1%	7.0%	5.1%				
Ventra Mobile App	\$ 7,452	\$ 11,227	50.7%	24.3%	35.1%				
Total <sup>1</sup>	\$ 30,717	\$ 31,996	4.2%						

<sup>1</sup> Passenger revenue totals differ from those presented in other tables in this report due to adjustments made for group sales, marketing sales, and refunds

<sup>2</sup> Cash vending machines (previously present only on the Metra Electric Line)

were eliminated effective May 1, 2017

# **Ticket Sales**

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Table 10 shows ticket sales by ticket type for June, the last three months, and the last 12 months. Monthly ticket sales decreased by 4.6 percent in June compared to the previous year, while ten-ride ticket sales increased by 3.7 percent in the same period.

		June	(thousand	ds)			Last 3 M	onths (the	ousands)	
				Sh	are				Sha	are
	2016	2017	Change	2016	2017	2016	2017	Change	2016	2017
Monthly	96	91	-4.6%	7.0%	6.7%	288	275	-4.6%	8.2%	7.9%
Ten-Ride	156	162	3.7%	11.4%	11.9%	434	453	4.4%	12.4%	13.0%
One-Way	983	967	-1.7%	72.0%	71.0%	2,450	2,394	-2.3%	69.9%	68.8%
Weekend	128	140	9.2%	9.4%	10.3%	331	353	6.9%	9.4%	10.2%
Special Event & Ravinia	3	2	-30.6%	0.2%	0.1%	3	2	-30.6%	0.1%	0.1%
Total	1,365	1,361	-0.3%			3,505	3,477	-0.8%		

Table 10: Ticket Sales	by Ticket Type
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	Last 12 Months (thousands)									
		Share								
	2016	2017	Change	2016	2017					
Monthly	1,155	1,108	-4.1%	8.3%	8.0%					
Ten-Ride	1,719	1,805	5.0%	12.4%	13.1%					
One-Way	9,547	9,365	-1.9%	69.0%	67.9%					
Weekend	1,378	1,363	-1.1%	10.0%	9.9%					
Special Event & Ravinia	38	143	274.1%	0.3%	1.0%					
Total	13,837	13,784	-0.4%							

Tables 11-16 detail ticket sales by line and ticket type.

June	2016	2017	Change
BNSF	20,955	20,335	-3.0%
MED	9,680	9,073	-6.3%
нс	1,103	1,051	-4.7%
MD-N	7,572	7,200	-4.9%
MD-W	7,775	7,303	-6.1%
NCS	2,278	2,145	-5.8%
RID	10,734	10,317	-3.9%
SWS	3,579	3,302	-7.7%
UP-N	9,206	8,693	-5.6%
UP-NW	13,054	12,354	-5.4%
UP-W	9,779	9,521	-2.6%
Total	95,715	91,294	-4.6%

Table 11: Monthly Ticket Sales by Line

Table 13: One-Way (Station and Mobile) Ticket Sales by Line

June	2016	2017	Change
BNSF	119,100	131,448	10.4%
MED <sup>1</sup>	109,312	90,430	-17.3%
нс	2,189	3,019	37.9%
MD-N	58,878	64,879	10.2%
MD-W	61,223	62,355	1.8%
NCS	9,611	11,453	19.2%
RID	59,998	63,892	6.5%
SWS	12,499	14,264	14.1%
UP-N	73,723	82,001	11.2%
UP-NW	95,436	104,712	9.7%
UP-W	72,448	79,912	10.3%
Total	674,417	708,365	5.0%

Table 15: Weekend, Special Event, Ravinia (Station and Mobile) Ticket

Sales by Line									
June	June 2016 2017 Chang								
BNSF	8,448	13,290	57.3%						
MED <sup>1</sup>	6,035	6,650	10.2%						
нс	-	-	-						
MD-N	3,983	6,492	63.0%						
MD-W	3,456	5,671	64.1%						
NCS	-	-	-						
RID	1,956	3,467	77.2%						
SWS	51	136	166.7%						
UP-N	6,949	8,988	29.3%						
UP-NW	6,735	10,797	60.3%						
UP-W	3,923	7,023	79.0%						
Total	41,536	62,514	50.5%						

Table 12: Ten-Ride Ticket Sales by Line

June	2016	2017	Change
BNSF	31,632	33,466	5.8%
MED	14,510	14,287	-1.5%
нс	1,159	1,295	11.7%
MD-N	15,862	16,699	5.3%
MD-W	10,510	10,468	-0.4%
NCS	3,487	3,690	5.8%
RID	12,612	12,865	2.0%
SWS	4,053	4,193	3.5%
UP-N	24,075	24,684	2.5%
UP-NW	21,270	22,404	5.3%
UP-W	16,742	17,698	5.7%
Total	155,912	161,749	3.7%
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Table 14: One-Way (Conductor) Ticket Sales by Line

Sales by Line									
June	2016	2017	Change						
BNSF	34,195	28,253	-17.4%						
MED <sup>1</sup>	29,326	33,531	14.3%						
нс	790	707	-10.5%						
MD-N	30,563	26,751	-12.5%						
MD-W	34,198	27,212	-20.4%						
NCS	9,043	8,236	-8.9%						
RID	27,725	22,398	-19.2%						
SWS	7,353	6,080	-17.3%						
UP-N	53,697	42,891	-20.1%						
UP-NW	49,151	36,719	-25.3%						
UP-W	32,589	25,458	-21.9%						
Total	308,630	258,236	-16.3%						

Table 16: Weekend, Special Event, Ravinia (Conductor) Ticket Sales by

Line									
June	2016	2017	Change						
BNSF	14,008	11,813	-15.7%						
MED <sup>1</sup>	2,669	4,190	57.0%						
нс	-	-	-						
MD-N	10,330	8,724	-15.5%						
MD-W	11,010	8,862	-19.5%						
NCS	-	-	-						
RID	7,994	8,257	3.3%						
SWS	401	442	10.2%						
UP-N	12,779	10,439	-18.3%						
UP-NW	17,240	15,472	-10.3%						
UP-W	12,680	10,915	-13.9%						
Total	89,111	79,114	-11.2%						

<sup>1</sup> Cash vending machines (previously present only on the Metra Electric Line) were eliminated effective May 1, 2017

Table 17 shows ticket sales by ticket type, sales channel, and tender type for June 2016 and 2017. Table 18 shows ticket sales by ticket type, sales channel, and tender type for January-June 2016 and 2017. The commuter benefit category includes only direct ticket sales through third party employee benefit providers; it does not include purchases made with the RTA Transit Benefit Prepaid MasterCard through the internet, ticket agents, vending machines, and the Ventra Mobile App.

	7: Ticket Sales by Ticket Type, Sales Char Monthly (thousands)				Ten-Ride (thousands)						
June			ĺ	Share					Sha	are	
	2016	2017	Change	2016	2017	2016	2017	Change	2016	2017	
Commuter Benefit	31	28	-7.3%	32.0%	31.1%	12	11	-8.4%	7.5%	6.7%	
Conductor	-	-	-	0.0%	0.0%	-	-	-	0.0%	0.0%	
Internet	3	2	-30.0%	3.6%	2.6%	2	1	-22.1%	1.0%	0.8%	
Mail	4	3	-30.0%	3.8%	2.8%	0	-	-100.0%	0.0%	0.0%	
Ticket Agent	34	29	-14.6%	35.6%	31.9%	70	57	-18.5%	44.7%	35.1%	
Cash & Other	6	5	-19.6%			12	10	-20.3%			
Credit Card	28	24	-13.6%			58	47	-18.1%			
Vending Machine	5	4	-20.2%	5.1%	4.3%	17	12	-28.7%	10.7%	7.3%	
Cash <sup>1</sup>	-	-	-			0	-	-100.0%			
Credit Card	5	4	-20.2%			16	12	-26.8%			
Ventra Mobile App	19	25	31.1%	19.8%	27.3%	56	81	44.3%	36.0%	50.1%	
Credit Card	17	23	30.7%			54	77	43.8%			
Mixed & Other	1	1	19.6%			1	1	16.4%			
Ventra	0	1	-			2	3	72.1%			
Total	96	91	-4.6%			156	162	3.7%			
		One-	Way (thou	isands)		We	ekend, S	Special Ev	•	vinia	
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				Sha					Sha		
	2016	2017	Change	2016	2017	2016	2017	Change	2016	2017	
Commuter Benefit	-	-	-	0.0%	0.0%	-	-	-	0.0%	0.0%	
Conductor	309	258	-16.3%	31.4%	26.7%	89	79	-11.1%		55.9%	
Internet	-	-	-	0.0%	0.0%	-	-	-	0.0%	0.0%	
Mail	-	-	-	0.0%	0.0%	-	-	-	0.0%	0.0%	
Ticket Agent	396	338	-14.6%	40.3%	35.0%	18	20	9.3%	14.0%	14.1%	
Cash & Other	237	197	-17.1%			9	11	12.5%			
Credit Card	159	142	-10.9%			9	9	6.0%			
Vending Machine	77	38	-50.6%	7.8%	3.9%	6	5	-20.9%	4.4%	3.2%	
Cash <sup>1</sup>	28	-	-100.0%			2	-	-100.0%			
Credit Card	49	38	-22.1%			4	5	11.5%			
Ventra Mobile App	201	332	65.0%	20.5%	34.4%	18	38	116.9%	13.4%	26.8%	
Credit Card	175	293	67.7%			15	34	122.9%			
Mixed & Other	2	3	27.1%			0	0	40.1%			
Ventra	24	36	49.6%			2	3	79.2%			
Total	983	967	-1.7%			131	142	8.5%			

Table 17: Ticket Sales by Ticket Type, Sales Channel, and Tender Type (June)

<sup>1</sup> Cash vending machines (previously present only on the Metra Electric Line) were eliminated effective May 1, 2017

	Tienee		ands)	e, Sales Channel, and Tender Type (Ye nds) Ten-Ride				e (thousands)			
Year-to-date	l		Sha	re				Share			
	2016	2017	Change	2016	2017	2016	2017	Change	2016	2017	
Commuter Benefit	187	174	-7.2%	32.4%	31.5%	70	64	-8.7%	8.2%	7.0%	
Conductor	-	-	-	0.0%	0.0%	-	-	-	0.0%	0.0%	
Internet	23	14	-37.3%	3.9%	2.6%	10	7	-28.7%	1.2%	0.8%	
Mail	23	17	-25.1%	4.0%	3.2%	0	0	-92.1%	0.0%	0.0%	
Ticket Agent	214	181	-15.2%	37.0%	32.8%	407	326	-19.8%	47.5%	35.9%	
Cash & Other	47	32	-30.4%			73	58	-21.5%			
Credit Card	167	149	-11.0%			334	269	-19.4%			
Vending Machine	31	24	-21.2%	5.3%	4.4%	104	70	-32.8%	12.1%	7.7%	
Cash <sup>1</sup>	-	-	-			2	1	-60.7%			
Credit Card	31	24	-21.2%			101	69	-32.1%			
Ventra Mobile App	100	141	41.4%	17.3%	25.6%	265	440	65.9%	31.0%	48.5%	
Credit Card	89	128	43.5%			253	418	65.5%			
Mixed & Other	9	10	10.0%			5	6	32.3%			
Ventra	1	3	121.8%			8	16	98.9%			
Total	577	552	-4.4%			857	908	6.0%			
		One	e-Way (thous	sands)		Weekend, Special Event, & Ravinia				vinia	
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	2016	2017	Change	2016	2017	2016	2017	Change	2016	2017	
Commuter Benefit	-	-	-	0.0%	0.0%	-	-	-	0.0%	0.0%	
Conductor	1,417	1,145	-19.2%	32.3%	26.6%	402	343	-14.7%	66.6%	55.9%	
Internet	-	-	-	0.0%	0.0%	-	-	-	0.0%	0.0%	
Mail	-	-	-	0.0%	0.0%	-	-	-	0.0%	0.0%	
Ticket Agent	1,793	1,458	-18.7%	40.8%	33.9%	102	91	-10.0%	16.8%	14.9%	
Cash & Other	1,078	857	-20.5%			56	51	-9.0%			
Credit Card	715	601	-16.0%			45	40	-11.3%			
Vending Machine	384	216	-43.9%	8.8%	5.0%	31	23	-26.9%	5.1%	3.7%	
Cash <sup>1</sup>	142	52	-63.7%			8	3	-59.9%			
Credit Card	242	164	-32.3%			23	19	-15.1%			
Ventra Mobile App	796	1,480	85.9%	18.1%	34.4%	69	156	126.3%	11.4%	25.5%	
Credit Card	687	1,297	88.8%			60	140	133.7%			
Mixed & Other	10	15	43.8%			1	2	69.7%			
Ventra	99	168	69.7%			7	14	93.1%			
Total	4,390	4,298	-2.1%			604	613	1.6%			

# Table 18: Ticket Sales by Ticket Type, Sales Channel, and Tender Type (Year-to-date)

<sup>1</sup> Cash vending machines (previously present only on the Metra Electric Line) were eliminated effective May 1, 2017

Table 19 shows total ticket sales by sales channel and tender type for June 2016 and 2017. Table 20 shows total ticket sales by sales channel and tender type for January-June 2016 and 2017. The commuter benefit category includes only direct ticket sales through third party employee benefit providers; it does not include purchases made with the RTA Transit Benefit Prepaid MasterCard through the internet, ticket agents, vending machines, and the Ventra Mobile App.

	Total (thousands)								
June			Share						
	2016	2017	Change	2016	2017				
Commuter Benefit	42	39	-7.6%	3.1%	2.9%				
Conductor	398	337	-15.2%	29.1%	24.8%				
Internet	5	4	-27.5%	0.4%	0.3%				
Mail	4	3	-30.1%	0.3%	0.2%				
Ticket Agent	518	444	-14.3%	38.0%	32.6%				
Cash & Other	265	222	-16.3%						
Credit Card	253	222	-12.2%						
Vending Machine	104	58	-44.1%	7.6%	4.3%				
Cash <sup>1</sup>	30	-	-100.0%						
Credit Card	74	58	-21.1%						
Ventra Mobile App	294	476	61.9%	21.5%	35.0%				
Credit Card	261	427	63.6%						
Mixed & Other	5	6	24.0%						
Ventra	28	43	53.5%						
Total	1,365	1,361	-0.3%						

 Table 19: Total Ticket Sales by Sales Channel and Tender Type (June)

 Total (thousands)

<sup>1</sup> Cash vending machines (previously present only on the Metra Electric Line) were eliminated effective May 1, 2017

Table 20:	Total	Ticket	Sales	by	Sales	Channel	and	Tender	Туре	(Year	-to-date)

	Total (thousands)							
Year-to-date				Sha	re			
	2016	2017	Change	2016	2017			
Commuter Benefit	257	237	-7.7%	4.0%	3.7%			
Conductor	1,819	1,488	-18.2%	28.3%	23.3%			
Internet	33	22	-34.6%	0.5%	0.3%			
Mail	23	17	-25.2%	0.4%	0.3%			
Ticket Agent	2,515	2,057	-18.2%	39.1%	32.3%			
Cash & Other	1,253	998	-20.4%					
Credit Card	1,262	1,059	-16.1%					
Vending Machine	550	332	-39.6%	8.6%	5.2%			
Cash <sup>1</sup>	152	56	-63.4%					
Credit Card	397	276	-30.4%					
Ventra Mobile App	1,231	2,218	80.2%	19.1%	34.8%			
Credit Card	1,089	1,984	82.1%					
Mixed & Other	25	33	30.4%					
Ventra	116	201	73.8%					
Total	6,428	6,371	-0.9%					

<sup>1</sup> Cash vending machines (previously present only on the Metra Electric Line) were eliminated effective May 1, 2017

# Link-Up and PlusBus Sales

Sales of CTA Link-Up passes declined by 12.5 percent in June compared to the previous year, and sales of Pace PlusBus passes declined by 8.2 percent in the same period. Table 21 shows Link-Up and PlusBus sales by month for 2016 and 2017.

	20	16	20	17	Change		Mobile Share (2017)	
	Link-Up	PlusBus	Link-Up	PlusBus	Link-Up	PlusBus	Link-Up	Plus Bus
Jan	3,686	1,314	3,414	1,276	-7.4%	-2.9%	18.4%	14.9%
Feb	3,737	1,333	3,346	1,284	-10.5%	-3.7%	17.9%	14.5%
Mar	3,657	1,360	3,278	1,287	-10.4%	-5.4%	18.0%	15.1%
Apr	3,496	1,320	3,179	1,226	-9.1%	-7.1%	18.6%	15.1%
Мау	3,443	1,269	3,115	1,185	-9.5%	-6.6%	18.8%	14.2%
Jun	3,410	1,261	2,985	1,158	-12.5%	-8.2%	17.2%	15.0%
Jul	3,310	1,221	-	-	-	-	-	-
Aug	3,182	1,201	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sep	3,266	1,267	-	-	-	-	-	-
Oct	3,338	1,272	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nov	3,345	1,291	-	-	-	-	-	-
Dec	3,190	1,174	-	-	-	-	-	-
Last 3 Months	10,596	3,949	9,572	3,698	-9.7%	-6.4%	18.2%	14.5%
Last 12 Months	43,135	15,746	39,373	14,945	-8.7%	-5.1%	14.5%	12.7%
Year-to-date	18,019	6,596	16,332	6,258	-9.4%	-5.1%	7.5%	6.0%

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# 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 22 shows the number of reduced fare tickets sold by month for 2016 and 2017.

Table 22: Reduced Fare Ticket Sales									
		20	16		2017				
	Monthly	Ten-Ride	One-Way Station & Mobile	One-Way Conductor	Monthly	Ten-Ride	One-Way Station & Mobile	One-Way Conductor	
Jan	3,227	13,652	29,830	27,709	3,057	16,713	40,985	24,673	
Feb	3,229	10,806	32,860	28,032	3,125	9,763	39,437	23,774	
Mar	3,328	12,215	56,952	34,402	3,215	12,430	55,605	26,617	
Apr	3,286	12,109	43,836	29,853	3,121	11,599	47,172	26,185	
May	3,223	12,472	51,834	36,428	3,161	13,217	53,480	27,866	
Jun	3,064	13,604	75,390	45,745	2,927	13,494	83,163	39,002	
Jul	3,104	12,094	86,271	41,886	-	-	-	-	
Aug	2,803	12,941	67,737	38,311	-	-	-	-	
Sep	3,389	13,287	42,399	29,616	-	-	-	-	
Oct	3,439	13,521	47,203	31,237	-	-	-	-	
Nov	3,308	13,559	51,255	28,764	-	-	-	-	
Dec	2,851	11,693	59,212	31,034	-	-	-	-	
Last 3 Months	9,573	38,185	171,060	112,026	9,209	38,310	183,815	93,053	
Last 12 Months	38,149	150,185	612,901	433,429	37,500	154,311	673,919	368,965	
Year-to-date	19,357	74,858	290,702	202,169	18,606	77,216	319,842	168,117	

Table 22:	Reduced	Fare	Ticket	Sales
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	Change							
	Monthly	Ten-Ride	One-Way Station & Mobile	One-Way Conductor				
Jan	-5.3%	22.4%	37.4%	-11.0%				
Feb	-3.2%	-9.7%	20.0%	-15.2%				
Mar	-3.4%	1.8%	-2.4%	-22.6%				
Apr	-5.0%	-4.2%	7.6%	-12.3%				
May	-1.9%	6.0%	3.2%	-23.5%				
Jun	-4.5%	-0.8%	10.3%	-14.7%				
Jul	-	-	-	-				
Aug	-	-	-	-				
Sep	-	-	-	-				
Oct	-	-	-	-				
Nov	-	-	-	-				
Dec	-	-	-	-				
Last 3 Months	-3.8%	0.3%	7.5%	-16.9%				
Last 12 Months	-1.7%	2.7%	10.0%	-14.9%				
Year-to-date	-3.9%	3.1%	10.0%	-16.8%				