

# GRADING CALIFORNIA'S RAIL

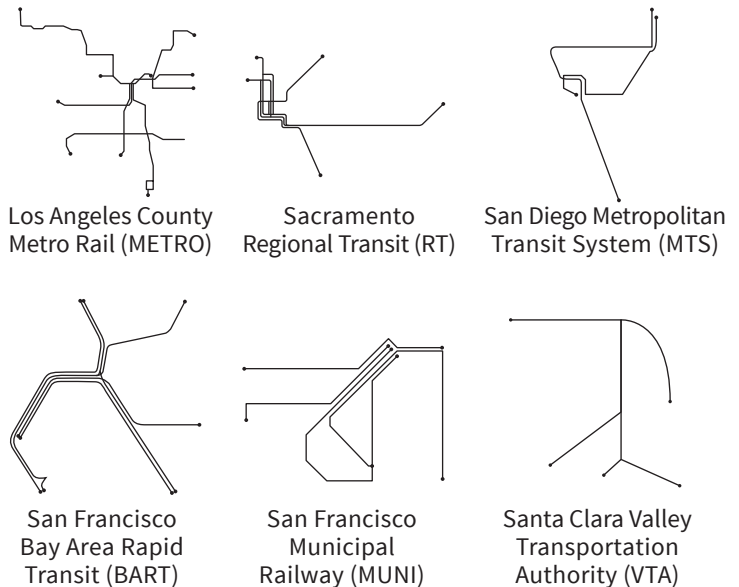


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# TRANSIT STATION AREAS

How well do California's rail transit station areas encourage transit ridership, connect to amenities, and create walkable, equitable, and thriving locales?

Based on factors like these, authors at the University of California, Berkeley School of Law (CLEE) published new research that grades 489 total neighborhoods within 1/2-mile radius of the rail transit stations in:



## Why grade these neighborhoods?

The most effective rail systems with the highest ridership serve significant concentrations of jobs, retail, services, and housing around the stations and along the corridors they travel, particularly those within one-half mile of the station.

Grades are assigned based on percentage rankings, graded on a statewide curve within three place types.

A+ > 95%	B+ > 70%	C+ > 45%
A > 80%	B > 55%	C > 30%
A- > 75%	B- > 50%	C- > 25%
D+ > 20%	F > 0%	
D > 5%		
D- > 2%		

## How the Scoring Works:

Grades are determined by dividing rail transit stations based on three place types (residential, mixed, and employment), based on their performance on eleven key indicators, such as the percentage of residents and workers who use transit, the sum of jobs and households per acre, and the walkability of the area as determined by Walk Score.®

## Best and Worst Performing Stations Per Region

AGENCY	AVERAGE GRADE	BEST STATION	WORST STATION
SF MUNI	B	Market St & Church St	Third St & Marin
		Market St & 7th St	46th Ave and Vicente St
		Market St & New Montgomery St	
BART	B-	24th St. Mission	SFO Airport
		Civic Center/UN Plaza	South San Francisco
		Montgomery St.	North Concord / Martinez
LA Metro Rail	C	Westlake/MacArthur Park	Wardlow Station
		Wilshire / Vermont	Del Amo Willow
Sacramento RT	C	7th St and K St	Longview Dr and I-80 Fruitridge Rd
			Roseville Road and I-80
San Diego MTS	C-	12th & Imperial Transit Center	Massachusetts Ave Station Gillespie Field Station
			Fenton Parkway Station
Santa Clara VTA	C-	Japantown/Ayer Station	Middlefield Station

Residential    Mixed    Employment

# San Diego MTS Average Score: **C-**

**Best performing stations:**  
 12th & Imperial Transit Center  
 Civic Center Station

**Worst performing stations:**  
 Massachusetts Ave  
 Alvarado  
 Spring Street  
 Gillespie Field Station  
 Santee Town Center Station  
 El Cajon Transit Center  
 Fenton Parkway Station

**SAN DIEGO METROPOLITAN TRANSIT STATION (MTS) ALL STATIONS**

CITY	LINE	STATION	RAW SCORE	FINAL GRADE
San Diego	Orange/Blue Line	12th & Imperial Transit Center	63.90	<b>B</b>
San Diego	Orange/Blue Line	Civic Center Station	63.90	<b>B</b>
San Diego	Orange/Blue Line	City College Station	60.60	<b>B-</b>
San Diego	Orange/Blue Line	Fifth Avenue Station	58.60	<b>C+</b>
San Diego	Orange Line	Convention Center Station	58.00	<b>C+</b>
San Diego	Blue Line	Barrio Logan Station	53.50	<b>C+</b>
San Diego	Blue Line	Harborside Station	53.10	<b>C+</b>
Chula Vista	Blue Line	H Street Station	53.80	<b>C</b>
San Diego	Orange/Blue Line	Park & Market Station	53.60	<b>C</b>
Chula Vista	Blue Line	Bayfront/E Street Station	52.80	<b>C</b>
San Diego	Orange Line	25th / Commercial St Station	52.30	<b>C</b>
San Diego	Orange Line	Euclid Trolley Station	51.90	<b>C</b>
San Diego	Orange/Blue Line	America Plaza Station	50.70	<b>C</b>
San Diego	Orange Line	Gaslamp Quarter Station	49.10	<b>C</b>
San Diego	Orange Line	Seaport Village Station	46.80	<b>C</b>
San Diego	Green Line	SDSU Transit Center	51.30	<b>C-</b>
San Diego	Orange Line	47th St Station	49.90	<b>C-</b>
San Diego	Coronado Ferry	5th Av Pier	46.60	<b>C-</b>
San Diego	Special Event Red Line, Blue Line	Santa Fe Depot	46.20	<b>C-</b>
San Diego	Blue Line	County Center / Little Italy Station	45.20	<b>C-</b>
National City	Blue Line	8th Street Station	45.13	<b>C-</b>
San Diego	Special Event Red Line, Blue Line	Fashion Valley Transit Center	44.10	<b>D+</b>
San Diego	Green Line	Morena / Linda Vista Station	43.60	<b>D+</b>
San Diego	Blue Line	Pacific Fleet Station	43.10	<b>D+</b>
National City	Blue Line	24th Street Station	42.93	<b>D+</b>
San Diego	Blue Line	Old Town Transit Center	39.70	<b>D+</b>
San Diego	Green Line, Special Event Red Line	Old Town Transit Center	39.70	<b>D+</b>
San Diego	Blue Line	Beyer Blvd Station	44.50	<b>D</b>
San Diego	Orange Line	32nd St / Commercial Station	42.40	<b>D</b>

CITY	LINE	STATION	RAW SCORE	FINAL GRADE
Chula Vista	Blue Line	Palomar Street Station	41.60	<b>D</b>
La Mesa	Orange Line	La Mesa Blvd Station	40.93	<b>D</b>
San Diego	Green Line	Mission Valley Center Station	40.60	<b>D</b>
San Diego	Blue Line	San Ysidro / Intl Border	40.20	<b>D</b>
San Diego	Green Line	Rio Vista Station	39.60	<b>D</b>
La Mesa	Orange Line, Green Line	Grossmont Transit Center	39.03	<b>D</b>
Lemon Grove	Orange Line	Lemon Grove Depot	38.93	<b>D</b>
San Diego	Coronado Ferry	Broadway Pier	38.20	<b>D</b>
La Mesa	Green Line	70th St Station	35.63	<b>D</b>
San Diego	Blue Line	Washington St Station	34.20	<b>D</b>
La Mesa	Green Line, Orange Line	Amaya Drive Station	34.03	<b>D</b>
El Cajon	Green Line, Orange Line	Arnele Avenue Station	34.03	<b>D</b>
San Diego	Blue Line	Iris Avenue Station	33.00	<b>D</b>
San Diego	Orange Line	Encanto / 62nd St Station	32.50	<b>D</b>
San Diego	Green Line	Grantville Station	29.80	<b>D</b>
Coronado	Coronado Ferry	Coronado Ferry Landing	32.60	<b>D-</b>
San Diego	Blue Line	Middletown Station	32.20	<b>D-</b>
San Diego	Green Line	Mission San Diego Station	30.10	<b>D-</b>
San Diego	Green Line	Hazard Center Station	29.70	<b>D-</b>
San Diego	Green Line	Qualcomm Stadium Station	29.70	<b>D-</b>
San Diego	Blue Line	Palm Avenue Station	31.50	<b>F</b>
El Cajon	Orange Line, Green Line	El Cajon Transit Center	30.03	<b>F</b>
San Diego	Green Line	Fenton Parkway Station	27.80	<b>F</b>
La Mesa	Orange Line	Spring Street Station	27.33	<b>F</b>
San Diego	Green Line	Alvarado Station	25.00	<b>F</b>
Santee	Green Line	Santee Town Center Station	23.87	<b>F</b>
Lemon Grove	Orange Line	Massachusetts Ave Station	23.83	<b>F</b>
El Cajon	Green Line	Gillespie Field Station	23.53	<b>F</b>

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