

Mass Transit Facts

1. For all metropolitan area commuters, the share of commuters using transit is 5 percent. It is 11 percent for central city residents and 2 percent for suburban residents.
2. 44 percent of the metro area workers commute from one suburb area to another and less than 2 percent of these commuters use mass transit.
3. Transit ridership is highest among workers who commute within the central city; about 16 percent use mass transit.
4. In the New York metro area, 25 percent of the workers use mass transit. No other metro area has a transit share greater than 14 percent.
5. Only 3 other metro areas have transit ridership of at least 10 percent of the workers - Chicago, Washington, D.C., and Philadelphia.
6. Transit ridership is much greater among central city residents - 47 percent of the central city workers in New York use mass transit; 26 percent in Chicago and 25 percent in Philadelphia..