

NWARPC 2045 Metropolitan Transportation Plan

Transit Planning

Public Transit Providers

Northwest Arkansas has two public transit providers that currently operate in the urban and rural areas of the region and include Ozark Regional Transit, Inc. (ORT) and University of Arkansas Razorback Transit.

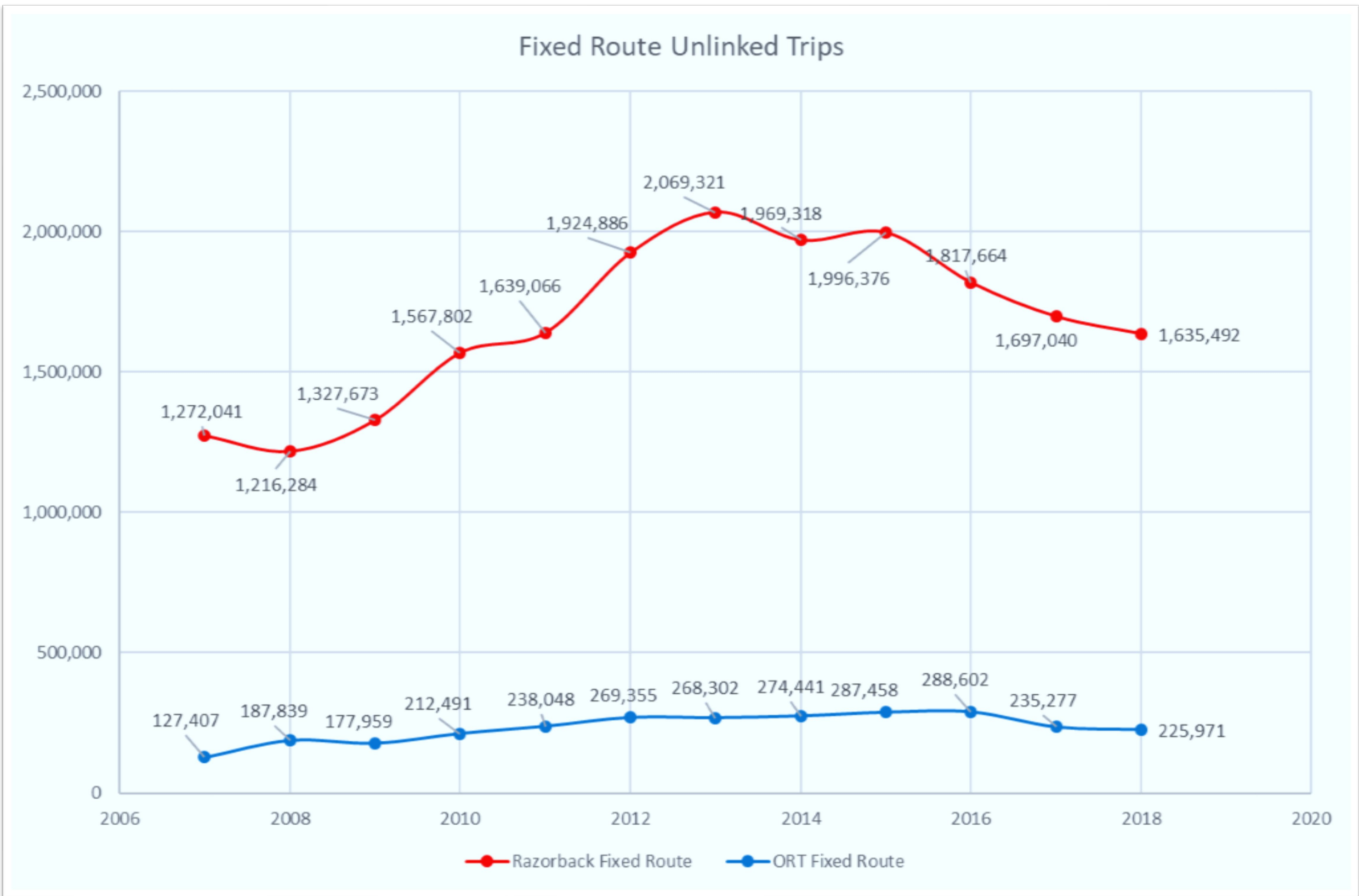
Approximately 1.9 million unlinked trips were provided in 2018 between the two public transportation systems with average daily fixed route unlinked trips of 886 on ORT and 8,500 unlinked trips on Razorback Transit. The University of Arkansas enrollment has increased from approximately 21,000 students in 2010 to approximately 27,778 students in 2019. Both ORT and Razorback Transit coordinate their routes to avoid duplication of service and provide key connections/transfers between the two systems within Fayetteville and University of Arkansas.

Razorback Transit						Ozark Regional Transit					
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Year	Unlinked Trips	Numeric Change	Percent Change	Fixed Route	Demand Response	Year	Unlinked Trips	Numeric Change	Percent Change	Fixed Route	Demand Response
2007	1,280,648			1,272,041	8,607	2007	153,242			127,407	25,835
2008	1,223,358	-57,290	-4.47%	1,216,284	7,074	2008	205,256	52,014	33.94%	187,839	17,417
2009	1,335,028	111,670	9.13%	1,327,673	7,355	2009	193,082	-12,174	-5.93%	177,959	15,123
2010	1,575,149	240,121	17.99%	1,567,802	7,347	2010	237,184	44,102	22.84%	212,491	24,693
2011	1,647,481	72,332	4.59%	1,639,066	8,415	2011	263,828	26,644	11.23%	238,048	25,780
2012	1,933,690	286,209	17.37%	1,924,886	8,804	2012	296,405	32,577	12.35%	269,355	27,050
2013	2,078,006	144,316	7.46%	2,069,321	8,685	2013	288,501	-7,904	-2.67%	268,302	20,199
2014	1,978,500	-99,506	-4.79%	1,969,318	9,182	2014	302,821	14,320	4.96%	274,441	28,380
2015	2,005,267	26,767	1.35%	1,996,376	8,891	2015	317,448	14,627	5.33%	287,458	29,990
2016	1,826,149	-179,118	-8.93%	1,817,664	8,485	2016	319,060	1,612	0.56%	288,602	30,458
2017	1,706,497	-119,652	-6.55%	1,697,040	9,457	2017	261,335	-57,725	-20.00%	235,277	26,058
2018	1,645,305	-61,192	-3.59%	1,635,492	9,813	2018	247,155	-14,180	-6.03%	225,971	21,184

Source: 2007-2018 National Transit Database, University of Arkansas Data Analysis Year July1 to June 30

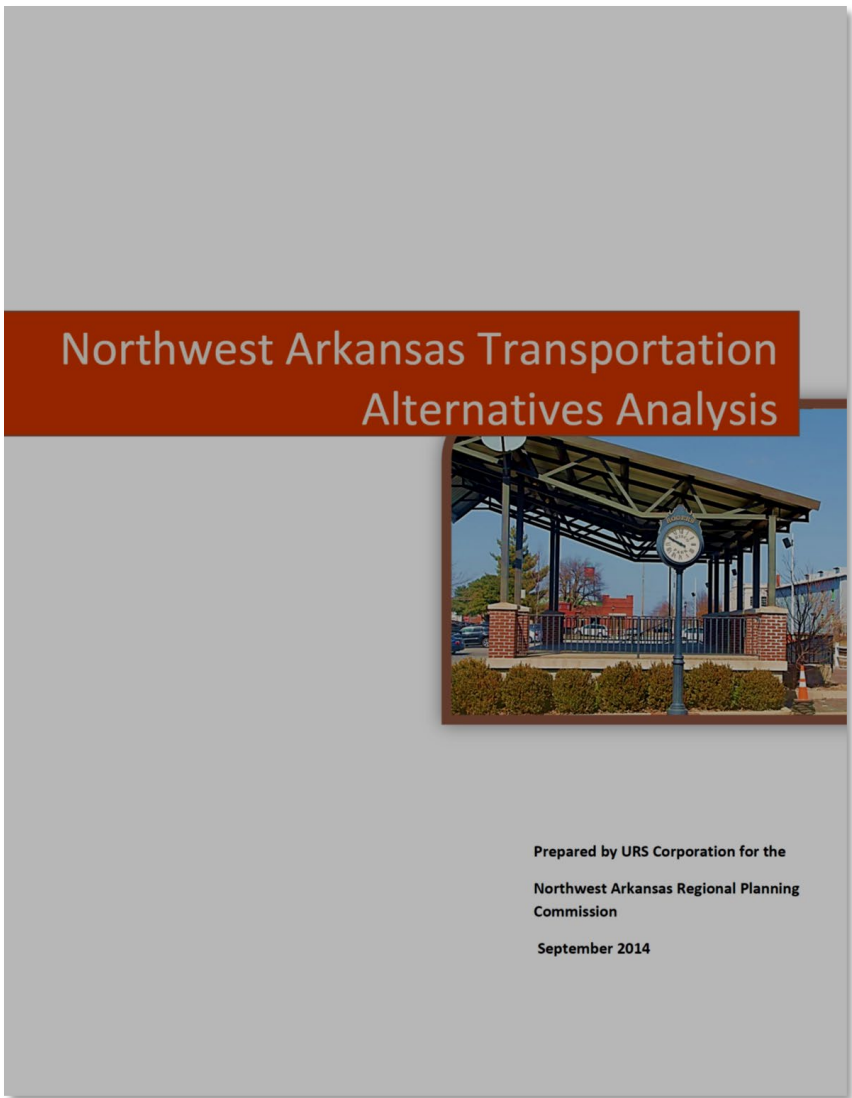
Annual Unlinked Trips

The American Public Transportation Association has provided the definition for unlinked trips as “unlinked passenger trips is the number of times passengers board public transportation vehicles. Passengers are counted each time they board vehicles no matter how many vehicles they use to travel from their origin to their destination and regardless of whether they pay a fare, use a pass or transfer, ride for free, or pay in some other way. A person riding only one vehicle from origin to destination takes one unlinked passenger trip; a person who transfers to a second vehicle takes two unlinked passenger trips; a person who transfers to a third vehicle takes three unlinked passenger trips...”



Transit Planning In NWA

- Northwest Arkansas Regional Planning Commission
- NWARPC Transit Asset Management Plan - 2018
- NWARPC System Wide Origin and Destination Survey - 2018
- NWARPC Transit Program of Projects – 2018-2019
- NWARPC Transit Alternative Analysis – 2014 (Light Rail – Commuter Rail – Bus Rapid Transit)
- NWARPC Transit Development Plan - 2010 – (2019-2020 Update on-going)
- Ozark Regional Transit – Public Transit Operator**
- ORT BRT Study - 2018
- NWARPC Transit Development Plan - 2010
- Razorback Transit University of Arkansas – Public Transit Operator**
- Fayetteville Mobility Plan - 2017
- U of A Campus Master Transportation Plan – 2015
- NWARPC Transit Development Plan - 2010
- Local Jurisdictions**
- Comprehensive Plans
- Downtown Master Plans
- Area Plans



Transportation Alternatives Study

- Determined Need for Major Long Term Investments in Study Area
- Estimated Costs, Benefits and Environmental Impacts
- Guidance for Future Economic and Land Use Development Patterns
- Evaluated Feasibility with regard to FTA Major Capital Investment Funding Rules

