

DDOT and SMART pay far less than other jobs requiring a CDL

DDOT & SMART start at \$19/hr

(SMART starts at \$16.50 for 8 weeks of training, raised to \$19 after training period)

Drivergent	School Bus Driver	\$25/hr
Metro Cars	Bus Driver	\$25/hr
XPO Logistics	Truck Driver	\$26.99/hr
Greyhound	CDL Bus Drivers	\$19.50/hr
Avis Budget Group	Courtesy Bus Drivers	\$20-28/hr
Trinity Transportation	School Bus Driver	\$24/hr

...would you work for less?



Transportation Riders United is a Detroit-based nonprofit organization with over 20 years of transit advocacy experience. TRU believes everyone should be able to get where they need to go, regardless of whether they drive. TRU educates, advocates, and mobilizes for more and better public transit transportation and other affordable sustainable mobility options throughout the Detroit region.

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Greater Detroit is facing a crisis... ...a no-show bus crisis

as half of riders experience
no-show buses, we call out,
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Compared to the rest of Michigan, the driver shortage is a uniquely Detroit problem. Cities like Grand Rapids and Ann Arbor pay their drivers well and have had no issues with a lack of drivers

DDOT and SMART have some of the lowest starting wages in the USA



Source: Labor Network for Sustainability (LNS)

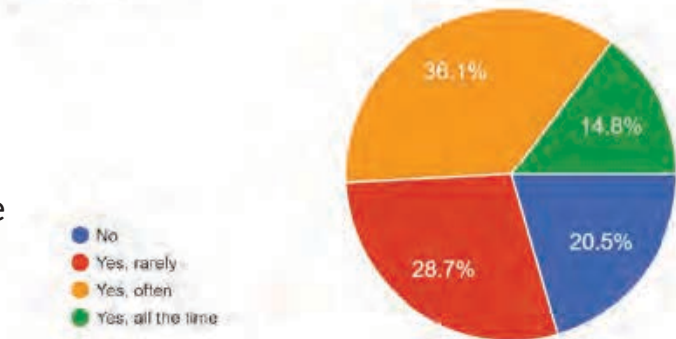
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Over half of bus riders TRU surveyed often experienced no show buses.

Including rare occurrences, 80% of bus riders had issues with buses failing to arrive. Imagine if your bike or car was only available 20% of the time.

Have you experienced missed runs (buses not showing up on schedule) lately? If so, how often?

122 responses



Source: TRU SMART Rider Survey

“When mass transit looks like a crap shoot few employers will trust you’ll be at work by bus. Bless those that are flexible, yet many jobs aren’t.”

- Stephen, DDOT Rider

“It’s bad. I have to tell the boss, ‘I be late!’ I wish they ran on time—like, back to back.”

- Stephanie, DDOT Rider



Read the full report and get involved at: DetroitTransit.org

This no show bus crisis creates a domino effect in our own community:

- Businesses **lose money**
- Workers **lose jobs**
- Students **miss school**

