Another important variable is \*\*adherence\*\*, which compares the actual departure time to the scheduled time and is included in the ADHERENCE column. A negative adherence value means that a bus left a time point late and a positive adherence indicates that the bus left the time point early. Buses with adherence values beyond negative 6 are generally considered late and beyond positive 1 are considered early. However, there is some additional logic where the staff applies waivers to allow early departures, such as an express bus that has already picked up everyone at a park-and-ride lot and is only dropping people off at the remaining stops, and also allows for early timepoint records for all records where TRIP\_EDGE = 2 (end of trip), since it is not a problem if a bus ends its trip early as long as it didn't pass other timepoints early along the way. \*\*Note:\*\* When determining whether a bus is early or late, it is advised that you use the 'ADJUSTED\_EARLY\_COUNT', 'ADJUSTED\_LATE\_COUNT', and 'ADJUSTED\_ONTIME\_COUNT' columns in order to account for the adjustments.

Columns related to Adherence:

* ADHERENCE
* ADJUSTED\_EARLY\_COUNT
* ADJUSTED\_LATE\_COUNT
* ADJUSTED\_ONTIME\_COUNT
* SCHEDULED\_TIME: Scheduled stop time
* ACTUAL\_DEPARTURE\_TIME: actual departure time

\*\*Headway\*\* is the amount of time between a bus and the prior bus at the same stop. In the dataset, the amount of headway scheduled is contained in the SCHEDULED\_HDWY column and indicates the difference between the scheduled time for a particular stop and the scheduled time for the previous bus on that same stop.

\*\*Bunching\*\* occurs when there is shorter headway than scheduled, which would appear as a negative HDWY\_DEV value. \*\*Gapping\*\* is when there is more headway than scheduled and appears as a positive value in the HDWY\_DEV column. Note that you can calculate headway deviation percentage as HDWY\_DEV/SCHEDULED\_HDWY. The generally accepted range of headway deviation is 50% to 150% of the scheduled headway, so if scheduled headway is 10 minutes, a headway deviation of up to 5 minutes would be acceptable (but not ideal).

columns related to Headway:

* SCHEDULED\_HDWY
* ACTUAL\_HDWY
* HDWY\_DEV
* PREV\_SCHED\_STOP\_CANCELLED: flags whether the previous timepoint crossing was cancelled or waived. Useful for excluding records where the headway values are extremely high because the bus is just coming off a detour

80281 trips not on-time

9775 trips early, 59038 trips late