



MARTA FACT SHEET

- MARTA is the ninth largest transit system in the U.S. and North America that provides bus, rail and paratransit service.
- MARTA's service population is 1.65 million in the City of Atlanta, Fulton and DeKalb Counties.
- In FY08, MARTA's trains, buses and paratransit vans provided service for approximately 105.9 million passenger trips.
- Since the beginning of MARTA rail service in 1979, MARTA has accounted for over 4 billion passenger trips, or more than 10 times the entire population of the United States.
- MARTA provides service for nearly half a million passenger boardings each weekday.
- Nearly half of all riders are between the ages of 16 and 34.
- MARTA operates 600 buses with 132 bus routes covering 1,000 route miles per day.
- MARTA operates 159 clean diesel buses and 441 "clean-fuel" Compressed Natural Gas (CNG) buses, which reduce carbon monoxide by a full 95%.
- MARTA's Mobility service operates 175 Lift-vans.
- MARTA has over 755 bus shelters.
- MARTA operates 338 rail cars in 38 stations on 48.1 miles of rail.
- Approximately 31.6 miles of the nearly 48-mile rail system are located in Fulton County, with 14.7 miles in DeKalb County and 7 miles (to the Airport) in Clayton County.
- The top 10 busiest MARTA stations are: Five Points (26,499 daily passengers), Airport (12,887), College Park (10,510), Lindbergh Center (10,131), Peachtree Center (9,540), H.E. Holmes (9,301), Arts Center (8,399), Kensington (7,975), West End (7,607), and North Springs (7,117).
- MARTA provides direct access to Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport with a rail station that drops off right inside the terminal.
- In 2007, MARTA became the first transit system in North America to convert entirely to a "smart card" fare collection system. The system, aptly named Breeze, uses convenient smart card technology, which enables customers to store a variety of fare products on one card, offers easy tap-and-go entry and exiting and allows for the creation of a regional fare collection system with other transit providers.
- MARTA operates an award winning Transit Oriented Development program, which encourages commercial, residential and retail development around rail stations to increase transit ridership. The program includes Lindbergh City Center – its nationally recognized flagship TOD.
- MARTA's Police Department, consisting of 317 sworn officers, is the eighth largest police department in the State of Georgia and is one of only four transit police agencies in the U.S. to be nationally accredited by the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies (CALEA).
- MARTA was the first ever transit system to be designated as the "Official Provider of Transportation" for the Olympic Games. During the 17 days of the 1996 Centennial Olympic Games in Atlanta, more than 25 million passengers (1.5 million passengers a day) utilized MARTA.
- The longest and steepest escalator in the Southeast U.S. is located in MARTA's Peachtree Center station.

Hours of Operation:

- Buses run from 5:00 a.m. to 1:30 a.m. Monday through Friday and from 5:00 a.m. to 12:30 a.m. weekends and holidays. Times vary on individual routes.
- The rail system operates from approximately 5:00 a.m. to 1:00 a.m. Monday through Friday and from 5:00 a.m. to 12:30 a.m. weekends and holidays.
- MARTA provides ADA-Compliant Paratransit Service to eligible persons with disabilities who are, because of their disability, unable to board, ride or disembark from an accessible vehicle in MARTA's regular bus or rail services. Service is provided with special lift-equipped vans on a curb-to-curb, shared ride basis. Certified individuals having a MARTA ADA Photo Identification Card may call MARTA Mobility's Reservation Office at (404) 848-5826, Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and on Saturdays, Sundays and holidays from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

