



# Illinois

## Amtrak's Contributions to Illinois

Earnings supported by Amtrak in Illinois	Employment supported by Amtrak in Illinois	Value added* supported by Amtrak in Illinois
\$368,405,000	7,270	\$264,796,000

### State Snapshot

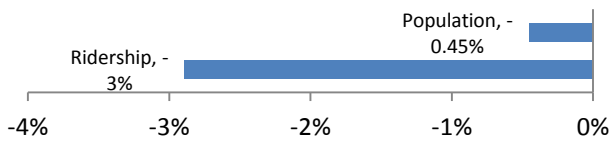
Number of Stations	30
Number of Local Riders**	2,290,013
Local Revenue	\$117,820,115
Number of Rail Passenger Miles***	702,525,721

Routes:  
*Texas Eagle, Southwest Chief, Blue Water, Wolverine, Pere Marquette, Lake Shore Limited, Illinois Services, Hiawatha, City of New Orleans, Cardinal, Hoosier State, Empire Builder, Capitol Limited, California Zephyr*



Source: Amtrak

### Population and Amtrak Ridership Growth 2011-2016



### Chicago, IL (CHI)

Union Station was completed in 1925 by a consortium of three railroads (and one tenant), replacing the earlier 1881 Union Depot, which replaced an even earlier 1858 station on the site. In 1991, work was completed on a \$32 million passenger facilities improvement project. On May 1, 2002, the station was finally designated a Chicago Landmark. Since 1972, all Amtrak services in Chicago originate and terminate at Chicago Union Station. Union Station currently serves seventeen routes. In 2016, 3,247,117 passengers passed through the station and provided revenue valued at \$196,011,664.

## Amtrak's Effect on Tourism and Broader Economy

Emission reductions from traveling by Amtrak trains vs. traveling by car:	\$4,359,000
Cost savings from the lower risk of traveling by train vs. traveling by car:	\$35,856,000
Tourist spending generated from Amtrak passengers	\$16,563,000
Number of tourists that utilize Amtrak services	1,397,000
Percent of total riders that are tourists	61%
Federal taxes generated for Illinois from tourist spending	\$1,826,000
State taxes generated for Illinois from tourist spending	\$815,000
Local taxes generated for Illinois from tourist spending	\$391,000

\* Value Added - enhancement a company or business gives its product or service before providing it to customers (value of the final outputs from Amtrak minus the value of the inputs such as raw materials).

\*\* Local riders are defined as riders that boarded or alighted an Amtrak train in the state. May include out of state passengers transferring trains in the state.

\*\*\* Rail Passenger Mile - passenger rail miles are determined by multiplying the total number of passengers by the total number of miles traveled.

## PROFILE

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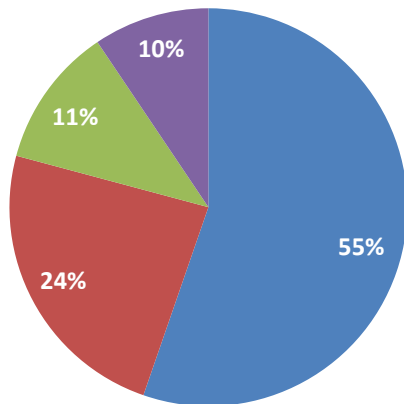
Amtrak operates 56 trains a day in Illinois, a mix of long-distance and corridor services. There are 30 stations along these routes. Chicago is the state's busiest station, serving as a hub for trains going East, West, North, and South. The Chicago-Carbondale Route (Illini/Saluki), Chicago-Quincy (Il Zephyr/Carl Sandburg), and the Lincoln Service, and *Hiawatha* routes are supported by the state. Chicago is also the site of a maintenance facility. 88 percent of the population lives within 30 miles of an Amtrak station. Among Amtrak riders in the state, 9 percent report that they would not have made the trip but for the availability of Amtrak service.

Over 1,415 state residents are employed by Amtrak, at stations, on trains and at various maintenance facilities in the state. These latter facilities include Chicago's Brighton Park Maintenance Facility, Chicago Coach Yard, and Amtrak's Central Division. Central Division staff in the Claims, Diversity, Engineering, Environmental, Government Affairs and Corporate Communications, Human Capital, Mechanical Operations, Passenger Services, Police, and Safety departments support the operation of Amtrak trains in 18 Midwestern states. Collectively, these workers earned almost \$103 million in wages and salaries.

In addition to the Illinois workers it employs, Amtrak spent over \$243 million on purchases of goods and services in Illinois in FY16.

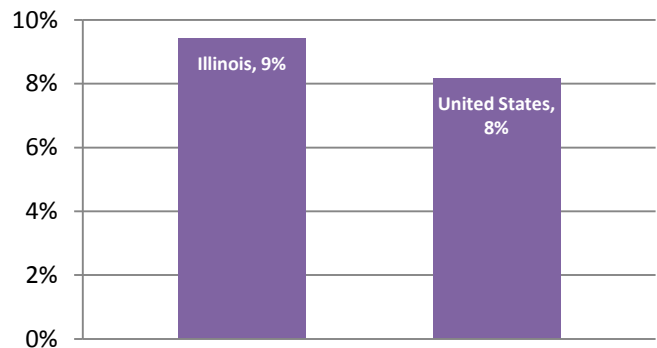
## Profile of Amtrak Customers

**Travel Mode Preference if Amtrak Unavailable**

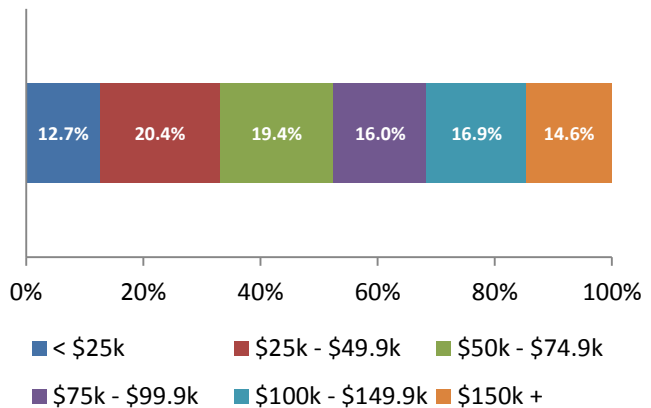


- Would drive if Amtrak unavailable
- Would fly if Amtrak unavailable
- Would use the bus if Amtrak unavailable
- Would not travel if Amtrak Unavailable

**Percent of Riders who Would Not Travel if Amtrak was Unavailable**



**Income Distribution of Amtrak Travelers in Illinois**



**Percent of population within 30 miles of a rail station served by Amtrak**

**88%**

Amtrak emissions data courtesy of Climate Registry Information System. Automobile emissions per mile data courtesy of EPA. Emissions damage costs courtesy of Corporate Average Fuel Economy for MY2017-MY2025 Passenger Cars and Light Trucks (August 2012), page 922. Vehicle injury and fatality statistics courtesy of TIGER Benefit-Cost Analysis (BCA) Resource Guide. Railroad passenger injury and fatality statistics courtesy of the Federal Railway Administration (FRA). Average vehicle operations cost per mile courtesy of AAA, Your Driving Costs, 2016. Station information and pictures courtesy of <http://www.greatamericanstations.com/>. Brochure prepared by AECOM.