

Data Spotlight

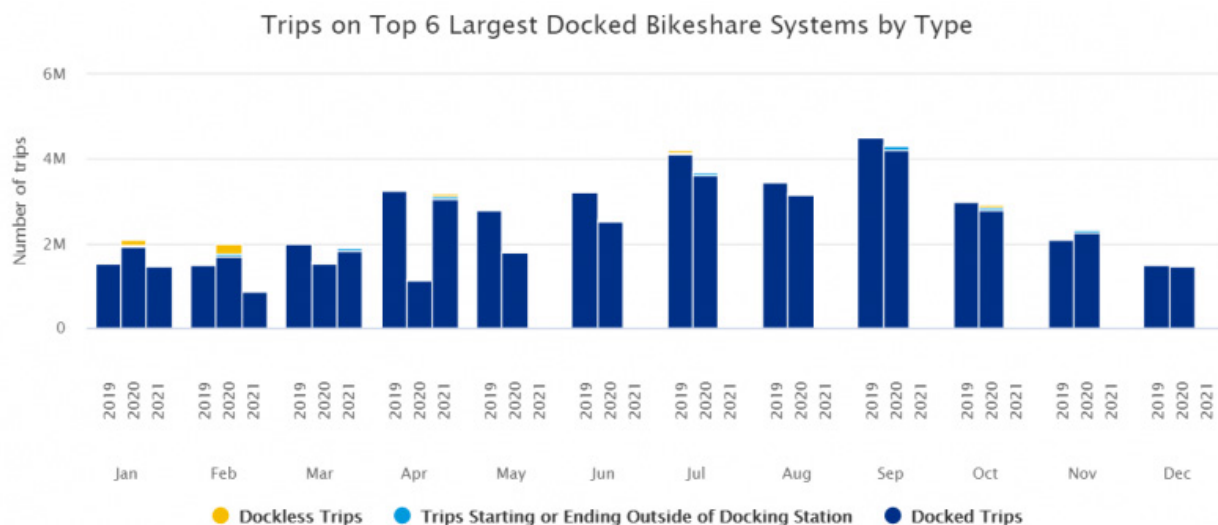
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Bikeshare Ridership Up in March and April; BTS Marks National Bike Month with New Gateway to Bicycling Data and Visualizations

Bikeshare ridership increased in March and April of this year over 2020, but May is when the U.S. bicycle community really celebrates two-wheeled, pedal-powered transportation with National Bike Month. The celebration peaks May 17-23 for Bike To Work Week 2021, and Friday, May 21, is Bike To Work Day. To commemorate Bike Month, BTS presents updated analysis of [trends in bikeshare trips in the U.S.](#) and a new gateway page to BTS bike-related content, "[Bikeshare and E-Scooter Data and Visualizations.](#)"

BIKESHARE RIDERSHIP TICKS UP WITH ARRIVAL OF SPRING

Bikeshare usage has changed since the advent of [COVID-19](#) interrupted a years-long increase in ridership. As the BTS chart below indicates, ridership on the six largest bikeshare systems began increasing again in May 2020 and rose above 2019 levels in November 2020. Following November, ridership receded again with colder temperatures, before rising in March and April of this year.



Source: BTS Docked Bikeshare Ridership by System and Month, available at:

<https://data.bts.gov/Research-and-Statistics/Docked-Bikeshare-Ridership-by-System-Year-and-Mont/cvai-skrf>

Note: The six systems included in the figure are: Citi Bike New York (New York, NY); Capital Bikeshare (Washington, DC Metropolitan Area); Divvy (Chicago, IL); Bay Wheels (San Francisco, CA); Blue Bikes (Boston Metropolitan Area, MA), and Citi Bike New Jersey (Jersey City, NJ). Dockless trips are those starting and ending outside of a docking station on bikes permitted by the system. It does not include trips on other systems in the area; only the specified system. Not all systems allow users to start or end a trip outside of a docking station. Not all systems operate in all months and/or have data available for all months. Data shown only for months where the system operated for the full month and data are available.

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BTS BIKESHARE GATEWAY OPENS THE DOOR TO DATA AND VISUALIZATIONS

To dive further into bikeshare data and ridership trends during Bike Month and throughout the year, the new BTS [bikeshare gateway page](#) has plenty to offer. The page is usefully organized to steer people to BTS analysis and to datasets and visualizations on bikeshare infrastructure and ridership.



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Bikeshare and E-scooters Data and Visualizations

The Bureau of Transportation Statistics (BTS) compiles bikeshare (docked and dockless) and e-scooter data for U.S. systems. This page highlights the data and provides links to stories that show changes over time in the number of systems and for systems with docking stations, the number of trips.

BTS strives to continually improve its bikeshare and e-scooter statistics. If you have a suggestion on how to make this product better, find an issue, or have a question, please contact us at [Ask A Librarian](#). We welcome your feedback.

Analysis

- [Summary of trends](#) Expands upon [BTS' docked bikeshare interactive application](#) (also listed below under trip information) by showing the long-term trends in docked bikeshare trips by system and type of trip, membership level, and time of day.

Systems and Locations

- [Bikeshare \(docked and dockless\) and e-scooter systems in the U.S.](#) Interactive visualizations showing the number, the names of the systems, and the cities served from 2015 to present.
- [Systems suspended or closed due to COVID-19](#) Interactive visualizations showing the number and names of the systems that suspended operations or closed permanently in 2020, by month, and the cities that lost service.
- [Locations of docked bikeshare stations](#) Latitude and longitude for all U.S. docked bikeshare stations by system and year, starting in 2015. Data can be used to see the changes in the locations of docked bikeshare stations over time within a system.

Trips

- [Docked bikeshare trips](#) Interactive application comparing the total number of trips taken per month to the same month in the previous year by system. Views also available by station, hour, and day. The data starts in 2020, with comparison to 2019, to show the effects of COVID-19 on docked bikeshare trips.
- [Summary of trends](#) Expands upon [BTS' docked bikeshare interactive application](#) (above) by showing the long-term trends in docked bikeshare trips by system and type of trip, membership level, and time of day.

Archives

- Statistical Release (03/24/2021): COVID-19 Crushes Docked Bikeshare and E-scooter Ridership, available at <https://www.bts.gov/data-spotlight/covid-19-crushes-bikeshare-e-scooter-ridership>



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