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Record number of Fair goers used DART Park & Rides

DART provided 253,217 rides during the 11 days of the 2019 Iowa State Fair—the highest number of rides provided since DART began offering the Park & Ride service in 2006. DART's 2019 Fair ridership is nearly a 5% increase over the ridership record set in 2015 when DART provided 242,081 rides, and is a 9.5% increase over 2018 ridership.

DART takes Fair goers to the Fair from three Park & Ride locations:

- 1. Iowa State Capitol 112,403 rides provided to/from this location
- 2. Southeast Polk High School 84,862 rides provided to/from this location
- 3. Center Street Park & Ride 55,952 rides provided to/from this location

The busiest day for the Fair, Saturday, Aug. 10, was also the busiest day for DART Park & Rides with a total of 36,629 rides provided.

Thank you to all the Fair goers who used DART to get to and from the Iowa State Fair!





The Des Moines Area Regional Transit Authority (DART) is the public transportation provider in and around Polk County. DART operates a family of transportation services that connects thousands of people every day to jobs, school, medical appointments, entertainment and more. For more information about DART services, schedules, route changes, or directions to the nearest DART stop, visit the website at <u>ridedart.com</u> or call 515-283-8100.

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