



Public Works – Waukesha Metro Transit

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2026 1st Quarter Ridership Summary

Fixed Route Ridership

1. Fixed Route Ridership has decreased nearly 9% from 2025 for the 1st Quarter (January -March), however there was a 24% reduction in service hours for much of the quarter and much worst weather in 2026 vs the same period in 2025.
2. Despite the harsher weather, 1st Quarter 2026 Passengers per Revenue Hour increased to 9.0 from 7.6, 18% increase, over the same period in 2025.

Metrolift Ridership

3. Metrolift ridership increased 15% from January-March 2025 and is projected to be the highest since 2012.

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Total Passengers by Month: 2025 - 2026

Waukesha METRO Transit				Waukesha METROLIFT			Combined Total			
Month	2025	2026	% Change	2025	2026	% Change	2025	2026	% Change	
January	38,039	32,706	-14.0%	1,043	1090	4.5%	January	39,082	33,796	-13.5%
February	36,345	35,817	-1.5%	970	1196	23.3%	February	37,315	37,013	-0.8%
March	43,267	38,867	-10.2%	1,009	1196	18.5%	March	44,276	40,063	-9.5%
April							April			
May							May			
June							June			
July							July			
August							August			
September							September			
October							October			
November							November			
December							December			
Year-to-date	117,651	107,390	-8.72%	3,022	3,482	15.22%		120,673	110,872	-8.12%

