1981 RIDERSHIP TRACKING STUDY: SYSTEM-WIDE SURVEY

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BACKGROUND AND OBJECTIVES

Since the mid-1970's, the RTD has been in the vanguard of transit operators in its measurement of community need for public transportation. The market research surveys conducted by RTD since 1975 have a threefold purpose: 1) Market segmentation, 2) Trip needs analysis and, 3) Attitudinal measurement.

Public transit's image is that of a heavily subsidized service that transports only the young, the old and the poor. Since SCRTD began to analyze the market for transit in Los Angeles, however, it has become apparent how broad that market really is, being comprised of many diverse segments. The bus rider market can be segmented not only by age or income but by any of a dozen other variables: by ethnic background, gender, household size, car availability, residence location, trip purpose, frequency of bus use, number of transfers, type of fare, time of day, type of service, or even by bus line.

Trip needs analysis can be conducted for any of the transit market segments which are identified from market research survey data. Trip needs can be analyzed in terms of frequency, length, duration, time of day or day of the week. The survey methodology used by RTD is the only means of linking trip origins and destinations or boardings with alightings on specific bus lines. To serve the trip needs of the various market segments using public transit, the RTD had a total of 226 lines in operation in 1981, which could be categorized into the eight different types indicated in Table 1.

Measurement of public attitudes is an important aspect of market research surveying by RTD. The public is often polled concerning attitudes about fare increases, service cuts, reasons for riding (or not riding) the bus, or opinions about bus schedules, courtesy and safety of drivers, condition of buses or location of bus stops. Major decisions which would have an effect on RTD service levels or quality are rarely made without an opinion survey to ensure that public interests are not contravened.

Three years have elapsed since Market Research conducted comprehensive on-board surveys of RTD weekday ridership in May and September of 1978. These two surveys of riders on a sample of forty randomly-selected bus lines provided benchmark data for eighteen demographic, attitudinal and transit-use variables. The results of the 1978 surveys pointed out which market segments were using public transit and helped to illuminate riders' trip needs.

Many changes in fares and service levels have occurred since 1978, however. During the last three years RTD has raised fares annually. Between May, 1978 and May, 1981, RTD base fare increased 62.5%, from 40 cents to 65 cents, and transfers which were 10 cents in 1978 cost 20 cents by May 1981. In July, 1981, RTD raised the base fare again to 85 cents, with a 15 cents transfer fee. The net result is that a cash-paying rider boarding more than one bus to complete a linked trip after July, 1981 would pay twice the fare required for the same trip in May, 1978. During that same period, the price of a monthly pass increased between 83% and 89%, and new express charges were levied on riders using student, senior citizen or handicapped passes on express lines.

As a result of the state Supreme Court's ratification of Proposition A, RTD's base fare will be lowered to only 50 cents from July 1, 1982 through June 30, 1985, just a dime more than the 1978 fare. Other fares will revert to even earlier levels. The senior citizen and handicapped monthly passes, for example, will cost only \$4, just as they did in 1975. At the new \$4 price, student and college/vocational passes have never been cheaper.

Since 1978, RTD has also introduced extensive service changes. New lines have been introduced, old lines eliminated. Lines have been re-routed or re-numbered. New equipment has replaced worn-out old buses. Between the second quarter of 1978 and the second quarter of 1981, the number of buses in service during peak hours increased 13%, while vehicle hours and vehicle miles increased 5% and 3%, respectively.

In order to measure changes which have occurred in the market for public transit services since 1978, Market Research conducted a series of on-board surveys in May and June of 1981. The largest group of lines surveyed were selected from among the first three categories in Table 1. These fifty lines, which were labelled "regular-service lines", are essentially local lines, but some offer a few express trips during the peak periods and some provide express service over a portion of their routes throughout the day.

The forty-three local lines surveyed in 1981 average 30.2 riders per bus hour at an average subsidy of 89 cents per boarding. The three local lines with some peak-hour express trips are more efficient, carrying 79.7 riders per hour at an average subsidy of only 25 cents. The four local lines with day-long express service over a portion of their routes are among the least efficient of the regular-service lines. They average only 26.8 boardings per bus hour at a subsidy of \$1.12 per boarding.

Another group of lines surveyed in 1981 consists of seventeen express lines operating only during peak hours. These lines average only 13.6 riders per bus hour and the subsidy figure is \$4.69. On the whole, these are the least efficient lines operated by RTD. (Data on peak-hour-only local lines and special services are not available).

The third group of RTD lines surveyed in 1981 is composed of eight subscription lines. These lines are fully subsidized by subscription pass sales and employer contributions.

Park and Ride lines were not surveyed in 1981 because they had been surveyed as recently as 1980. These lines are somewhat more efficient than Peak-Hour Express lines, averaging 33 riders per bus hour at an average subsidy of \$2.43 per boarding.

Detailed background information on the RTD system as a whole and on the bus lines surveyed in 1981 is presented in the Appendix at the back of this report.

This report presents an overview of RTD system-wide ridership. A profile of the RTD rider is drawn in terms of demographic characteristics, trip needs and attitudes about public transit. The report also examines individual market segments served by each type of RTD service. The reader's attention is directed to the other reports in this 1981 Ridership Tracking Study series which provide a more extensive examination of rider characteristics by type of service. The companion volumes in this series are entitled Weekday Regular Service Lines, Peak-Hour Express Lines, and Subscription Lines. The 1980 Park and Ride Survey may also be of interest to the reader for its profile of patrons using that service.

TABLE 1

BOARDINGS BY TYPE OF LINE
(Ranked by boardings per bus hour)

•	Númber	Total Number öf	Number of	f Rider: B Hour	3 Per
Type of Line	of Lines	Boardings	Median	Low	High
Local	124	965,813+	37.6	10.3	110.6
Local with Peak Hour Express	8	159 <u>,</u> 679	58.3	20.1	94.9
Local with Day Long Express	24	90,535	25.4	12.5	44.3
SubTotal	156	1,216,027+			
Park & Ride	9	8,240	33.1	27.8	48.5
ExpressPeak Hour Only	17	7,923	13.6	8.2	25.5
Subscription	10	1,217	N A	NA	N A
LocalPeak Hour Only (Beep)	11	417	ŅĀ	N A	N A
Special Services	23	N A	N A	NA	N A
Total	226	1,233,824		-	-

MAJOR FINDINGS

1. RIDER AGE

Overall, the median age of RTD bus riders is about 27.5 years old, two and a half years below the median age of the general population in Los Angeles County. Median rider age varies by type of service. Regular - Service riders average 27.4 years old. Park and Ride and Peak-Hour Express line riders average 35.1 to 35.6, and Subscription line riders average 44 years old.

Riders under 19 years old represent 21% of boardings, senior citizens 8%.

Age mix varies by bus line.

Age mix varies by time of day. During the afternoon base period up to 28% of the riders are under 19 years old. Senior Citizens account for 10% to 12% of the riders during base periods, but only 4% during the evening.

White riders tend to be oldest on average, 32.5 years old.

2. RIDER GENDER

Just over half the riders are women, but gender mix does vary by bus line, by type of service and by ethnic background.

3. ETHNIC BACKGROUND

Although minorities comprise about 48% of Los Angeles County population, nearly 70% of RTD riders are members of a minority.

Ethnic mix varies by type of service. On Peak-Hour Express lines and Subscription Lines, 70% to 83% of the riders are White.

Ethnic mix varies by bus line and by residence sector. A majority of the riders from the San Fernando Valley are White, whereas a majority of those from the South Central sector are Black, and a majority from downtown, East Central and East Los Angeles are Latino.

Ethnic mix varies by time of day. Whereas White riders represent about 30% of the boardings during the day, their proportion among riders drops to only 19% during evening hours.

4. ANNUAL HOUSEHOLD INCOME

On the whole, RTD riders do tend to have low incomes, averaging only about \$11,340 per household. Bus rider average income is only a little more than half the overall household income level of Los Angeles County residents. Household income varies by type of service, ranging from \$11,066 among Regular-Service riders to over \$30,000 among Subscription line riders.

Among Regular-Service riders living in households of six or more persons, average income is 10% to 26% below poverty levels.

On average, with an annual household income of only \$6,405, senior citizens tend to be the poorest of RTD riders.

Latinos are the poorest ethnic group, with an average annual income of \$7,677. White riders are the most prosperous, averaging \$14,000 per year.

The poorest riders tend to live in East Los Angeles (average income \$7,370), the North Central Sector (\$7,761) or South Central Los Angeles (\$7,979). The most affluent riders, averaging \$19,688 in annual household income, come from the South Bay.

Average rider income varies by time of day. Riders during the afternoon base period have the lowest income, \$9,677. Riders during the morning peak have the highest, \$14,153.

5. TYPE OF FARE

Less than half of RTD riders, about 47%, pay cash fares to board the bus. About a quarter of the riders use some kind of discount pass.

Fare mix varies by type of service. Less than a third of the riders on Peak-Hour Express and Park and Ride lines, and none on Subscription lines, pay cash fares. About 44% of the Peak-Hour Express line riders and up to 53% of the Park and Ride patrons use an express pass. All riders on Subscription lines use a subscription pass.

Fare mix varies by ethnic group. Only 36% of Asian/Pacific Islander riders pay cash fares, as opposed to 53% of Latinos. Up to 15% of Black riders use a student pass. Up to 12% of Asian/Pacific Islanders use a college/vocational pass. About 14% of White riders use a senior citizen pass.

Fare mix varies by household income. The poorest riders use a handicapped or senior citizen pass. Their income is only about \$5,000 to \$6,000 per annum. Express pass users tend to be most affluent, with annual household incomes over \$19,000.

About 46% of cash riders say they don't use a pass because they don't ride the bus often enough. Nearly a quarter say they can't afford a pass. Seven percent say they don't know where to buy a pass, and another 7% say there is no convenient sales outlet at which they can purchase a pass.

6. FREQUÊNCY OF BUS USE

Up to 34% of RTD riders ride more than five days a week; 42% ride exactly five days a week; and 24% ride less than five days.

Frequency of bus use varies by type of service; 73% of Peak-Hour Express riders and 91% of subscription line riders use the bus just five days a week.

Bus use frequency varies by time of day. Up to 63% of morning peak period riders ride five days a week. Up to 46% of evening riders ride more than five days a week.

Bus use also varies by ethnic group. Latinos ride most frequently — up to 44% ride more often than five days a week. Only 30% of White riders ride more than five days.

The frequency of bus use varies by annual household income. The poorest riders ride one day a week; their average income is only \$7,540. The next poorest group, averaging \$8,529 to \$9,818 annual income, ride more than five days a week. The most affluent riders say they use the bus less than once a week (\$17,852 annual income) or exactly five days a week (\$14,055 income).

7. BOARDINGS PER LINKED TRIP

Overall, 45% of RTD's patrons ride just one bus to complete a one-way linked trip, and 39% ride two buses. Up to 16% ride three or more buses.

The number of buses needed to complete a linked trip varies by type of service. Among Regular-Service riders, 45% need to ride only one bus. Among Park and Ride patrons, 59% ride one bus. Among Peak-Hour Express line patrons the percentage rises to 76%, and among Subscription line riders, to 98%.

The number of linked trip buses varies by ethnic group. On average, White riders take the fewest number of buses, Latinos the largest number.

As household income increases, the number of linked trip buses decreases.

The number of boardings per linked trip varies by time of day, with the largest number of boardings per trip being made during evening hours.

8. MODE OF ACCESS TO RTD

Overall, nearly 90% of the riders get to the RTD system on foot.

System access mode mix varies by type of service. Most patrons (81% to 85%) of Subscription or Park and Ride lines get to the bus by car, and only 14% to 15% walk. On Peak-Hour Express lines, 63% of the riders walk to the bus, and 36% arrive by car.

There is a relationship between household income and mode of access. The poorest riders (median income \$10,950) walk to the bus, the most affluent (\$18,459 income) drive.

9. TRÎP PÜRPOSE

Overall, 52% of RTD riders are on trips to or from work, and 21% are on school trips.

Trip purpose does vary by type of service. Whereas 51% of Regular-Service riders are on work trips, 91% to 100% of riders on Peak-Hour Express, Park and Ride or Subscription lines are on work trips.

Trip purpose varies by ethnic group. Up to 63% of Latino riders are on work trips. Nearly a third of Asian/Pacific Islander riders are on school trips. Among White riders, 13% are on shopping trips. Social/recreational trips are most frequent among White and Asian/Pacific Islander riders, 11% of each group are on this kind of trip.

Annual household income varies by trip purpose. The poorest riders on average are those on medical trips - their annual income is less than \$7,000. Riders on shopping trips also tend to have low incomes, only \$8,500. The most affluent riders are on work or school trips. Their income averages nearly \$13,000.

Trip purpose varies by age group. The youngest riders, averaging 16 years old, are on school trips. The oldest riders are on shopping (32.9 years old) or medical trips (33.5).

Trip purpose varies by time of day. During peak periods, work trips account for 62% to 71% of the boardings. Even during evening hours, work trips account for 55% of boardings. School trips account for the highest percentage of boardings during the morning peak period (25%) and afternoon base period (30%). Shopping trips reach their zenith during the base period, when they account for 14% to 15% of the boardings.

10. RIDERS RATE RTD SERVICE

Overall, 77% of RTD riders say that their opinion of RTD service is favorable.

Rider attitudes do vary somewhat by type of service. Eighty percent or more of Subscription line or Peak-Hour Express line riders have a favorable opinion.

Rider attitudes vary by ethnic group. Overall, Black riders tend to be least satisfied (68% favorable) and Latino and Asian/Pacific Islander riders most satisfied (83% to 85% favorable).

Attitudes vary by income group. The riders whose opinion of RTD service is very favorable have the lowest household income, only \$9,579 per year. The riders who have a somewhat unfavorable opinion of service have the highest income, over \$13,000.

Rider opinions about service vary somewhat by age. The group whose opinion is very favorable tend to be oldest, with an average age of 28.7. The groups whose attitude is least favorable or somewhat favorable are youngest -- 25.9 to 26.0 years old.

RIDER AGE

RTD weekday riders tend to be young. The overall median age is 27.5, about two and a half years younger than the median age of the Los Angeles County population. Average rider age does tend to vary by the type of service, however. Figure 1 shows age distribution on Regular-Service, Peak-Hour Express, Park and Ride and Subscription Services.

Whereas regular-service riders average 27.4 years of age, riders on Park and Ride and Peak-Hour express lines are about 35 to 35.6, and riders on the Subscription lines are 44 years old on average.

An analysis of rider age by ethnic background, as shown in Table 2, shows that there are some distinct differences among ethnic groups. The oldest riders are Whites, whose average age is 32.5. The youngest are American Indians, at 18.9, but these riders constitute 1% or less of the sample. The next youngest riders are the Blacks, who average 25.1 years of age.

The average age of RTD weekday riders is not the same throughout the day, but varies dramatically by time period. Riders during the morning peak period are the oldest, 29.9. Average age then declines as the day ticks away until it reaches its lowest point, 26.1, during the afternoon base period (noon to 3:29 p.m.), the period when primary and secondary students are homeward bound. The average rider age goes back up to 27.8 during the afternoon peak period and drops to 27.1 during the early evening period.

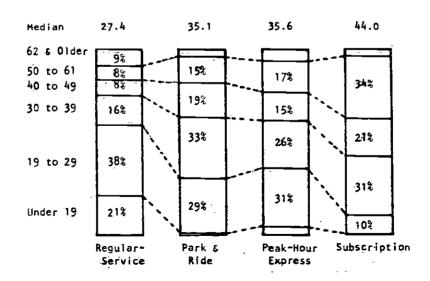


FIGURE 1: AGE DISTRIBUTION OF RTD RIDERS
BY TYPE OF SERVICE

TABLE 2
RIDER AGE
BY ETHNIC BACKGROUND

Ethnic Background	Under 19	19 to 29	30 to 39	40 to 49	50 to	62 or <u>Older</u>	<u>Total</u>	Median Age	Number of Respon- dents
White	18%	28%	16%	9%	12%	16%	99%	32.5	3937
Black	28	41	15	7	.5	5	101	25.1	1822
Latino	19	45	19	9	5	2	99	26.5	1919
Asian or Pacific Islander	17	38	19	10	11	5	100	28.6	569
American Indian	50	27	11	7	Ž	3	100	18.9	81
Other	23	45	9	7	13	3	100	25.7	70
OVERALL	21%	37%	17%	9%	8%	8%	100%	27.5	8398

Response Rate: 52%

TABLE 3
RIDER AGE
BY TIME OF DAY

Time <u>Period</u>	Under 19	19 to _29_	30 to 39	40 to	50 to 61	62 or Older	Total	Median Age	Number of Respon- dents
Pre-AM Peak	-	-	-	-	-	-	100%	-	86*
AM Peak	21%	30	21	13	10	7	102	29.9	3020
AM Base	16	41	18	6	8	12	101	28.1	1186
PM Base	28	34	14	7	7	10	100	26.1	1934
PM Peak	18	40	16	11	9	7	101	27.8	1958
Evening	19	43	18	6	11	4	101	27.1	419
OVERALL	21%	37%	17%	9%	8\$	8%	100%	27.5	8603

Response Rate: 53%

^{*}Sample size too small to allow valid statistical comparison

RIDER GENDER

Females constitute a slight majority among RTD riders, although there are indications that the size of their majority has declined over the last three or four years. Currently women account for about 51% of the ridership. Figure 2 shows that women predominate on three types of service which have been surveyed, but to different degrees. On regular-service lines women represent 54% of the riders. On Park and Ride lines they are 51% and on peak-hour express lines they are 65% of the riders. Only on the subscription lines are women in the minority, 31% of the riders.

Table 4 shows that women constitute a majority of the riders in all ethnic groups except the Latinos, where they account for only 48% of the riders.

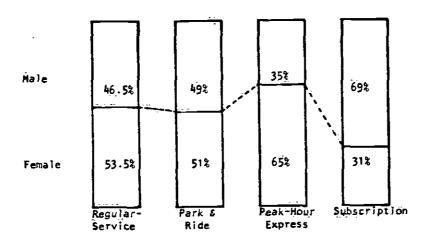


FIGURE 2: RIDER GENDER MIX BY TYPE OF SERVICE

TABLE 4
RIDER GENDER
BY ETHNIC BACKGROUND

Ethnic Background	Male	Female	<u>Total</u>	Number of Respondents
White	48%	52%	100%	5632
Black	47	53	100	3138
Latino	53	48	101	3682
Asian or Pacific Islander	46	55	101	900
American Indian	47	53	100	113
Other	43	57	100	89
OVERALL	4.9%	51%	100%	1:3554

Response Rate: 84%

ETHNIC BACKGROUND

At least two-thirds of RTD's riders are members of an ethnic or racial minority group. As shown in Figure 3, however, ethnic composition does vary by type of service. Up to 70% of the riders on the peak-hour express lines and 83% of the subscription line riders are White.

Table 5 shows that ethnic composition of RTD ridership tends to vary by residence sector. Whites are in the majority (63%) among San Fernando Valley riders. Black riders are in the majority (62%) among those living in the South Central Sector, and Latinos constitute a majority among East Central (63%) and East Los Angeles (84%) residents.

The most interesting phenomenon observable in Table 6 is the decline in the proportion of White riders during the early evening hours. Whites constitute a 28% to 33% share of ridership throughout the day, but drop off to only 19% after 6:30 pm.

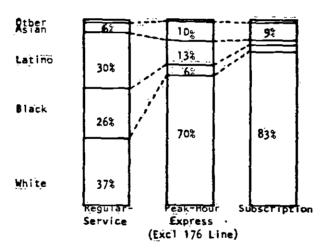


FIGURE 3: ETHNIC MIX OF RTD RIDERS
BY TYPE OF SERVICE

TABLE 5 ETHNIC BACKGROUND BY RESIDENCE SECTOR

Res- idence Sector	White	Black	Latino	Asian or Pacific Islander	American Indian	Other	Total	Number of Respon- dents
San Fernando Valley	63%	10%	20%	6%	1%	1 5	101%	1167
North Central	26	12	49	12	1,	1	101	210
San Gabriel Valley	42	22	25	9	1	1	100	1170
West Los Angeles	45	21	26	7	1	1	101	1180
South Central	7	6 <u>2</u>	<u>2</u> 6	3	1	2	101	743
East Central	23	8	63	1	3	1	99	132
East Los Angeles	11	3	84	1	1	~	100	134
Mid- Cities	46	11	32	8	2	-	99	197
South Bay	44	3.6	11	8	1	1	101	693
Downtown Los Angeles	23	19	57	1	-	-	10,0	51
Long Beach	72.	17	6	2	1	2	100	65
North Los Angeles County	. _	-	_	-	-	-	-	12*
Orange County	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	33*
San Ber- nardino County	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	18*
Ventura County	-	-	-	÷	=	_	÷	14#
OVERALL Response	32% Rate:	30% 36%	31%	5%	1%	1%	100%	5819

^{*}Sample size too small to allow valid statistical comparison

TABLE 6
ETHNIC BACKGROUND
BY TIME OF DAY

Time Period	<u>White</u>	Black	<u>Latino</u>	Asian/ Pacific <u>Islander</u>	American Indian	<u>Total</u>	Other	Number of Respon- dents
Pre-AM Peak	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	91*
AM Peak	31	29%	34	5	1%	-	100	4014
AM Base	.28	30	38	3	1	1	101	2522
PM Base	31	30	33	5	1	1	101	3429
PM Peak	33	25	34	7	<u>j</u>	i	101	2956
Evening	19	3 4	39	7	-	1	100	662
OVERALL	32%	30%	31%	5%	1%	1%	100%	13674

Response Rate: 85%

^{*}Sample size too small to allow valid statistical comparison

HOUSEHOLD INCOME

Taken as a group, RTD riders tend to be at the low end of the socio-economic scale. The average annual household income of RTD riders is \$11,340, only 53% as high as the Los Angeles County effective buying income figure for 1981. Figure 4 shows that income varies widely by type of service, however. The income among regular-service rider is only \$11,066, but among peak-hour express line riders the income is over \$21,800 and among Park and Ride patrons it is over \$25,700. Subscription line patrons appear to be the most prosperous, with an average annual household income of over \$32,000.

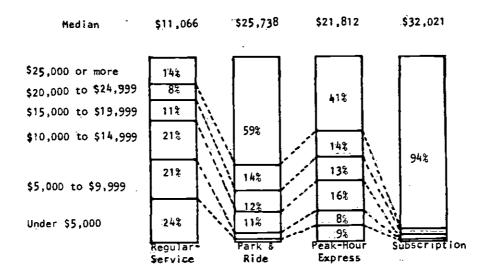
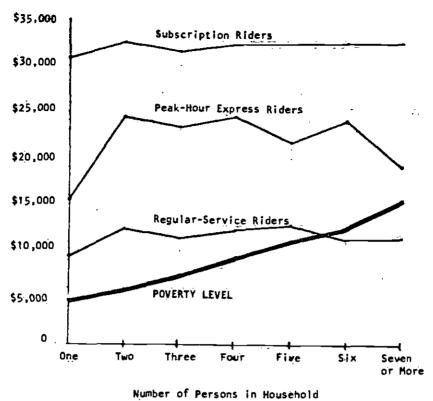


FIGURE 4: RTD RIDERS' ANNUAL HOUSEHOLD INCOME

Figure 5 shows the relationship between RTD rider income and Census Bureau poverty levels for different size households. As family size increases, the gap between income and poverty level tends to decrease, until the two lines converge and cross at the six person household level. The figures in Table 7 shows that the average RTD rider household income figure is at least twice as high as the poverty level among riders from one or two person households. Among riders from households of six or more persons, however, income is 10% to 26% below the poverty level.



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FIGURE 5: MEDIAN ANNUAL HOUSEHOLD INCOME COMPARED TO POVERTY LEVEL

BY HOUSEHOLD SIZE AND TYPE OF SERVICE

Table 8 demonstrates clearly the relationship between old age and poverty. RTD's senior citizen riders report the lowest median income of any group, only \$6,405. That is just 36% higher than the poverty level for a one person household and a mere 8% above the poverty level for a two person household.

Household income varies by ethnic group. Whites report the highest median income, \$14,000, followed closely by Asians and Pacific Islanders at \$13,816. Latinos report the lowest income, \$7,677, just barely half as much as the White rider income.

Variation in median household income by residence sector is shown in Table 10. The most prosperous riders live in the South Bay, San Fernando Valley and San Gabriel Valley. The poorest live in South Central, the North Central sector and East Los Angeles.

Table 11 shows that the income level of RTD ridership can differ by time period. The most affluent riders are on board the buses during morning peak hours. The least affluent ride during the afternoon base period.

TABLE 7
COMPARISON BETWEEN BUS RIDER MEDIAN INCOME AND POVERTY LEVELS
BY HOUSEHOLD SIZE

Number		1981 Bus Rider	
in	Poverty	Median Household	Relation to
<u> Household</u>	Level	Income	Poverty Level
One	\$ 4,655	\$ 9,682	+ 108%
Two	5,958	12,748	+ 114
Three	7,294	11,800	+ 62
Four	9,347	12,556	+ 34
Five	11,072	13,110	+ 18
Six	12,519	11,328	- 10
Seven or			
More	15,504	11,462	- 26

TABLE 8
RIDER AGE
BY ANNUAL HOUSEHOLD INCOME

Annual Househol Income	d Under 19	19 to- 29	- 30 to _39	40 to-	- 50 to _61	62 or Older	<u>Total</u>	Median Age	Number of Respon- dents
Under \$5000	12%	43%	14%	10%	8%	13%	100%	28.8	995
\$5000- \$9999	14	40	19	10	6	11	100	28.8	858
\$10000- \$14999	14	45	23	8	7	4	101	28•0	963
\$15000- \$19999	14	44	19	13	8	2	100	28.0	704
\$20000- \$24999	23	34	21	1,0	7	5	100	28.0	666
\$25000 or more	24	35	20	10	7	4	100	27.1	1645
OVERALL	21%	37₺	17%	98	88	88	100%	27.5	5831
MEDIAN INCOME	\$14148	\$11284	\$12521	\$12050	\$11891	\$6405	\$11340		

Response Rate: 36%

RTD RIDERS' ANNUAL HOUSEHOLD INCOME
BY ETHNIC BACKGROUND

Ethnic Background	Under \$5000	\$5000 = \$9999	\$10000- \$14999	\$15000- \$19999	\$20000- \$24999	\$25000 or More	Total	Median Income	Number of Resp dents
White	18%	17%	19%	12%	10%	24%	100%	\$14000	3164
Black	21	24	27	11	9	9	101	11085	1233
Latino	36	27	17	9	5	7	101	7677	1126
Asian or Pacific Islander	19	17	19	19	9	17	100	13816	4 28
American Indian	42	10	25	1	7	15	100	9087	57
Other	2 5	2	3 2	12	11	19	101	13679	61
OVERALL	24%	21%	21%	11%	8%	15%	100%	\$11340	6069

Response Rate: 38%

ANNUAL HOUSEHOLD INCOME BY RESIDENCE SECTOR

Residence Sector	Under \$5000	\$5000 to \$9999	\$10000 to \$14999	\$15000 to \$19999	\$20000 to \$24999	\$25000 or More	<u>Total</u>	Median Income	
San Fernando Valley	16%	14%	18%	15%	13%	25%	101%	\$16000	937
North Central	36	26	19	7	3	10	101	7761	155
San Gabrie Valley	1 21	15	17	15	12	21	101	14277	943
West Los Angeles	23	21	22	11	8	15	100	11419	950
South Central	.33	29	18	8	8	5	101	7979	474
East Central	29	26	17	9	-6	13	100	9038	93
East Los Angeles	35	31	17	12	4	1	100	7.370	92
Mid-Cities	16	24	23	24	6	7	100	.12083	148
South Bay	15	9	16	11	14	35	100	19688	532
Downtown Los Angeles	-	-	-	11	-	_	-	-	34
Long Beach	16	23	16	23	19	3	1.00	13457	51
North Los Angeles County	-	-		-	-	_	_	-	9
Orange County	.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	31
San Ber- nardino County	-	-	-	- :	Ê	-	-	-	18
V entura Coun t y	-	-	••	-	-	-	_	-	15
OVERALL	24%	21%	2,1%	11%	8%	15%	100%	\$11340	4482

Response Rate: 28%

^{*}Sample size too small to allow valid statistical comparison

RTD RIDERS' ANNUAL HOUSEHOLD INCOME
BY TIME OF DAY

Time Period	Under \$5000	\$5000- \$9999	\$10000- \$14999	\$15000- \$19999	\$20000- <u>\$24999</u>	\$25000 or <u>More</u>	<u>Total</u>	Median Income	Number of Respon- dents
Pre-AM Peak		-	-	-	-	-	- '	- .	₹ 82 *
AM Peak	13.%	17 %	24 %	14%	11 %	21 %	100%	14153	2493
AM Base	19	23	27	10	7	13	99	11439	863
PM Base	30	22	20	10	6	13	101	9677	1289
PM Peak	25	20	17	12	10	17	101	11638	1281
Evening	26	22	16	11	10	15	100	10552	222
OVERALL	24%	21%	21%	11%	88	15%	100%	\$11340	6230
Response	Rate:	39%							

^{*}Sample size too small to allow valid statistical comparison

TYPE OF FARE

Up to 47% of the passengers boarding RTD buses pay cash fares or use a ticket or transfer. Just under a quarter of the riders (23%) use a regular monthly pass, and 10% of the boardings are made with a monthly student pass by riders under 19 years old. Senior citizen pass users make 7% of the boardings and express pass and college/vocational pass users make 5% each.

Table A-XVIII in the Appendix compares the fare mix found by the on-board survey method with the results of fare surveys conducted by the Service Analysis Section. Differences in fare mix found by the two types of surveys can be attributed to two chief differences in method of data collection. The on-board surveys collect data supplied by rider response to a printed questionnaire, whereas the fare survey collects data by observation of fares paid by boarding passengers. The on-board surveys sample one bus run on each line surveyed for a full day. The fare surveys sample single one-way trips.

Figure 6 shows that the fare mix varies by type of service. Whereas 48% of the regular-service boardings are made with cash, ticket or transfer, only 31% to 32% of the Park and Ride or Peak-Hour Express line boardings are made using this type of fare payment. The monthly express pass accounts for only 4% of the Regular-Service boardings, but 44% of Peak-Hour Express and 53% of Park and Ride boardings.

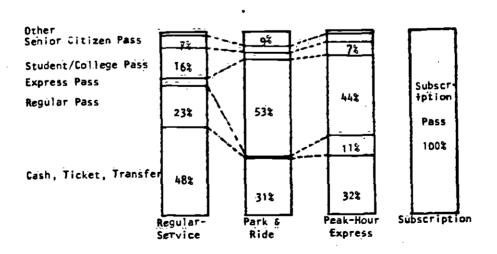


FIGURE 6: FARE MIX
BY TYPE OF SERVICE

Table 12 shows that fare mix differs among different ethnic groups. Latinos are most likely to pay cash fare; 53% of them do. They are also most likely to use a regular monthly pass; 29% of the Latino respondents say they use this type of pass. Black riders are most likely to use a monthly student pass for riders under 19 years old. White riders are most likely to use a senior citizen pass; 14% of the White riders use this kind of pass.

The relationship between type of fare used and annual household income is revealed in Table 13. Riders who use a handicap or senior citizen pass are among the poorest group, with median incomes of \$4,883 and \$5,901, respectively. The median household income of college/vocational pass users is also a relatively low \$8,028. The most affluent riders, on average, are express pass users, with an annual median income of \$19,579.

Changes in the fare mix pattern occur throughout the day, as demonstrated in Table 14. The proportion of cash boardings, for example, is low during the morning commute period, only Use of the regular monthly pass accounts for only 18% of the boardings during the afternoon base period but up to 29% of the evening boardings. Use of the express pass is heaviest during the morning peak period, when it accounts for 14% of the boardings. The student pass for riders under 19 years old is high during the morning peak period, when it is used by 12% of the boarding passengers, and during the afternoon base period when it is used by 14%. proportion of riders using the college/vocational pass climbs throughout the day, reaching its highest point, 6% of boardings, during the afternoon base period. During the afternoon base and evening periods up to 5% of the passengers use a college/vocational pass. Use of the senior citizen pass is highest during the morning base period, when it accounts for 11% of the boardings. Use then declines throughout the remainder of the day, finally dropping to only 3% of the evening boardings.

The primary reason given by cash riders for not using a pass to board the bus is that they don't ride the bus enough to justify purchase of a pass. About 46% of the cash riders give this reason, and another 23% say they can't afford to buy a pass. The remaining reasons provided on the on-board questionnaire each account for 7% of the cash riders — not knowing where to buy a pass, lack of a conveniently located pass sales outlet or fear of losing a pass. Almost 10% of the cash riders indicate some "other" reason.

Table 15 shows that the reasons for not using a pass can vary greatly by ethnic group. Half the Asian/Pacific Islander cash riders and 55% of the Whites say they don't ride the bus enough, as opposed to only 43% of the Blacks and 38% of the Latino riders who give this reason. Whites are least likely to say they can't afford a pass; Latinos are most likely. Ten percent of the Asian/Pacific Islander cash riders and 11% of the White riders say there is no convenient sales outlet at which they can purchase a pass. Only 4% of the Latinos and 5% of the Blacks give this reason. Latinos are most likely to say they don't buy a pass because they are afraid they might lose it.

The figures in Table 16 show the relationship between income and reason for not using a bus pass. The group of cash riders who say they can't afford to buy a pass report the lowest median annual household income, only \$6,565. Up to 43% of the lowest income group say they can't afford a pass. Cash riders who give any other reason for not using a pass have a median income between \$12,625 and \$13,860 —— 11% to 22% above the average RTD rider income figure of \$11,340. Note the pattern among cash riders who say they don't ride the bus enough to justify buying a pass. As income goes up, so does the likelihood of giving this reason. Only 37% of the low-income group say they don't ride the bus enough, but 62% of the high-income group give this reason for not using a pass.

Figure 7 shows that the reasons for not using a pass can vary by type of service. On Peak-Hour Express lines up to 53% of the cash riders don't ride the bus enough to justify pass purchase. Only 13% say they can't afford a pass.

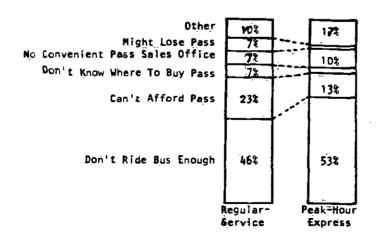


FIGURE 7: REASON FOR NOT USING RED PASS BY TYPE OF SERVICE

TABLE 12
TYPE OF FARE
BY ETHNIC BACKGROUND

Ethnic Background	Cash, Ticket, Transfer	Reg- ular Pass	Ex- press Pass	Under 19 Pass	College/ Voc. Pass	Senior Citzn Pass	Handi — cap <u>Pass</u>	Tour- ist Pass	Other	<u>Total</u>	Number of Red dents
White	46%	19%	8%	7%	4%	14%	3%	-	1%	100%	3971
Black	48	24	2	15	5	3	1	-	-	99	1784
Latino	53	29	4	8	4	1	1	1%	1	100	1669
Asian or Pacific Islander	36	24	11	11	12	5	1	1	1	100	535
American Indian	50	10	-	32	2	2	3	-	2	100	79
Other	40	26	2	19	9	3	-	-	-	100	72
OVERALL	47%	23%	5%	10%	5%	7%	2%	-	1%	100%	81 06

Response Rate: 50 %

TABLE 13
TYPE OF FARE
BY ANNUAL HOUSEHOLD INCOME

Annual Household Income	Cash, Ticket, <u>Transfer</u>	Reg- ular Pass	Express Pass	Under 19 Pass	College/ Voc. Pass	Senior Citizen Pass	Handi- cap Pass	Tour- ist Pass	Other	<u>Total</u>	Number of Respon- dents
Under \$5000	nu%	26\$	2\$	5 %	8\$	12\$	3\$	•	-	100\$	991
\$5000 - \$9999	47	27	3	7	5	9	3	•	- -	101	850
\$10000- \$14999	49	28	7	6	4	5	-	•	1\$	100	946
\$15000 \$19999	4 5	32	6	10	3	2	1	1\$	1	101	695
\$20000 - \$24999	48	22	11	13	5	2	**	-	1	102	665
\$25000 or M ore	58	11	12.	9	4	-2	1	•	3	100	1677
OVERALL	47%	23%	5 %	10\$	5 \$	7\$	25	-	1,\$	100\$	5821
MEDIAN INCOME	\$12019	\$1045 5	\$19579	\$14641	\$8028	\$5901	\$4883	*	. *	\$11340	

Response Rate: 36%

^{*} Sample size too small to allow valid statistical comparison.

TABLE 14
TYPE OF FARE
BY TIME OF DAY

Time Period	Cash Ticket, Transfer	Reg- ular Pass	Ex- press Pass	Under 19 Pass	College/ Voc. Pass	Senior Citzn Pass	Handi – cap <u>Pass</u>	Tour- ist Pass	<u>Other</u>	<u>Total</u>	Number of Residents
Pre-AM Peak	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100%	94
AM Peak	38	26	14	12%	3	5	1	-	1	100	3198
AM Base	50	23	2	7	4	11	2	-	1	100	122
PM Base	50	18	2	14	6	8	1	1%	1	101	1848
PM Peak	48	26	5	8	5	5	2	-	1	100	183
Evening	47	29	3	9	5	3	1	1	ļ	99	303
OVERALL	47%	23%	5%	10%	5%	7%	2%	-	.18	100%	850s

Response Rate: 53%

^{*}Sample size too small to allow valid statistical comparison

REASON FOR NOT USING RTD PASS
BY ETHNIC BACKGROUND

Ethnic Back- ground	Don't Ride Enough	Can't Afford Pass	Don't Know Where to Buy	No Con- venient Outlet	Might Lose <u>Pass</u>	<u>Other</u>	Total	Number of Respon- dents
White	55%	13%	6%	115	4%	11%	100%	1372
Black	43	26	6	5	8	13	101	624
Latiņo	3.8	31	8	4	12	6	99	597
Asian or Pacific Islander	50	21	8	10	2	9	100	17 6
American Indian	45	22	3	19	7	5	101	33
Other	34	60	1	1	-	5	101	26
OVERALL	46%	23%	75	7%	75	10%	100%	2 8 28

Response Rate: 74% of Respondents Paying Cash Fares

TABLE 16
REASON FOR NOT USING RTD PASS
BY ANNUAL HOUSEHOLD INCOME

Annual House- hold Income	Don't Ride Enough	Can't Afford <u>Pass</u>	Don't Know Where to Buy	No Con- venient Outlet	Might Lose Pass	<u>Other</u>	<u>Total</u>	Number of Respon- dents
Under \$5000	37%	43%	5 %	5 %	5 %	6 %	101%	3 62
\$5000-								
\$9999	44	26	6	8	7	9	100	369
\$10000-								
\$14999	42	20	5	9	9	15 .	100	3 79
\$15000-								
\$19999	49	9	6	10	14	12	100	26 0
\$20000-								
\$24999	56	7	11	9	2	15	100	254
\$25000								
or More	62	9	Ħ	11	5	10	101	62 0
OVERALL	46%	23%	7\$	7\$	7%	10%	100%	2244
MEDIAN INCOME	\$ 13693	\$ 6565	\$12793	\$13859	\$1,2625	\$ 13327		

Response Rate: 59% of Respondents Paying Cash Fares

FREQUENCY OF BUS USE

The largest contingent of RTD riders use the bus exactly five days a week. Up to 42% are in this category. The second largest group --- 34% of the riders --- use the bus more than five days a week. The remainder of the riders, 24%, average less than five days use.

Figure 8 shows that riders on different types of RTD lines exhibit different bus use patterns. Among Peak-Hour Express line riders, up to 73% ride five days a week, and among subscription line riders, 91%.

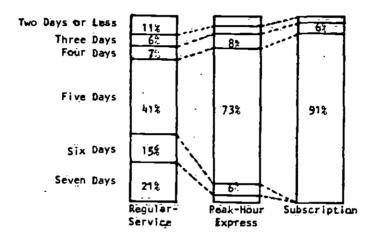


FIGURE 8: FREQUENCY OF BUS USE PER WEEK BY TYPE OF SERVICE

Frequency of bus use also tends to vary by time of day, as shown in Table 17. Riders during the peak morning hours are most likely to be five-day-a-week bus users, whereas those riding during evening hours are most likely to ride more than five days a week (46% of them are in this category).

Table 18 shows the different bus use patterns among ethnic groups. Up to 44% of Latino riders say they use the bus more than five days a week, but only about 30% of the riders in any other significant ethnic group ride as often. Asian and Pacific Islander riders are most likely to ride exactly five days a week, the ride frequency noted by 54% of them. At 36%, Latinos are least likely to limit their riding to five days a week.

Table 19 demonstrates the influence of income on frequency of bus use. Among low-income riders, 45% of the respondents say they ride the bus more than five days a week. As household income increases, the proportion of riders using the bus more than five days a week decreases. Among high income riders, only 16% say they ride more than five days a week.

The poorest group of riders are those who say they ride the bus one day a week. Their median household income is \$7,540 per year. Riders who use the bus more than five days a week also tend to be from low-income households earning \$8,500 to \$9,800 on average. The most affluent riders, with a reported median income of over \$14,000, are those who ride five days a week.

Table 20 shows how the frequency of bus use varies by age of the rider. Riders who use the bus only one day a week report the lowest median age, 24.8. Those who ride less than one day a week and those who ride five days a week report the next lowest average ages --- 25.6 and 25.9, respectively. The oldest group of riders, on average, are those who say they ride four days a week. This group averages 29.4 years old. Senior Citizens tend to use the bus less frequently than other riders, averaging 4.6 days per week.

TABLE 17 FREQUENCY OF BUS USE BY TIME OF DAY

	<u> </u>	_	Numbon							
Time Period	Seven	<u>Six</u>	<u>Five</u>	Four	Three	Two	One	Less Than One	<u>Total</u>	Number of Res- pondents
Pre-AM Peak	-	-	-	_	-	-	-	-	-	91 <i>*</i>
AM Peak	11	12	63	6	3	2	1	2	100	3201
AM Base	20	15	36	8	9	5	14	14	101	1219
PM base	22	14	35	. 7	7	5	4	5	99	1827
PM Peak	20	15	46	6	4	4	2	4	101	1828
Evening	31	15	32	8	5	5	2	2	100	312
OVERALL	20%	14%	42%	7.\$	6%	4%	3\$	45	100%	8478
Response	Rate:	53%								

^{*} Sample size too small to allow valid statistical comparison

TABLE 18
FREQUENCY OF BUS USE
BY ETHNIC BACKGROUND

Number of Days Per Week

Ethnic Background	Seven	<u>Six</u>	<u>Five</u>	<u>Four</u>	Three	Two	<u>One</u>	Less Than One	<u>Total</u>	Number of Res- pondents
White	19%	11%	42%	9\$	7%	5%	3%	5\$	101%	3932
Black	19	13	46	6	6	3	4	3	100	1793
Latino	24	20	36	5	5	6	2	3	101	1659
Asian or Pacific Islander	16	15	54	4	4	5	-	2	100	532
American Indian	35	4	41	4	6	4	_	6	100	82
0ther	24	6	58	5	3	1	-	4	101	70
OVERALL	20%	14%	42%	7%	6%	45	3%	4%	100%	8068

Response Rate: 50%

TABLE 19 FREQUENCY OF BUS USE BY ANNUAL HOUSEHOLD INCOME

	Number of Days Per Week									
Annual House- hold Income	Seven	Six	<u>Five</u>	Four	Three	Two	<u>One</u>	Less Than One	<u>Total</u>	Number of Respo dents
Under		4 8 'm		•				a'a		
\$ 50 00	27%	18%	28\$	8%	7≴	5%	4%	3%	100%	957
\$5000 -										'
\$9999	25	16	36	9	5	4	3	3	101	840
410000										
\$1 0000 - \$14999	19	12	48	6	6	3	1	3	00	022
\$14777	צו	13	40	b	U	3	ı	3	9 9	933
\$15000-										
\$19999	19	18	42	6	6	2	1	6	100	696
\$20000-										
\$24999	11	13	55	5	4	á	ġ.	7	101	659
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\$25000	_	_		•	•	•	_	_		
or More	9	7	57	6	Ħ	6	2	9	100	1669
OVERALL	20%	14%	42%	7\$	6%	45	3%	45	100%	5754
MEDIAN										
INCOME	\$8529	\$9818	\$14055	\$9641	\$10799	\$10597	\$7540	\$17852	\$11,340	

Response Rate: 36%

TABLE 20 FREQUENCY OF BUS USE BY RIDER AGE

Number of Days Per Week

								 .				
Age	Seven	Six	<u>Five</u>	Four	Three	Two	<u>One</u>	Less Than One	<u>Total</u>	Mean Number of Days	Number of Res- pondents	
Ùnder 19	16%	12%	49%	6%	5%	5%	4%	4%	101\$	4.8	1600	
19 to 29	22	14	42	5	5	3	3	5	99	5.0	2516	
30 to 39	18	16	43	7	5	5	2	5	101	4.9	1283	
40 to	20	18	44	7	5	2	3	2	101	5.2	701	
50 to 61	.21	13	40	7	6	7	3	·3	100	4.9	763	
62 or Older	21	11	29	12	12	9	3	3	100	4.6	456	
OVERALL	20%	14%	42%	7\$	6%	4%	3%	4%	100%	4.9	7319	
MEDIAN AGE	27.0	27 . Ż	25.9	29.4	28.Ż	28.6	24.8	25.6				

Response Rate: 45%

NUMBER OF BUSES PER LINKED TRIP

Overall, 45% of RTD's patrons ride just one bus to complete a linked trip from origin to destination, and another 39% ride two buses. Up to 16% of the riders say they must take three or more buses.

The pattern of bus use varies somewhat by ethnic background, as shown in Table 21. White riders are most likely to ride only one bus. Fifty-three percent of the White riders take only one bus to complete their one-way linked trip. Latino riders, on the other hand, are least likely to be able to complete their trips on just one bus. Latino and Black riders are most likely to ride two or more buses, as reported by about 60% of the respondents in these two ethnic groups.

Table 22 shows that the number of linked trip buses ridden tends to decrease as household income increases. Only 38% of the riders from low income households can ride just one bus to complete their trips. Fifty-four percent of the riders from high income households are in this single bus use category.

Median household income can be seen to decline as the number of linked trip buses increases. Riders who ride just one bus report the highest median annual income, \$12,743. Those who ride two report an income of \$11,481.

Table 23 indicates that the number of linked trip buses ridden also tends to vary by time of the day. During the morning about 87% to 88% of the riders ride one or two buses to complete their trips. During the evening hours, however, only 77% can ride fewer than three buses; up to 23% must ride three or more.

Figure 9 illustrates differences in linked transit trips by type of service. Whereas only 45% of Regular-Service riders take just one bus, 59% of Park and Ride patrons, 76% of Peak-Hour Express riders and 98% of Subscription line riders take one bus to complete their one-way linked trips.

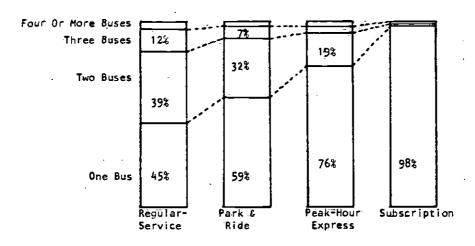


FIGURE 9: NUMBER OF LINKED TRIP BUSES BY TYPE OF SERVICE

NUMBER OF BUSES REQUIRED TO COMPLETE LINKED TRIP
BY ETHNIC BACKGROUND

Number of Buses Five Number Ethnic of Responor Background One. Three Four Five Total dents Two 1% 101% 4171 White 53% 36% 9% 25 Black 41 40 15 3 1 100 1883 Latino 40 15 2 100 1793 39 Asian or Pacific 2 2 562 Islander 44 42 9 99 American Indian 44 52 2 1 1 100 86 Other 100 68 31 14 48 **OVERALL** 45% 39% 12% 3% 15 100% 8563

Response Rate: 53%

NUMBER OF BUSES REQUIRED TO COMPLETE LINKED TRIP
BY ANNUAL HOUSEHOLD INCOME

		Number	of Bu	se s			
Annual	<u>-</u>				Five	-	Number
Household Income	one.	Two	Three	Four	or Mor <u>e</u>	Total	of Respon- dents
Under							
\$5000	38\$	37\$	17%	5%	3\$	100%	983
\$5000-							
\$9999	40	42	14	3	1	100	848
				_			
\$10000 -	_						
\$14999	46	38	14	1	1	100	955
\$15000-							
\$19999	44	40	9	5	2	10 0	694
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\$20000-							
\$24999	44	40	14	3	1	102	664
\$25000							
or More	54	37	8	1	1	101	1702
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OVERALL	45%	39%	12\$	3\$	15	100%	5846
MEDIAN	A 1 2 7 2 2	A11101	402120	A0100	*	A112H0	
INCOME	\$12743	\$11481	\$9420	\$8189	-,-	\$11340	

Response Rate: 36%

^{*} Sample size too small to allow valid statistical comparison

NUMBER OF BUSES REQUIRED TO COMPLETE LINKED TRIP BY TIME OF DAY

		Number						
Time Period	One	Two	Three	Four	Five or More	Total	Number of Respon- dents	
Pre-AM Peak	-	-	-	-	-	-	92 [*]	
AM Peak	48	39	12	1	-	100	3309	
AM Base	53	3 5	9	2	÷	99	1350	
PM Base	44	36	14	4	2	100	1991	
PM Peak	41	43	12	3	1	100	1979	
Evening	40	37	18	3	Ž	100	314	
OVERALL	45%	39\$	12%	3\$	1%	100%	9035	
Response	Rate:	56\$						

^{*}Sample size too small to allow valid statistical comparison

MODE OF ACCESS TO RTD SYSTEM

Overall, nearly 90% of RTD riders access the RTD system on foot, and about 10% by car, either as a driver or passenger. Figure 10 shows that the mode of access to the RTD varies by type of service. Up to 90% of Regular-Service riders walk to the bus, but only 63% of Peak-Hour Express riders and about 14% to 15% of Park and Ride and Subscription line patrons use this mode.

Table 24 illustrates how mode of access patterns can vary according to ethnic background. Of the major ethnic groups studied, Asians and Pacific Islanders appear least likely to walk to the bus, and Blacks appear most likely. Conversely, the Asian/Pacific Islander group is most likely to get to the bus by car, especially as a passenger, while Black riders are least likely.

Table 25 indicates a link between level of affluence and mode of access to the RTD system. With a median annual household income of only about \$11,000, those riders who walk to the bus are considerably less prosperous as a group than those who ride in a car or who drive to the bus. These riders who access the bus system by car report average incomes of \$17,952 and \$18,459, respectively, up to 70% higher than the income of riders who walk to the bus.

Table 26 shows how mode of access patterns can vary by time of day. The lowest proportion of riders who access the bus on foot occurs among those riding during the evening hours (81%), followed by those riding during the morning peak period (85%). Throughout the base and afternoon peak periods, 90% to 92% of the riders say they get to the bus on foot.

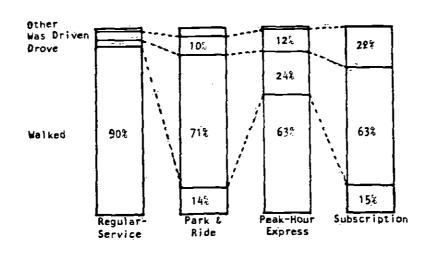


FIGURE 10: MODE OF ACCESS TO RTD SYSTEM BY TYPE OF SERVICE

MODE OF ACCESS TO RTD SYSTEM
BY ETHNIC BAKCGROUND

Ethnic Background	Drove	Was Driven	Walked	<u>Other</u>	<u>Total</u>	Number of Respon- dents
White	5%	5%	88\$	2%	100%	4267
Black	Ź	5	92	1	100	2036
Latino	3	7	8 9	1	100	1851
Asian or Pacific Islander	6	9	83	2	100	561
American Indian	1	7	86	6	100	88
Other	6	7	81	6	100	77
OVERALL	45	6%	89%	1%	100\$	8880

Response Rate: 55%

MODE OF ACCESS TO RTD SYSTEM
BY ANNUAL HOUSEHOLD INCOME

Annual Household Income	Drove	Was Driven	Walked	Other	Total	Number of Respon- dents
	1					
Under				_		
\$5000	3\$	3%	94%	1%	101	1012
\$5000-						
\$ 9999	2	3	94	1	100	871
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Response Rate: 37%

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MODE OF ACCESS TO RTD SYSTEM
BY TIME OF DAY

Time Period	Drove	Was Driven	Walked	<u>Other</u>	Total	Number of Respon- dents
Pre-AM Peak	-	-	-	-	-	94*
AM Peak	8	6	85	1	100	3354
AM Base	3	5	91	1	100	1450
PM Base	2	4	92	1	99	2150
PM Peak	3	6	90	2	101	2033
Evening	7	9	81	2	99	364
OVERALL	4%	6 %	89%	1\$	100\$	9445

Response Rate: 59%

^{*} Sample size too small to allow valid statistical comparison

TRIP PURPOSE

The major trip purpose among RTD riders is travel to or from work. Overall, about 52% of the respondents report that they are using the bus to commute to work. School trips account for another 21% of the transit trips, and shopping for 10%. Social/recreational trips represent 9% of the trips, and medical trips another 5%.

Trip purpose can be seen to vary dramatically by type of Service, as illustrated in Figure 11. Whereas about half the trips on Regular-Service lines are to or from work, virtually all travel on Peak-Hour Express lines (91%), Park and Ride lines (98%) and Subscription lines (100%) is work-related.

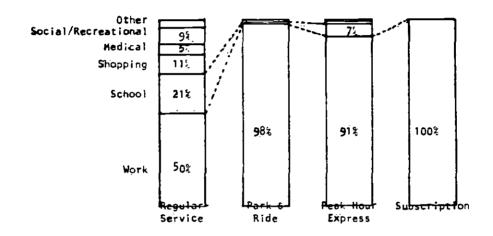


FIGURE 11: TRIP PURPOSE
BY TYPE OF SERVICE

Table 27 shows that Latino riders are most likely of all ethnic groups to be using the bus for work trips; 63% are in this category. Of the four major ethnic groups, Asians and Pacific Islanders are most likely to be traveling on school trips, as reported by 32% of these riders. Shopping trips account for up to 13% of the bus trips taken by White riders. Whites and Asian/Pacific Islander riders are most likely to use the bus for social/recreational trips. Each group reports 11% of their trips are in this category.

The relationship between annual household income and transit trip purpose is demonstrated in Table 28. Riders who use the bus for medical trips report the lowest median income, only \$6,684, followed by riders on shopping trips, whose income is \$8,500. Riders who take social/recreational trips

by bus have an average annual household income of \$10,634. The highest average incomes are attributed to riders on work (\$12,682) and school (\$12,874) trips. The average income of these latter two groups of riders are up to 93% higher than the income of riders on medical trips.

Table 29 shows the relationship between trip purpose and age of the rider. The youngest group of riders, at 16.1 years old, are those who say they are on school trips. The oldest groups are those on shopping trips (they average 32.9 years old) and those on medical trips (33.5 years old). Use of public transit for medical social/recreational and shopping trips is highest among Senior Citizens. Among riders over 61 years of age, 11% are on medical trips, 18% on social/recreational trips and 29% on shopping trips.

Trip purpose patterns change throughout the day, as shown in Table 30. Work accounts for 62% to 71% of the trips during peak periods, but only 34% during the afternoon base period. Even during the evening hours, work accounts for 55% of the trips. School-trips represent 25% of the transit trips during the morning peak and 30% during the afternoon base period. Shopping trips are most likely to occur during the base period, when up to 15% of the riders say they are using the bus for this type of activity. The proportion of social/recreational trips is highest during the evening period (16% of all trips) and the afternoon base period (12% of trips). Medical trips reach 7% of the total during the base period.

TABLE 27
TRIP PURPOSE
BY ETHNIC BACKGROUND

Ethnic Background	<u>Work</u>	School	Shopping	Medical	Social/ Recrea- tional	Other	Total	Number of Respon- dents
White	50%	17\$	13%	5\$	11\$	4%	100%	3891
Black	47	27	9	5	8	4	100	1702
Latino	63	16	8	ù	6	4	101	1637
Asian or Pacific Islander	48	32	4	2	11	3	100	537
American Indian	26	36	15	4	5	13	99	79
Other	32	30	12	1	13	12	100	68
OVERALL	52%	21%	10%	5%	9%	45	101%	7914
Response Rate:	1	19%						

TABLE 28
TRIP PURPOSE
BY ANNUAL HOUSEHOLD INCOME

Annual Househol Income	ld <u>Work</u>	School	Shopping	Medical	Social/ Recreational		Total	Number of Respon- dents
Under \$ 5 000	46%	17%	13%	8\$	11%	5%	100\$	932
\$5000- \$9999	53	14	14	7	10	3	101	823
\$1 0000- \$14999	64	14	8	4	6	ħ	100	918
\$15 000 - \$19999	64	12	7	3	8	5	99	702
\$2 0000 - \$24999	62	21	7	2	5	4	10 1	647
\$25000 or More	54	23	6	1	12	3	.99	1662
OVERALL	52%	21%	10%	5%	9\$	45	101	5684
MEDIAN INCOME	\$ 12682	\$12874	\$ 85 0 0	\$ 6684	\$10634	\$ 11364	\$ 11340)

Response Rate: 35%

TABLE 29
TRIP PURPOSE
BY RIDER AGE

Age	Work	School	Shopping	Medical	Social/ Recrea- tional	Other	<u>Total</u>	Number of Respon- dents
Under 19	14%	62\$	7%	3\$	7%	7%	100%	1597
19 to 29	63	14	7	3	9	3	99	2473
30 to 39	71	7	8	3	8	2	99	1275
40 to 49	78	3	6	6	5	`3	101	693
50 to 61	60	1	19	9	5	6	100	769
62 or Older	36	2 `	29	11	18	4	100	459
OVERALL	52%	21\$	10%	5%	9%	45	101%	7266
MEDIAN AGE	29.4	16.1	32.9	33.5	27.0	23.3		

Response Rate: 45%

TABLE 30
TRIP PURPOSE
BY TIME OF DAY

Time Period	Work	School_	Shopping	Medical	Social/ Recrea- tional	Other	<u>Total</u>	Number of Respon- dents
Pre-AM Peak	-	-	~	-	-	÷	-	93 *
AM Peak	7 1	25	1	1	2	1	101	3199
AM Base	48	18	15	7	8	4	10,0	1152
PM Base	34	30	14	7	12	5	102	1764
PM Peak	62	13	9	#	8	5	101	1785
Evening	55	11	9	2	16	7	100	291
OVERALL	52%	21\$	10%	5\$	9%	45	101\$	8284

Response Rate: 51%

^{*}Sample size too small to allow Valid statistical comparison

RIDERS RATE RTD SERVICE

Overall, about 77% of RTD riders say that their opinion of RTD service is favorable. Figure 12 shows that a favorable opinion about RTD service is expressed by most riders on all types of RTD lines.

A measure called the "satisfaction index" has been developed as a method for evaluating the relative opinions that various market segments have expressed about RTD service. The satisfaction index is an arithmetic mean based on a scoring system which gives a value of "1" to the very unfavorable rating and a value of "4" to the very favorable rating.

The satisfaction index varies only slightly by type of service. Overall, the average RTD rider has a somewhat favorable opinion of RTD service. The satisfaction index is exactly 3.0.

Regular-Service riders also score a 3.0 satisfaction index. Peak-Hour Express riders' satisfaction index is 3.1, and that of Subscription line riders is 3.2.

Table 31 shows that there is some variation in the opinions of different ethnic groups regarding RTD service. Latinos and Asian/Pacific Islander riders tend to have the highest level of satisfaction with RTD service. Their satisfaction index is 3.2. Black riders tend to be least satisfied, with a satisfaction index of 2.8.

A pattern of responses in Table 32 is evident in the fact that the poorest and the most affluent riders tend to score highest on the satisfaction index. Riders in the middle income range tend to be somewhat less satisfied with RTD service.

Rider satisfaction with RTD service by age group is shown in Table 33. There is a tendency for the satisfaction index level to increase as rider age increases. Indeed, the highest median age is reported by riders expressing a "very favorable" opinion of RTD service.

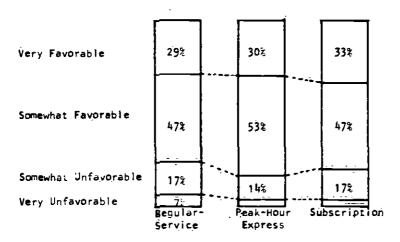


FIGURE 12: RIDERS RATE RTD SERVICE.
BY TYPE OF SERVICE

TABLE 31
RIDERS RATE RTD SERVICE
BY ETHNIC BACKGROUND

Ethnic Background	Very Favor- able	Somewhat Favor- able	Somewhat Unfavor- able	_ _	Total	Satis- faction Index	Number of Respon- dents
White	29%	49%	17%	5%	100%	3.0	3 901
Black	22	46	20	12	100	2.8	1736
Latino	37	46	13	4	100	3 <u>.</u> 2	1636
Asian or Pacific Islander	37	48	13	2	100	3,2	531
American Indian	30	43	17	11	101	2.9	84
Other	11	52	29	8	100	2.7	70
OVERALL	29%	48\$	17%	7\$	101\$	3.0	7958

Response Rate: 49%

TABLE 32
RIDERS RATE RTD SERVICE
BY ANNUAL HOUSEHOLD INCOME

Annual Household Income	Very Favor- able_	Somewhat Favor- able	Somewhat Unfavor- able	Very Unfavor- able	<u>Total</u>	Satis- faction Index	Number of Respon- dents
Under \$5000	35%	42%	15%	8%	100%	3.0	9 89
\$5000- \$ 9999	28	52	16	4	100	3.1	843
\$1 0000 - \$14999	24	49	21	6	100	2.9	938
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\$2000 0- \$2 4999	18	53	24	5	100	2.8	657
\$25 000 or More	27	52	17	5	101	3.0	1662
OVERALL	29%	48⊈	17%	7\$	101	3.0	5778
MEDIAN INCOME	\$9579	\$1:1795	\$13 00 9	\$11020	\$11340		

Response Rate: 36%

RIDERS RATE RTD SERVICE
BY RIDER AGE

Age	Very Favor- able	Somewhat Favor- able	Somewhat Unfavor- able	Very Unfavor- able	Total	Satis- faction Index	Number of Respon- dents
Under 19	26%	52%	15%	75	100%	3.0	1599
19 t o 29	24	50	19	7	100	2.9	2519
3 0 to 39	28	46	21	5	100	3.0	1288
4 0 to 49	41	<u>3</u> 8	13	8	100	3.1	699
5 0 to 61	32	48	15	5	100	3.1	758
62 or Older	41	43	9	7	100	3.2	474
OVERALL	29%	48%	17:\$	7\$	101%	3.0	7337
MEDIAN AGE	28.7	26 .0	26.4	25.9			

Response Rate: 46%

METHODOLOGY

The 1981 Ridership Tracking Study reports on the demographic, attitudinal and trip-need data of riders using three different types of RTD services -- Regular-Service lines, Peak-Hour Express lines and Subscription lines. Because of operational differences between Regular-Service lines and the other two types, two different data collection methodologies were used.

The 1981 Weekday Regular-Service Ridership Survey examines the demographic and trip-related characteristics of just one of the market segments served by SCRTD. The first step in selecting the sample lines to be surveyed was to stratify RTD weekday service into eight different categories, as shown in Table 1 of this report. Weekday Regular-Service lines comprise 124 lines providing local service only, 8 lines which are chiefly local except for some peak-hour express trips and 24 lines which are chiefly local but provide some express travel over a small portion of their routes. These 156 lines represented only 69% of the 226 RTD weekday lines in existence at the time of the survey, but they accounted for over 1,216,000 boardings -- 94% of all weekday boardings at that time.

Random selection of lines from each of the three Regular-Service categories to be surveyed was made by using a random numbers table. The resulting sample of 50 lines consists of 43 local lines, 3 local lines with Peak-Hour Express trips and 4 local lines with day-long express service along a portion of their routes. These 50 lines represent 32% of the Regular-Service lines and carry 27% of the passengers boarding regular-service lines on a typical weekday.

One bus run on each sample line was selected to be surveyed. Surveying was to be conducted over a full service day Distribution and collection whenever possible. questionnaires was performed by interviewers from the market research firm of Integrity Research. Interviewers were instructed to hand a questionnaire to every passenger boarding the bus on the sample bus runs. If a boarding passenger would not fill out a questionnaire, to answer three questions interviewe:r was questionnaire based on observation of the passenger: passenger's boarding point; 2) passenger's gender; and 3) passenger's ethnic background. The interviewer collected completed questionnaires from disembarking passengers and recorded the serial numbers of questionnaires distributed on each trip surveyed. Surveys were distributed on weekdays beginning May 18, 1981 through June 3.

Subscription lines and Peak-Hour Express lines were surveyed on June 3 using RTD drivers to distribute and collect questionnaires. On the day of the survey, division dispatchers gave each driver a package of questionnaires to be distributed to each boarding passenger on in-bound trips. Up to 85% of the in-bound trips on the Peak-Hour Express and Subscription lines were surveyed. (The remainder of the trips were surveyed by CALTRANS, using a different questionnaire).

The RTD questionnaire used is the basic standard bi-lingual on-board instrument developed by Market Research in 1977. In order to gauge the effects of the 1981 fare increase, however, attitudinal questions were added to the questionnaire. A copy of the questionnaire is included in this section of the report.

The RTD is surveying passengers on this bus line in order to find our what your transit needs are and how we can best respond to your needs. All replies are completely confidential, so please answer all the offersions as accurately as possible. Thank you for your help. PLEASE ANSWER ALL THE QUESTIONS AND RETURN THIS FORM TO THE RTD REPRESENTATIVE Nº 073692 13 You are: Alat 🗆 🖽 Frank 🗀 442 14. To which others group do you belong? Mar | Mark # Nign | Latin # Hispan | 1. How did you got to the first RTD bus you b Asia o Poji Naji () Angun laka () Okr______ No Diss [] 1-3 -4 15 What is your age?_ CLASS SECTION How many automobiles in the How did you get to this bus? in your household? Was Driver [] u living in your hou<u>mbaid</u>? (Cours yourself.) QUESTIONS 2 AND 3 DEAL WITH YOUR REDE ON THE BUS YOU ARE ON NOW. FLM FETT, 100 Where did you get on this bus' (Incluses search cross-streets) Unio \$5,000 □ ... \$5,000 to \$9,999 □ \$10,000 to \$14,999 □ \$15,000 to \$19,999 \(\)
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APPENDIX

TABLE A-I

RTD System-Wide

Number of Buses in Service

Peak/Base

Year	Quarter	Ave Wee Peak	rage kday <u>Base</u>		rage rday Base		rage day <u>Base</u>
1976	Winter Spring (June only) Summer* Fall	NA 2028 2060 2027	NA 1329 1370 1364	NA 1185 1215 1260	NA 1186 1216 1260	NA 872 906 885	NA 873 908 885
1977	Winter	1958	1345	1181	1181	875	872
	Spring	1929	1320	1149	1148	857	852
	Summer	1952	1302	987	982	735	732
	Fall	1845	1207	967	962	726	723
1978	Winter	1848	1219	972	967	728	724
	Spring	1799	1181	926	921	695	691
	Summer	1832	1185	927	921	699	695
	Fall	1897	1194	941	935	701	697
1979	Winter	1990	1224	943	935	701	697
	Spring	1962	1221	957	952	721	717
	Summer*	2006	1235	961	955	717	714
	Fall	2006	1235	961	955	717	714
1980	Winter	2006	1235	961	955	717	714
	Spring	1999	1224	971	926	731	694
	Summer	2000	1214	968	926	726	678
	Fall	2016	1228	967	918	728	667
1981	Winter Spring Summer Fall	2016 2036 2036	1228 1218 1218	967 963 963	918 936 936	728 - 748 748	667 706 706

Source: Statistical Digest, Service Analysis Section

^{*}Strike

TABLE A-II

RTD System-Wide Vehicle Miles

Year	Quarter	Average Weekday	Average Saturday	Average Sunday	Average Month Total	Quarter Total
1976	Winter	NA	NA	ÑA	NA	NA
	Spring (June only)	349,000	257,000	195,700	9,490,000	NA
	Summer*	355,160	265,950	197,500	9,420,000	26,206,0
	Fall	350,300	240,600	192,470	9,592,000	28,776,00
1977	Winter	350,333	261,633	196,500	9,438,000	28,314,0
	Spring	343,100	254,367	189,833	9,308,000	27,925,00
	Summer	338,800	229,800	170,500	9,153,000	27,458,00
	Fall	327,700	208,100	159,700	8,583,000	25,750,0
1978	Winter	320,900	208,600	159,000	8,491,000	25,473,000
	Spring	321,500	210,000	159,600	8,514,000	25,541,0
	Summer	315,300	204,000	153,100	8,271,000	24,813,0
	Fall	319,200	200,300	152,000	8,332,000	24,997,000
1979	Winter	330,300	201,900	152,200	8,631,000	25,893,00
	Spring	334,400	200,000	151,600	8,708,000	26,124,000
	Summer*	340,000	196,900	154,600	6,612,000	19,836,00
	Fall	341,100	200,700	153,700	8,800,000	26,401,00
1980	Winter	337,200	203,000	160,000	8,820,000	26,459,00
	Spring	335,800	201,800	158,200	8,776,000	26,329,00
	Summerl	330,400	198,400	151,600	8,557,000	25,671,00
	Fall	332,600	197,200	150,100	8,589,000	25,767,00
1981	Winter Spring Summer Fall	332,600 332,600 336,900	197,200 197,200 201,900	150,100 150,100 156,500	8,650,000 8,650,000 8,767,000	25,950,00 25,950,00 26,300,00

Source: <u>Statistical Digest</u>, Service Analysis Section

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Beginning Summer 1980, scheduled mileage figures from 4-24 Report are used. Previous actual vehicle miles were from Hub Mileage Report and averaged approximately 2% over scheduled miles.

TABLE A-III

RTD System-Wide Number of Scheduled Vehicle Hours

Year	Quarter	Average Weekday	Average Saturday	Average Sunday	Average Month Total	Quarter Total
1976	Winter Spring (June only) Summer* Fall	NA 24,400 25,070 24,900	NA 18,200 18,800 18,500	NA 13,200 13,700 13,400	NA NA 615,600 682,000	NA NA 1,846,900 2,045,000
1977	Winter	24,500	18,300	13,300	656,000	1,969,000
	Spring	24,000	17,800	13,000	649,000	1,948,000
	Summer	23,600	15,800	11,600	634,000	1,903,000
	Fall	23,200	15,000	11,400	607,000	1,821,000
1978	Winter	22,500	14,900	11,100	596,000	1,787,000
	Spring	22,400	15,000	11,000	592,000	1,775,000
	Summer	21,800	14,300	10,600	573,000	1,720,000
	Fall	22,400	14,300	10,600	584,000	1,753,000
1979	Winter	23,000	14,400	10,600	603,000	1,808,000
	Spring	23,400	14,500	10,700	612,000	1,835,000
	Summer*	23,300	14,700	10,800	458,000	1,374,000
	Fall	23,500	14,500	10,700	610,000	1,829,000
1980	Winter	23,500	14,500	10,700	614,000	1,842,000
	Spring	23,500	14,500	10,700	614,000	1,843,000
	Summer	23,200	14,500	10,700	603,000	1,809,000
	Fall	23,400	14,500	10,700	607,700	1,823,000
iael [Winter Spring Summer Fall	23,400 23,400 23,600	14,500 14,500 14,700	10,700 10,700 11,100	612,000 612,000 633,000	1,836,000 1,836,000 1,900,000

Source: <u>Statistical Digest</u>, Service Analysis Section

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TABLE A-IV

RTD System-Wide Actual Driver Pay Hours

Year	Quarter	Average Weekday	Average Saturday	Average Sunday	Average Month Total	Quarter Total
1976	Winter	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
	Spring (June only)	30,700	21,700	16,400	827,000	NA
	Summer*	31,000	22,600	18,700	767,100	2,301,000
	Fall	30,900	21,500	18,500	848,000	2,543,000
1977	Winter	29,800	21,300	17,100	802,000	2,407,000
	Spring	29,300	21,000	16,700	796,000	2,388,000
	Summer	29,000	19,400	16,500	792,000	2,375,000
	Fall	29,000	17,400	15,200	761,000	2,284,000
1978	Winter Spring Summer Fall	27,000 27,300 26,500 27,200	17,100 17,500 17,200 17,300	14,300 13,500 13,300 13,300	717,000 721,000 697,000 713,000	2,152,000 2,162,000 2,091,000 2,139,000
.1979	Winter	28,300	17,200	14,200	745,000	2,234,000
	Spring	28,900	17,700	14,600	761,000	2,284,000
	Summer*	28,900	17,800	15,000	572,000	1,716,000
	Fall	28,700	16,700	14,400	746,000	2,239,000
1980	Winter	28,000	17,000	14,100	736,000	2,209,000
	Spring	28,000	17,200	14,100	737,000	2,212,000
	Summer	28,000	17,600	14,400	736,000	2,208,000
	Fall	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
1981	Winter Spring Summer Fall	N/A N/A 28,087	N/A N/A 17,438	N/A N/A 15,370	N/A N/A 745,783	N/A N/A 2,237,350

Source: Statistical Digest, Service Analysis Section

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TABLE A-V

RTD System-Wide
Total Operating Cost

Quarter	Average Weekday	Average Saturday	Average Sunday	Average Month Total	Quarter Total
Winter	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Spring (June only)	\$657,000	\$466,000	\$350,000	\$17,720,000	NA
Summer*	625,000	465,000	345,000	14,400,000	NA
Fall	601,000	447,000	330,000	16,470,000	\$49,400,000
Winter	602,000	450,000	338,000	16,230,000	48,700,000
Spring	587,000	435,000	325,000	16,000,000	47,900,000
Summer	624,000	424,000	314,000	16,870,000	50,600,000
Fall	612,000	389,000	298,000	16,030,000	48,100,000
Winter	629,000	409,000	312,000	16,630,000	49,900,000
Spring	650,000	424,000	323,000	17,205,000	51,614,000
Summer	660,000	427,000	320,000	17,310,000	51,922,000
Fall	646,000	406,000	308,000	16,870,000	50,598,000
Winter	757,000	463,000	349,000	19,780,000	59,340,000
Spring	890,000	532,000	404,000	23,180,000	69,539,000
Summer*	946,000	548,000	430,000	18,400,000	55,200,000
Fall	866,000	509,000	390,000	22,340,000	67,018,000
Winter Spring Summer Fall	907,000 958,000 1,011,000 1,093,000	546,000 576,000 607,000	430,000 451,000 464,000 453,000	23,730,000 25,045,000 26,185,000 28,235,000	71,178,000 75,135,000 78,555,000 84,705,000
Winter Spring Summer Fall	1,026,000 1,136,000 1,145,484	608,000 674,000 686,461	463,000 513,000 532,172	26,683,000 29,548,000 29,844,000	80,050,000 88,645,000 89,531,000

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TABLE A-VI

RTD System-Wide

Average Estimated Boardings

Year	Quarter	Per Weekday	Per Saturday	% of Weekday	Per Sunday	% of Weekday	Total
1976	Winter	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
	Spring	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
	Summer*	990,000	550,000	55.5%	390,000	39.47	48,000,000
	Fall	970,000	520,000	53.6	340,000	35.1	73,800,000
1977	Winter	1,050,000	570,000	54.3	390,000	37.1	79,300,000
	Spring	1,060,000	580,000	54.7	390,000	36.8	81,000,000
	Summer	1,020,000	540,000	52.9	360,000	35.3	77,900,000
	Fall	1,040,000	520,000	50.0	350,000	33.7	77,300,000
1978	Winter	1,020,000	540,000	52.9	370,000	36.3	77,800,000
	Spring	1,090,000	570,000	52.3	410,000	37.6	83,000,000
	Summer	1,090,000	580,000	53.2	380,000	34.9	81,900,000
	Pall	1,100,000	570,000	51.8	370,000	33.6	82,300,000
1979	Winter	1,100,000	590,000	53.6	380,000	34.5	83,600,000
	Spring	1,280,000	670,000	52.3	450,000	35.2	97,000,000
	Summer*	1,210,000	610,000	50:4	440,000	36.4	68,700,000
	Fall	1,180,000	610,000	51.7	390,000	33.1	88,100,000
1980	Winter	1,230,000	700,000	56.9	440,000	35.8	93,700,000
	Spring	1,320,000	790,000	59.8	520,000	39.4	101,800,000
	Summer	1,220,000	730,000	59.8	480,000	39.3	93,400,000
	Fall	1,330,000	750,000	56.4	490,000	36.8	100,800,000
1981	Winter Spring Summer Fall	1,310,000 1,360,000 1,180,000	720,000 720,000 690,000	55.0 52.9 58.5	470,000 450,000 480,000	35.9 33.1 40.7	100,100,000 102,800,000 91,000,000

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Source: Statistical Digest, Service Analysis Section

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TABLE A- VII
LOCAL LINES
(Ranked by boardings per bus hour)

Line Boardings	Boardings per Bus Hour	Line Boardings	Boardings per Bus Hour	Line Boardings	Boardings per Bus Hour
84 28,774 29 28,879 26 54,689 28 34,768 834 10,130 41 10,167 3 36,708 50 23,982 6 30,069 94 19,074 12 17,235 89 19,820 53,045 83 68,480 75 21,555 32 5,553 49 15,896 105 15,553 49 15,896 105 15,553 49 17,809 92 14,406 436 13,184 78 1,386 7,943 25 10,008 8 8,442 212 12,317 39 14,406 436 7,943 25 10,008 8 8,442 212 12,317 39 10,883 24 11,325 103 4,460 163 8,442 212 12,317 39 10,883 24 11,325 103 4,460 163 8,442 212 12,317 39 14,406 436 7,943 24 11,325 10,008 8 11,325 10,883 11,325 10,460 163 8,442 11,325 103 4,460 163 8,442 11,325 103 4,460 163 8,442 11,325 10,460 163 8,442 11,325 10,460 163 8,442 11,325 11,325 11,325 11,325 11,325 11,325 11,325 11,325 11,325 11,326 11	1106.3 106.3	81 8,055 202 5,297 840 4,989 426 7,163 18 2,822 836 7,987 164/165 9,859 438 3,902 423 6,394 841 7,172 76 1,350 152 5,648 155/160 5,583 428 4,817 158 3,265 10 3,704 33 4,315 838 2,122 153 2,102 877 3,728 849 2,234 154 3,613 440 3,874 15 923 159 2,781 73 1,59 2,781 73 3,90 166/168 3,529 425 3,720 183 2,669 175 3,720 183 2,669 175 1,246 356 424 435 447 1,029 17 1,477 16 206 156 1,740	48.7.200664490194163526582153005577532100376 48.7.20066449388.65.526582153009998777.532222224	872 704 306 773 846 1,448 151 1,536 430 1,565 842 681 829 3,516 871 3,436 14/87 1,662 142 2,441 822 1,010 844 989 434 2,124 34 1,114 867 627 97 1,860 201 1,149 359 575 446 848 869 2,032 445 825 431 1,052 821/831 1,014 432 2,017 825 520 827 1,441 861 506 451/453 1,216 205 290 452/454 779 874 160 161 317 441/443 755 204 NA 232 NA	24.3 24.3 23.5 23.5 23.0 23.0 23.0 23.0 23.0 23.0 23.0 23.0
			TOTAL MEDIAN	965,81	37.6

124 LINES

TABLE A-VIII LOCAL LINES WITH EXPRESS SERVICE DURING PEAK HOURS ONLY (Ranked by boardings per bus hour)

Line	Boardings	Boardings per Bus Hour
44	38,385	94.9
91	38,990	79.7
42	20,580	68.3
5	27,039	63.3
93	20,245	53.3
86	7,594	42.4
56	5,687	36.2
495	1,159	20.1
TOTAL	159,679	
MEDIAN		58.3
8 LINES		

TABLE A-IX LOCAL LINES WITH FULL DAY FXPRESS SERVICE (Ranked by boardings per bus hours)

Line	Boardings	Boardings per Bus Hour
88	10,476	44.3
35	13,040	43.9
493	789	35.0
810	5,128	34.4
401/402	3,933	33.3
484	6,603	30.0
486	2,516	29.6
490	3,594	28.0
483/485	7 552	27.1
801	7,552 1,719	26.4
820	6,872	25.4
480	6,302	24.5
482		24.3
488	2,868 1,068	23.6
	1,968	23.1
813	2,529	
487/491	5,292	21.7
456	2,588	19.0
800	3,083	18.0
607	1,830	16.7
496	1,238	15.2
860	615	12.5
TOTAL	90,535	
MEDIAN		25.4
24 LINES	•	

TABLE A-X EXPRESS LINES OPERATING ONLY DURING PEAK HOURS

(Ranked by boardings per bus hour)

		Boardings Per Bus
Tima	Ponydinas	Hour
<u>Line</u>	Boardings	nour
122	279	25.5
176	1149	23.7
144	964	23.3
494	340	19.4
492	323	16.1
604	624	16.1
606	.324	14.8
123	70	13.6
814	55 0	12.7
601	146	11.8
602	320	11.3
605	237	9 .5
6 08	163	8.2
410	196	N/A
481	1229	N/A
489	9 46	N/A
34	63	N/A
TOTAL	7872	
MEDIAN		13.6
17 LINES		

TABLE A-XI SUBSCRIPTION LINES

(Ranked by boardings per bus hour)

Line	Boardings	Boardings per Bus Hour
501	112	N/A
503	98	N/A
.504	86	N/A
505	248	N/A
.507	100	N/A
508	106	Ń/A
509	194	N/A
511	100	N/A
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TOTAL	1,044	
MEDIAN		

8 LINES

PARK 'N RIDE LINES

(Ranked by boardings per bus hour)

Line	Boardings	Boardings per Bus Hour
737	411	25.0
131	411	25.0
757	1,697	23.4
721	921	20.3
764	786	20.3
760	1,321	202
755	990	18.0
762	939	17.4
716	3 66	15.1
758	545	14.6
TOTAL	7,976	
MEDIAN		20.2
9 LINES		

LOCAL LINES OPERATING ONLY DURING PEAK HOURS (Premium Fare)

(Ranked by boardings per bus hour)

Line	Boardings	Boardings per Bus Hour
521	30	NA
522	26	ŅA
524	24	NA
531	74	NA
535	73	NA
536	35	Ν̈́Α
537	25	NA
541	40	NA
542	45	ΝA
543	15	NA.
545	30	NA
TOTAL	417	
MEDIAN		
11 LINES		

TABLE A-XIV SPECIAL SERVICES

Line	Boardings	Boardings Per Bus Hour
551	ŃΑ	NA
552	NA	NA
553	NA	NA
554	NA	NA
555	NA	NA
556	NA	NA
557	NA	NA
558	NA	NA
559	NA	NA
561	NA	NA
566	NA	NA
567	NA	NA
571	NA	NA
572	NA	NA
573	NA	NA
574	NA	NA
603	NÀ	NA
609	NA	NA
610	NA	NA
611	NA	ŊΆ
612	ŇA	NA
613	ŅĀ	NA
635	NA	NA

23 LINES

TABLE A-XV
RIDERSHIP AND SUBSIDIES BY LINE
RANDOM SAMPLE OF REGULAR-SERVICE LINES

Type			Percent	Riders Per	Revenue	Subsidy
of	Line	Daily	of ••• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •	Bus	Per	Per
Line	Number	Boardings	Category	Hour	Boarding \$	Boarding \$
LOCAL	29	28,879	3.0%	106.3	-40	.17
	12	17,235	1.8	79.5	.38	. 29
	89	19,820	2.1	79.5 69.7	.24	.35
	96 32	32,755 5.553	3.4 .6	67.2	.38 .41	.19 .37
	47	11,441	1.2	58.Î	.35	.30
	210	17.809	1.8	58.1	.38	.29
	826	7,943	.8	55.2	.48	.49
	354	1,356	.1	50.4	37	.81
	157	4,196	.4	50.0	. <u>4</u> .8	∵38
	81	8,055	. 6	49.2	. 36	. 5.2
	840	4,989	. 5	47.7	.42	1.88
	18	2,822	. 3	45.0	. 43	.41
	164/165 152	9,859 5,648	1.0	43.6 40.0	.49 .49	.50 .48
	155/160		.6	39.1	.46	. 97
	73	3,390	.4	31.5	. 25	.78
	166/168	7 7 10 10	.4	30.3	.53	1.15
	425	3.720	. 4	30.0	.40	. 83
	169	2,825	. 3	29.5	.49	1.16
	175	1,246	.1	27.7	. 29	.4Î
	424	1,887	. 2	27.3	.46	1.29
	435	2,469	. 3	27.2	-47	1.44
	114	1,029	.1	27.0	,52	.95
	156	1,740	. 2	24.6	. 48	1.06
	87/2	704	٠ <u>٠</u>	24.5	.31	.73
	846 871	1,448 3,436	.1	24.3 23.1	. 52 . 44	1.31 1.52
	822	1.010	.1	22.8	.51	1.44
	844	989	.i	22.5	.55	2.08
	867	627	1	22.0	.55	1.52
	869	2.032	. 2	18.9	. 49	1.66
	431	1,052	.1	18.5	. 48	1.86
	821/831	1,014	1	18.0	. 53	1.89
	861	506	.1	17:3	.51	1.83
	451/453	•	.1	15.0	. 50	2,10
	452/454	779	.1	11.5	. 50	4.50
	Sub-		22.84			
	Total Median	220,591	22.04	30.2	.465	.89
	Medron	2,023		30,2	.403	.09
Local		•			•	
Peak						
Express	44	38,385	24.0%	94.9	-40	.13
_	91	38,990	24.4	79.7	. 26	. 25
	86	7,.594	4.8	42.4	.42	.88
	Sub-					
	Total	84,969	53.24	30.3	40	
	Median	30,385		79.7	.40	. 25
Local- Day			•			•
Express	88	10,476	11.6%	44.3	.51	.41
èr5: ese	484	6,603	7.3	30.0	.63	.87
	488	1.968	2.2	23.6	. 64	2.27
	813	2,529	2.8	23.1	.77	1.37
	Sub-	= ₹ =				
	Total	21,576	23.8%			<u>.</u>
	Median	4,566		26.8	.635	1.12
	TOTAL MEDIAN	327,136	26,94		\$.47	\$.95
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Source: Line Performance Trends Report, Service Analysis Section.

TABLE A-XVI
RIDERSHIP AND SUBSIDIES BY LINE
PEAK-HOUR EXPRESS LINES

Line No.	Daily Board- ings	Percent of <u>Category</u>	Riders Per Bus Hour	Revenue Per Boarding	Subsidy Per Boarding	Date of Fare Check
.34	63	8%	NA	. NA	NA	-
122	279	3.5	25.5	\$.81	\$4.94	2/24/81
123	70	9	13.6	1.56	4.52	10/09/80
144	964	12.2	23.3	.76	3.56	4/15/81
176	1149	14,5	23.7	.47	2.43	1/26/81
410	196	2,5	NA	NA	ΝA	-
481	1229	15,5	NA	NA	ŅĄ	-
489	946	11.9	NA	NA	ŃА	· -
492	323	4.1	16.1	1.02	3.95	4/3/81
494	340	4.3	19.4	, 7.9	4.92	4/3/81
601	146	1,8	11.8	1.46	4.88	2/22/80
602	320	4.0	11.3	1.01	5:35	2/22/80
604	624	7.9	16.1	.79	4.35	2/13/80
605	2.37	3.0	9.5	1.50	6.34	2/13/80
606	324	4.1	1,4.8	1.01	4.39	2/13/80
608	163	2.1	8.2	.88	4.85	5/14/80
814	550	6.9	12.7	.44	5.39	2/2/81
OVER- ALL	7923	100.0%				
MEDIA	Ñ 321.5		13.6	\$.845	\$ 4.685	

Source: Line Performance Trends Report, Service Analysis Section

TABLE A-XVII RIDERSHIP AND SUBSIDIES BY LINE PARK AND RIDE LINES

	_ •:•	Riders Per			
Line	Daily Boardings	Bus <u>Hour</u>	Revenue \$	Subsidy \$	Date of <u>Fare Check</u>
716	398	27.8	1.58	4.26	2/17/81
721	968	33,3	. 1.16	3.28	3/12/81
737	360	34.8	1.48	2.82	1/15/80
755	1066	32.8	1.62	2.47	1/30/80
757	1591	48.5	1.14	2.38	1/30/80
758	567	32.8	1.36	.3.,.34	1/31/80
760	1361	37.2	1.59	2.09	12/18/79
762	1192	31.9	1.43	2.28	3/18/81
764	737	39.2	1,90	1.59	1/31/80
OVER- ALL	8240	- -	-	-	-
MEDIAN	915.5	33.05	\$1.455	\$2.425	

Source: <u>Line Performance Trends Report</u>, Service Analysis Section

FARE MIX COMPARISON

Туре	Market Research	Service Analysis Section Fare Surveys				<u> </u>
of Fare	On-Board Surveys May-Jun 1981	March 1980	August 1980	October 1980	March 1981	July 1981
Cash, Ticket Transfer	or 47%	57 - 3\$	49.5%	45 . 2\$	41.6\$	43.0\$
Regular Pas	s 23	20.2***	24.7	24.6	27.5	27.9
Express Pass	s 5	-	2.6	3.0	2.1	2.8
Student Pass		9.5	4.2	9.0	11.0	7.0
College/Voca Pass	ational 5	-	2.1	2.7	2.9	1.9
Senior Citi: Pass	zen 7	9.4 e #	12.3**	11.3 **	11.1	12.8**
Handicap Pa	ss 2	-	-	-	-	-
Tourist Pas	s –	.1	•3	.1	•3	•3
Other	1	3.5	4.3	4.2	3.6	4.3
OVERALL	100%	100.0%	100.0%	100.15	100.1%	100.0\$

^{*}Includes Summer Youth Pass Boardings
**Includes both Senior Citizen and Handicapped Pass Boardings
**Includes both Regular and Express Pass Boardings