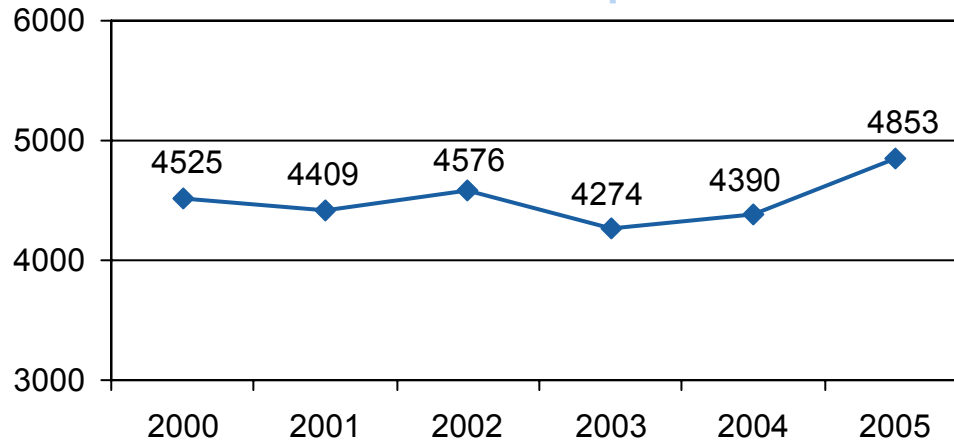


**Number of Passengers using Ann Arbor Transportation Authority Buses (in thousands)**



**What it is:**

The number of riders who rode Ann Arbor Transportation Authority fixed route buses and demand-response buses in 2005. The fixed route service area includes the cities of Ann Arbor and Ypsilanti and the urbanized portions of Pittsfield, Ypsilanti, and Superior Townships. The AATA also provides demand-responsive service (i.e. door-to-door service for people with disabilities, seniors, and late night service).

**Why it matters:**

Increasing the use of public transportation systems will decrease air pollution and traffic and parking congestion. Public transportation provides critical access to jobs, social services etc., especially for individuals with low incomes and/or disabilities.

**What it tells us:**

Ridership showed a slight dip in 2003 and 2004, but increased in 2005.