An aerial photograph of a city skyline, likely Atlanta, Georgia, featuring a multi-lane highway in the foreground and a dense cluster of skyscrapers in the background under a cloudy sky. The image is in grayscale with a dark overlay.

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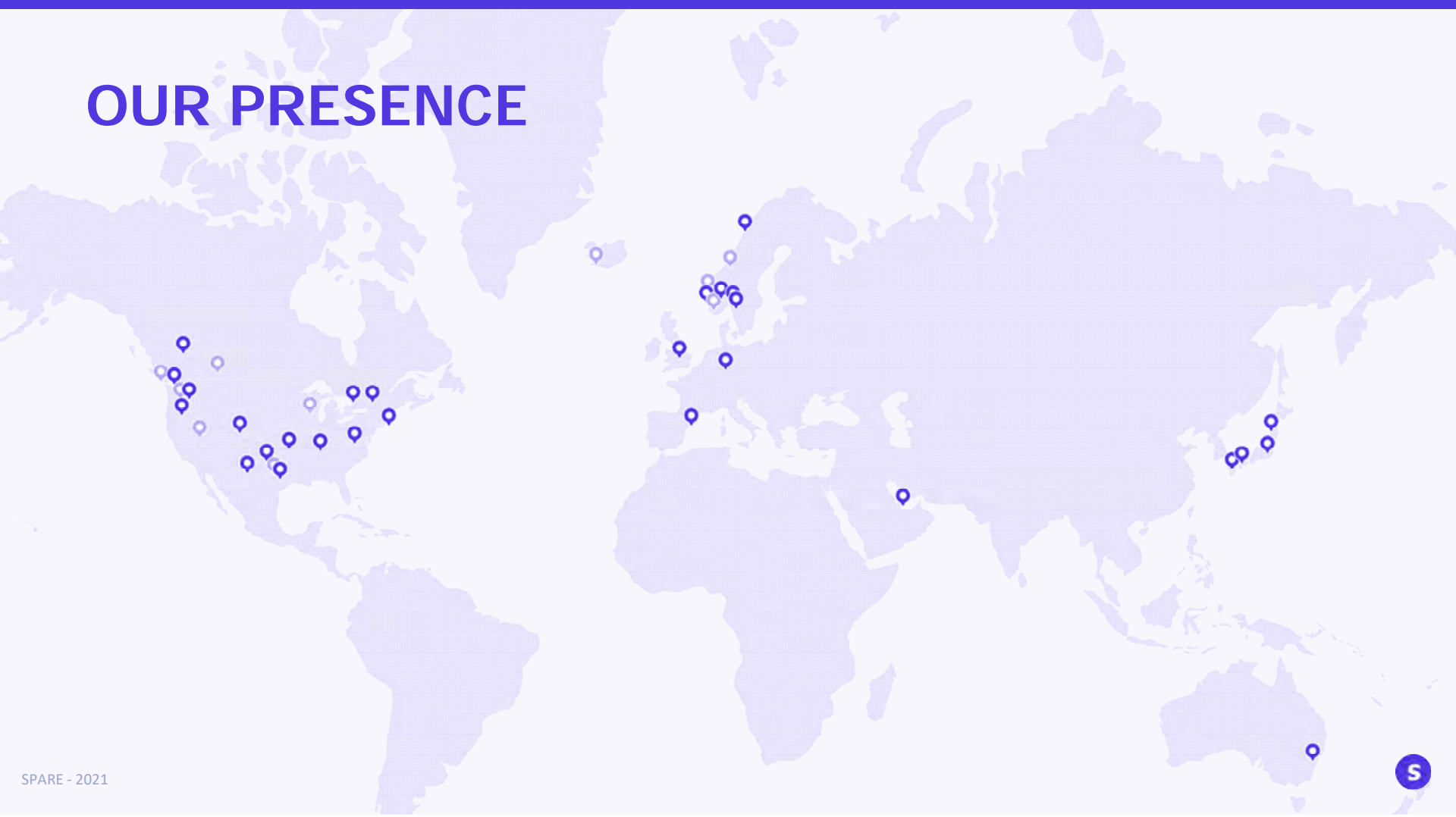
## OUR MISSION

Empowering everyone to unlock the potential of mobility.

# OUR PARTNERS



# OUR PRESENCE



What you can determine  
with data.

# Operational efficiency

With on demand transit agencies are able to determine their efficiency rate, by collecting information such as passengers per vehicle hour, or PPVH, wait times, pooling ratios etc. These metrics can be used to improve the service, reduce the cost per trip, daily cost and then make determinations on whether to save the gains or invest them.



# Key Vehicle Metrics

Total Service Hrs

72

Total Driving Distance

2395.44 km

Passengers per Vehicle Hr

1.19

Avg Vehicle Speed

33.27 km/hr

Pooling Ratio ⓘ

62.79 %

Driving Time

56.63 %

Distance In Service

58.64 %

Duration In Service

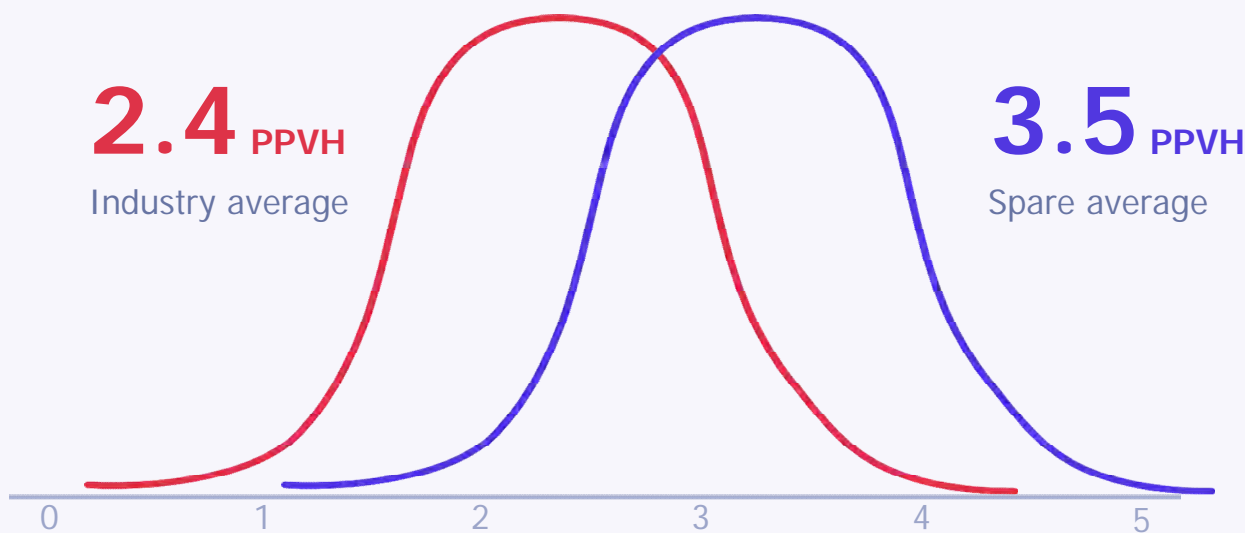
77 %

Avg Pass / Pooled Trip

1.62

# Increased PPVH

Distribution of service efficiency (PPVH) on Spare's services versus typical paratransit services.



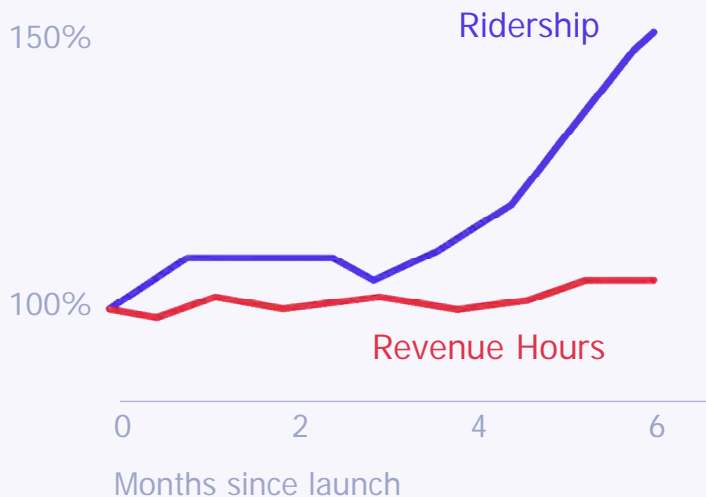
Source: Spare's own data; customer research and discovery calls.

# Increased ridership

Since launching with Spare, agencies have increased ridership while maintaining the same revenue hours.

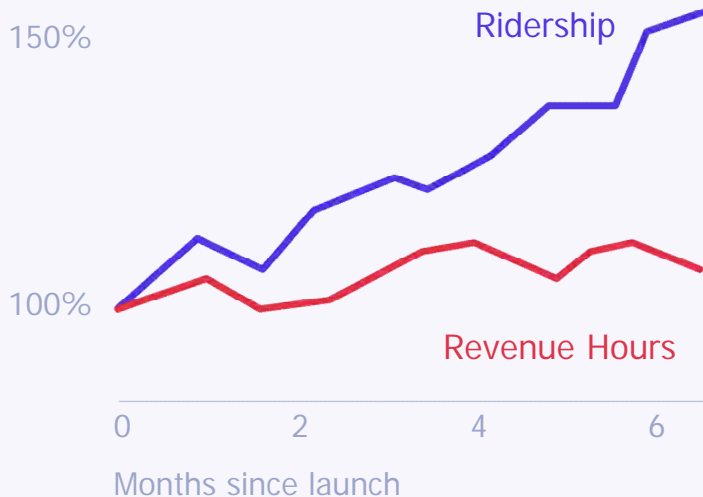
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## Cheyenne

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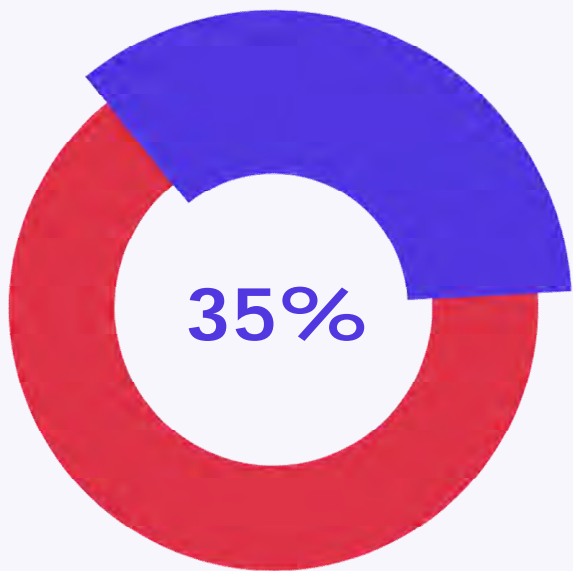


Source: Spare's own data

**Time spent on admin  
tasks.**

# Less time scheduling trips...

By allowing trips to be booked on-demand, less staff time is spent scheduling trips.



Spare paratransit average

- % On-demand Trips
- % Scheduled Trips

Cheyenne



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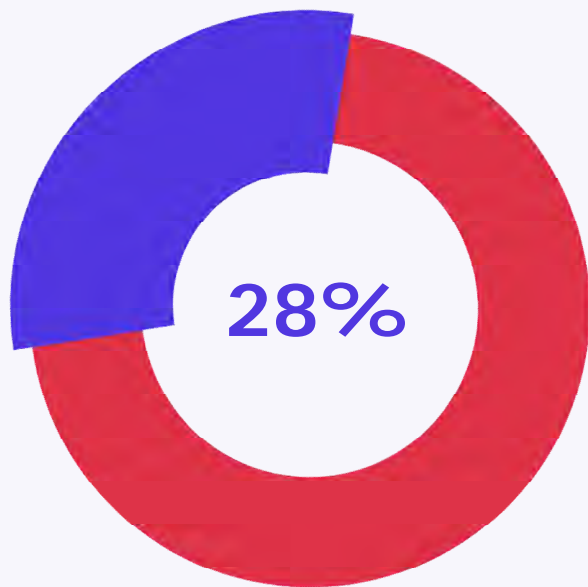


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# ... and dealing with trip requests on the phone

By providing an app for riders to book their own trips, less staff time is spent answering phone calls.



Spare paratransit average

- % App bookings
- % Call-in bookings

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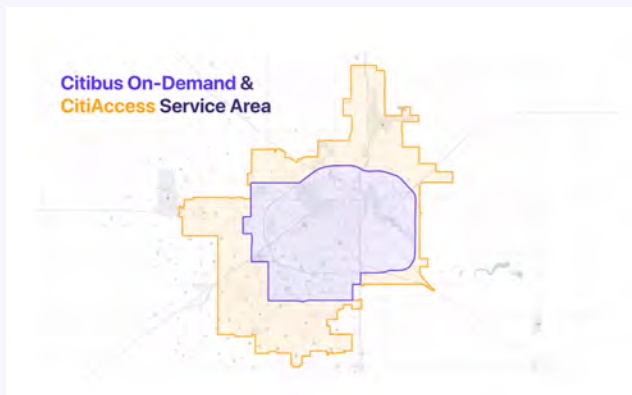


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**Operational findings  
from data for  
partners.**

# Operational findings for additional partners



Driver scheduling optimization leading to annual savings of \$90k



Trip brokering to local taxis costs  $\frac{1}{3}$ .  
This means 3 hours of non-dedicated vehicle service for every 1 hour of dedicated vehicle service.

Get the pulse of your  
ridership.

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# Key Rider Experience Metrics

Total Bookings

86

Num Passengers Served

86

Num Wheelchair Boardings ⓘ

0

Max Wait Time

59.62 min

Avg Wait Time

23.25 min

< 15 Min Wait Time

38.37 %

Avg In-vehicle Trip Delay ⓘ

3.51 min

Avg End-to-end Trip Delay ⓘ

26.77 min

Avg Trip Duration

24.24 min

Avg Trip Distance

22.48 km

Avg Trip Delay ⓘ

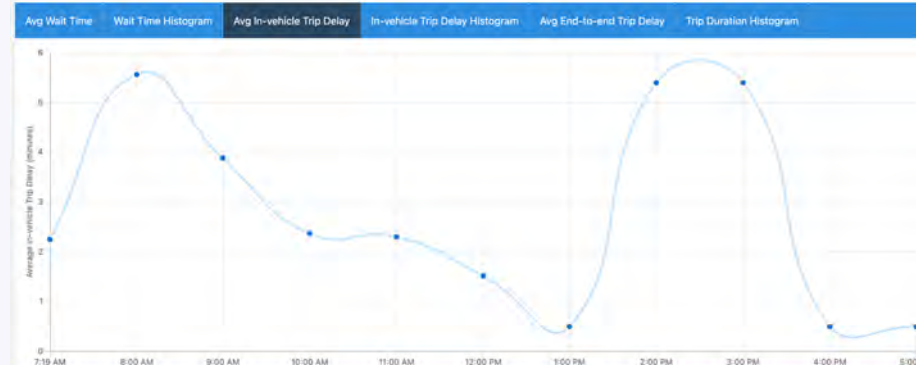
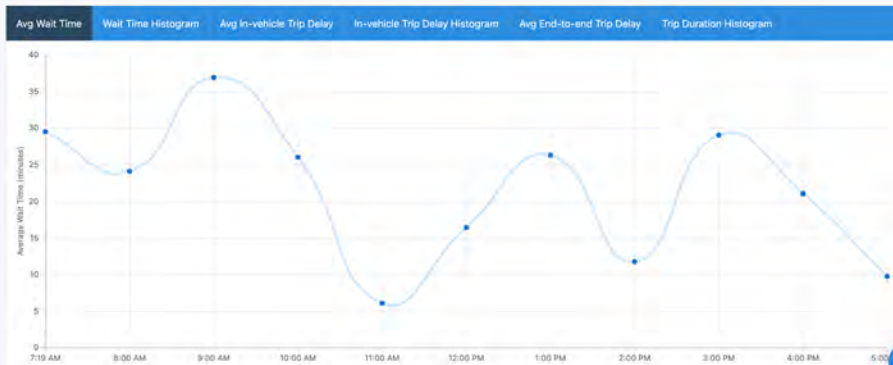
18.64 %

Avg Walking Duration ⓘ

0 min

Max Walking Duration ⓘ

0 min



# Rider reviews

*"I like the smaller vans. They are more comfortable. I hope you are planning on keeping this call out service. I LOVE it"*

*"She was awesome, she brought my phone back!"*

*"I'm SO grateful for this program! Everyone is so calm and so patient. It's sparkling clean. It's vital to my life, so thank you, thank you! Drivers are kind and just great!"*



"I absolutely love this! Extending the hours and booking same day has given me a new found freedom!! Being legally blind and always having to ask for a ride from someone is not fun - having this capability is absolutely amazing ! Thank you from the bottom of my heart. All my drivers I have with your company are also amazing!"

*~ Celeste*

**Outstanding Review for GATRA GO United  
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# Rider surveys

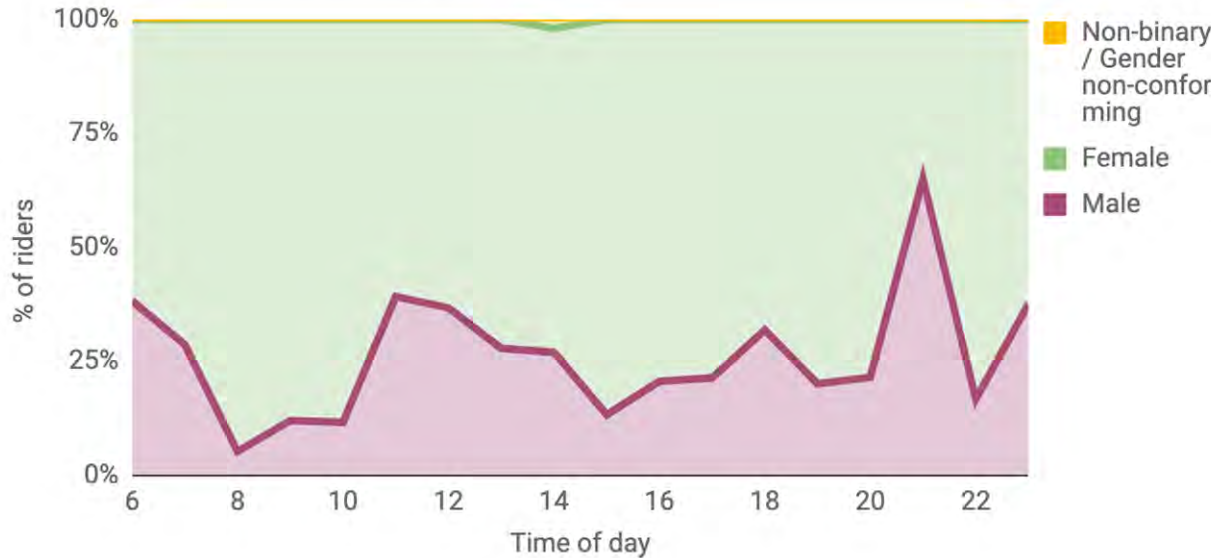
- We received **647 survey responses** from 507 individuals, 72% of whom were female riders, 10% riders with disabilities, and 8% seniors.
- The vast majority (77%) of trips were for the purpose of **commuting**.
- The service **induced 21% new trips**, which would never have happened otherwise.
- **Taxi/ride-hail** was the **most displaced** transportation mode, followed by walking and bus.
- There is evidence that **trip experience is not standardised** across different groups: Black riders experience significantly longer waiting times than other ethnic groups, and females experience longer waiting times than males.
- Certain times of day appear '**out of bounds**' to certain rider groups: female, Asian and senior riders all ride significantly less, or even not at all, at night.
- On average, trips taken by on-demand would have taken **290% longer** using mass transit.

# Modal shift surveys

- To better understand the **impact** of an on-demand service, we need to know what kinds of trips we are **enabling**, what trips we are **replacing**, and specifically for **which population groups**.
- Such surveys help fill in data gaps (such as the [gender data gap](#)), to help better target certain key groups when planning transit.
- It allows us to better understand how on-demand transit fits into the **wider transit ecosystem**.

# Trip distribution by gender

Hourly trip distribution by gender

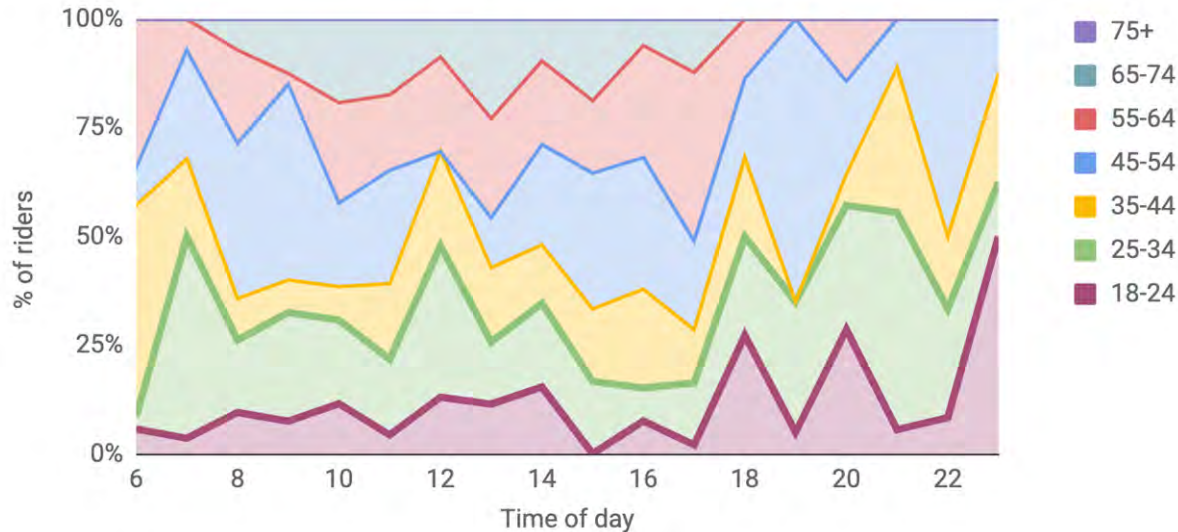


Females tend to travel early in the morning or in the late afternoon, with much lower proportions in the evening and night. This could be an area of improvement.

Relatively fewer males travel in the morning – or at least males willing to respond to our survey – and relatively more travel in the evening and night.

# Trip distribution by age group

Hourly trip distribution by age group



Generally, as riders get older, they tend to travel closer to the middle of the day. No seniors used the service past 6pm.

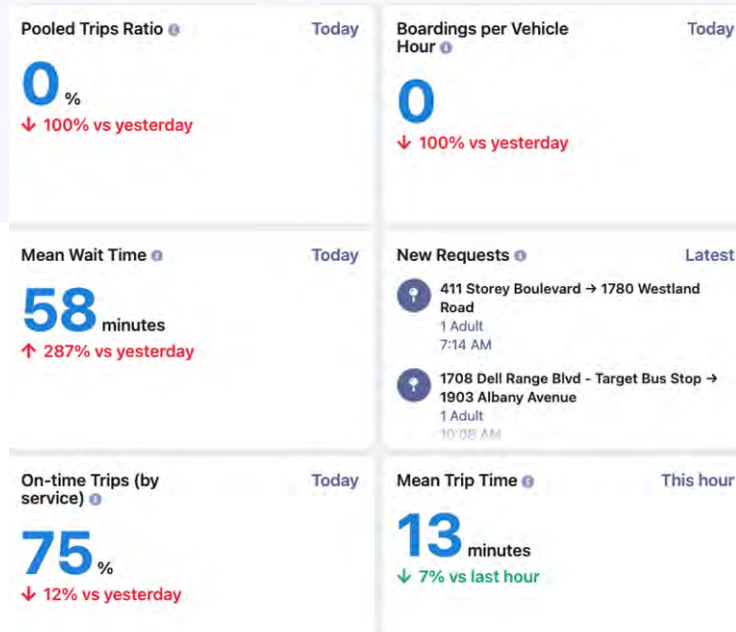
Younger riders (18–24) tend to use the service more frequently in the evenings and night.

**What you can do with  
live data.**

# Using live data for reporting

*"The data, being like you said, just there. You don't have to go search for anything. I don't have to go run reports and figure out dates. It's at a glance and immediately there, saving me so much — that's so valuable."*

- Renae at Cheyenne:



# Using live data for funding opportunities



Our partner MVRTA is using Spare data to apply for MassDot funding and will be setting a standard in data collection.

# Using live data for service planning

## Ridership & Rider Experience

Total Boardings 667 ⓘ

Passengers Per Vehicle Hour 3 ⓘ

Average Travel Distance 11 mi ⓘ

Average Travel Duration 18 min ⓘ

Max Wait Time 90 min ⓘ

Median Wait Time 39 min ⓘ

Cancellation Percentage 15% ⓘ

## Fleet & Vehicles

Vehicle Hours 200 ⓘ

Daily Driver Shifts 25 ⓘ

Pooled Trips Ratio 58% ⓘ

Pickup On Time Percentage 83% ⓘ

