

FIXED ROUTE BUS FACT SHEET



Service Overview

DART First State is Delaware's statewide public transportation provider, operating fixed-route bus service, intercounty bus service, and Beach Bus service.

Quick Facts

- Annual Fixed Route Ridership(FY 2025): 5.3 million trips
- Bus Stops: 2,300+
- Fixed Route Fleet: 250 Vehicles
- Counties Served: Three



How much does it cost?

Fares vary by the number of zones traveled. One-way fares start at \$2, student fares at \$1, and a 1-Zone Daily Pass is just \$4. Reduced fares are also available for seniors, individuals with disabilities, and Medicare cardholders.

Service Highlights

- New Castle County**
 - 24 routes serving Wilmington, Newark, Christiana, Claymont, and surrounding communities.
- Kent County**
 - 8 routes serving Dover and surrounding communities.
- Sussex County**
 - 6 routes serving Georgetown, Lewes, Rehoboth, Seaford, Laurel, and surrounding communities.
- Intercounty Service**
 - 4 routes providing access between New Castle, Kent, and Sussex Counties.
- FLEX Service**
 - 1 route providing flexible service options and deviations up to 1 mile from the core route to improve access to destinations not directly located on the route.
- Seasonal Beach Bus Service**
 - 3 Seasonal routes serving Delaware's resort communities.

Why Ride?

- Affordable**

Provides a cost-effective transportation option for commuting, errands, education, healthcare appointments, and recreational trips.
- Convenient**

Offers service throughout Delaware with connections between communities, employment centers, shopping destinations, educational institutions, and healthcare facilities.
- Reliable**

Provides scheduled service with multiple route options and connections throughout the statewide transit network.
- Accessible**

All fixed-route buses are ADA accessible and equipped to accommodate customers with mobility devices.
- Connected**

Provides connections to DART Connect, Paratransit, Park & Ride facilities, and SEPTA Regional Rail service.

Value/ Impact to Delaware

- Supports Workforce Mobility**
 - Connects residents to major employment centers throughout New Castle, Kent, and Sussex Counties.
- Strengthens Communities**
 - Provides transportation access to education, healthcare, shopping, government services, and community resources.
- Supports Tourism**
 - Seasonal Beach Bus service helps residents and visitors access Delaware's beaches, boardwalks, restaurants, and attractions.
- Reduces Congestion**
 - Provides transportation alternatives that reduce traffic congestion, parking demand, and vehicle emissions.
- Creates Transportation Equity**
 - Provides mobility options for individuals who do not own a vehicle, choose not to drive, or cannot drive.

Looking Ahead

- DART Reimagined implementation
- Expansion of DART Connect service areas
- Fleet modernization
- Enhanced customer technology
- Improved statewide connectivity



For more information about DART Service

