



## Newton, KS (NEW)

The current Amtrak station, built in 1930, is the third depot at this location. This depot was built by the Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe (ATSF) railway. Newton remained a very busy freight center and it served as the ATSF railroad division center and headquarters until the mid-1980s. Newton's depot is busy despite the late hours that the trains run, given its proximity to Wichita, which is located 25 miles to the south. The station currently serves the *Southwest Chief* route. In 2015, 13,010 passengers passed through the station and provided revenue valued at \$1,370,077.

## **Amtrak's Effect on Tourism and Broader Economy**

Emission reductions from traveling by Amtrak trains vs. traveling by car:	\$36,000
Cost savings from the lower risk of traveling by train vs. traveling by car:	\$524,000
Tourist spending generated from Amtrak passengers	\$152,000
Number of tourists that utilize Amtrak services	13,000
Percent of total riders that are tourists	52%
Federal taxes generated for Kansas from tourist spending	\$9,000
State taxes generated for Kansas from tourist spending	\$7,000
Local taxes generated for Kansas from tourist spending	\$2,000
* Value Added - enhancement a company or business gives its product or service before providing it to customers(value of the final outputs from Amtrak min ** 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.	us the value of the inputs such as raw materials).

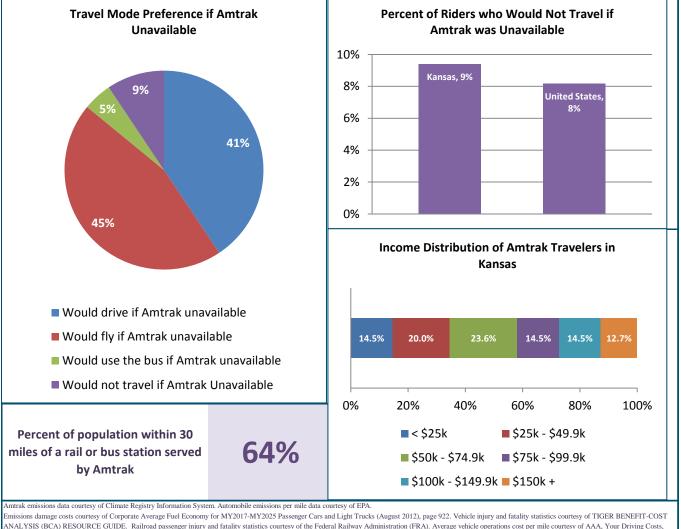
\*\*\* Rail Passenger Mile - passenger rail miles are determined by multiplying the total number of passengers by the total number of miles traveled.

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Kansas is served by the *Southwest Chief* train route and 5 stations. Amtrak operates two daily *Southwest Chief* trains, between Chicago and Los Angeles. Both the eastbound and westbound trains serve six stations in Kansas: Garden City, Dodge City, Hutchinson, Newton, Topeka, and Lawrence. These are long-distance trains and the schedule does not favor Kansas ridership as trains run across the state in the late night/early morning hours. Despite the schedule's impact, ridership in Kansas is up 25 percent over the past six years. Over 60 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. Newton and Topeka are the state's busiest stations.

Amtrak spent over \$3 million on goods and services and employed 16 Kansans who collectively earned over \$1 million as part of its operating expenses in FY15.



## **Profile of Amtrak Customers**

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, 2013.

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