

Transit Fares in Large Metro Regions

A comparison of current fares for transit systems finds that regular users of the Twin Cities transit network generally pay higher fares than transit users in comparable metro areas throughout the U.S. The fares are summarized below. This data has been collected from websites of the respective transit agencies. Key findings include:

- During the rush-hour, commuters pay higher fares than 2/3 of other metro regions.
- Riders using monthly passes typically pay higher fares than most regions.
- Many regions have increased fares since 2009 and now have fares similar to Twin Cities fares, which were increased in 2008.
- Many other regions have more extensive transit networks, which means that transit fares in Minnesota buy less service.

CITY / REGION	SINGLE RIDE (off-peak)	SINGLE RIDE (peak)	EXPRESS ROUTES	DAILY PASS	MONTHLY PASS
Atlanta	\$2.00	\$2.00	same	\$8.00	\$68.00
Baltimore	\$1.60	\$1.60	\$2.00	\$3.50	\$64.00
Boston	\$1.25 to \$2.00	\$1.25 to \$2.00	\$2.80 to \$5.00	\$9.00	\$59.00
Cleveland	\$2.25	\$2.25	\$2.50	\$5.00	\$85.00
Dallas	\$1.75	\$1.75	\$3.50	\$4.00	\$65.00
Denver	\$2.25	\$2.25	\$4.00	NA	\$79.00
Detroit	\$1.50 to \$2.00	\$1.50 to \$2.00	\$1.50 to \$2.50	NA	\$47.00 to \$82.00
Houston	\$1.25	\$1.25	\$2.00 to \$4.50	NA	NA
Mpls / St. Paul	\$1.75	\$2.25	\$2.25 to \$3.00	\$6.00	\$59.00 to \$113.50
Phoenix	\$1.75	\$1.75	\$2.75	\$3.50	\$55.00
Pittsburgh	\$2.25 to \$3.25	\$3.00 to \$4.00	same	NA	\$90.00 to \$130.00
Portland	\$2.35	\$2.35	same	\$4.75	\$88.00
Sacramento	\$2.50	\$2.50	same	\$6.00	\$100.00
St. Louis	\$2.00 to \$2.25	\$2.00 to \$2.25	\$2.00 to \$2.25	\$7.50	\$68.00
San Diego	\$1.75 to \$2.25	\$1.75 to \$2.25	\$1.75 to \$2.50	\$5.00	\$59.00
San Francisco	\$2.00	\$2.00	same	NA	\$70.00
San Jose	\$2.00	\$2.00	\$4.00	\$6.00	\$70.00
Seattle	\$1.75 to \$2.50	\$2.50	\$2.00 to \$3.00	NA	NA
Tampa	\$1.75	\$1.75	\$2.75	NA	NA
Washington DC	\$1.50 to \$2.75	\$1.95 to \$5.20	\$3.65	NA	NA

Notes:

- For detailed information regarding special fares, transfers, exceptions, and limitations, refer to the website of the specific agency.
- Fares summarized are for bus (local & commuter), light rail transit and subway only. Commuter rail fares are excluded from this summary.

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