

MARTA Facts

- MARTA is the ninth largest transit system in the U.S. that provides bus, rail and paratransit service and the largest public transit system in the southern U.S.
- MARTA's service population is 1.7 million in the City of Atlanta, Fulton and DeKalb Counties.
- MARTA is funded by a one-cent sales tax collected in City of Atlanta, Fulton and DeKalb Counties.
- The MARTA Board is composed of eleven voting members and one non-voting member. The voting members include representatives from the City of Atlanta and Fulton and DeKalb Counties as well as the Georgia Department of Transportation commissioner. The executive director of the Georgia Regional Transportation Authority is a non-voting member.
- MARTA's FY 2011 operating budget is \$389.64 million and total capital budget is \$320.8 million, which includes \$132.8 million allocated for debt service.
- In FY 2010, MARTA's trains, buses, paratransit vans and 5,000 dedicated employees provided service for approximately 146.2 million passenger trips.
- Since the beginning of MARTA rail service in 1979, MARTA has carried over 5 billion passenger trips, or more than 10 times the entire population of the United States.
- MARTA provides transportation for approximately 500,000 passenger boardings each weekday – moving more people than the entire population of the City of Atlanta.
- MARTA provides regional connectivity to local, regional and state transit providers with approximately 50 percent of their customers transferring to MARTA each weekday.
- Nearly half of all riders are between the ages of 16 and 34.
- MARTA operates 505 full size buses on 91 bus routes covering approximately 1,000 route miles per day. MARTA has over 740 bus shelters and benches.
- MARTA operates 158 full size clean diesel buses and 347 “clean-fuel” Compressed Natural Gas (CNG) buses, which reduce carbon monoxide by a full 95%.
- MARTA's Mobility service operates 173 Lift-vans.
- 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 0.7 miles (to the Airport) in Clayton County.
- The top 10 busiest MARTA stations are: Five Points, Airport, Lindbergh Center, College Park, West End, Kensington, Peachtree Center, Arts Center, Hamilton E. Holmes and North Avenue.
- 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 TOD.
- MARTA's Police Department, consisting of over 300 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 is a Tier 1 Homeland Security facility and receives federal assistance to help the MARTA Police Department function at its highest level.
- 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.

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.
- MARTA trains operate from approximately 4:45 a.m. to 1:00 a.m. Monday through Friday and 6:00 a.m. to 1:00 a.m. weekends and holidays.
- Customers can call 404-848-5000 to reach customer service and scheduling and route information.
- 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 404-848-5000, Monday through Friday from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. and on Saturdays, Sundays and holidays from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.