

## Who uses Transit?

- Nationwide, 9.4 billion unlinked trips were taken in 2003. 60.3% were by bus, 28.3% by heavy rail, and 11.4% for all other modes combined. An **unlinked trip** is recorded each time a passenger boards a transit vehicle.

The number of unlinked trips in the Boise urbanized area was 990,626 in FY 2004 and 960,341 in FY 2005. For the Nampa urbanized area and for intercounty service, the numbers were 66,564 in FY 2004 and 59,709 in FY 2005.

- Nationwide, 52% of trips are taken by women, and 1% by people with disabilities.

In FY 2004, ValleyRide provided 35,614 unlinked trips through its ACCESS paratransit service (for those who cannot use the fixed-line service) in the Boise urbanized area and 2,851 in the Nampa urbanized area. For FY 2004, those numbers were 34,561 and 3,401, respectively.

- Nationwide, 7% of trips are by those 65 and older, 10% by those 18 and under, 31% by African Americans, 18% by Hispanics, 6% by Asian-heritage and Native Americans.
- Nationwide, 54% of trips are work-related, 15% school-related, 9% shopping-related, 5.5% medically-related, 9% socially-related.
- Nationwide, 27% of trips are taken are by those with family incomes below \$15,000, 55% by \$15,000-\$50,000 families, and 17% by those with incomes over \$50,000.
- Average trip length was longest for vanpools at 33.1 miles. Commuter rail averaged 23.3 miles, demand response 8.4 miles, ferry-boat 5.9 miles, heavy rail 5.1 miles, light rail 4.4 miles, and bus 3.7 miles.

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