



Amtrak in Kansas

Fiscal Year 2025



Amtrak is America's Railroad,® created by Congress to "provide efficient and effective intercity passenger rail mobility consisting of high quality service that is trip-time competitive with other intercity travel options." In FY 2025, the company's 21,000+ employees operated an average of almost 300 intercity trains per day along 47 permanent routes, serving a record 34.5 million passengers. Amtrak's network includes 526 regularly-scheduled stops across 46 states, 3 Canadian provinces, and Washington, DC. Partner-operated Amtrak Connections offer connecting service to additional communities, typically via bus.

Service & Ridership

In FY 2025, Amtrak operated an average of **2 intercity trains per day** on 1 permanent route serving Kansas, with **47,214 total passengers** boarding or alighting in the state.¹ Service was provided via the following route:²

- **Long-Distance Trains**
 - **Southwest Chief** — Chicago - Kansas City - Lawrence - Topeka - Newton (Wichita) - Hutchinson - Garden City - Albuquerque - Flagstaff - Los Angeles (1 round trip daily)

Amtrak Connections

Some Amtrak routes offer partner-operated **Amtrak Connections** and/or other interline connections to additional communities (including in Kansas), via either bus or other modes of transportation. Many such services are sponsored by one or more of Amtrak's State-Supported partners, or by other public entities; these connections can be vitally important in certain markets. Tickets are purchasable through Amtrak; detailed, up-to-date information on available connections can be accessed via the booking tool on Amtrak.com.

Stations

During FY 2025, Amtrak intercity trains made scheduled stops at 6 locations in Kansas:

Station (Code)	2025 Ridership (Ons + Offs)	Amtrak ADA Responsibility	Amtrak ADA Compliance	Amtrak ADA Investment ³
Dodge City (DDG)	4,682	Partial	Complete	\$2,859,308
Garden City (GCK)	6,517	Partial	FY 27	\$2,618,824
Hutchinson (HUT)	4,125	Sole	Complete	\$3,162,466

¹ Total equals sum of all boardings and alightings at in-state stations.

² Not all stops shown. Note that certain frequencies may not serve every station listed.

³ "Amtrak ADA Investment" describes Amtrak's projected total investment in compliance work over the lifetime of ADASP.

Station (Code)	2025 Ridership (Ons + Offs)	Amtrak ADA Responsibility	Amtrak ADA Compliance	Amtrak ADA Investment ³
Lawrence (LRC)	8,294	Partial	Complete	\$1,268,372
Newton (NEW)	14,500	Partial	FY 29	\$6,729,346
Topeka (TOP)	9,096	Sole	Complete	\$5,226,112
Total:	47,214	6/6	In Progress	\$21,864,428

Amtrak is working to ensure that its stations are fully accessible to individuals with disabilities. Most Amtrak-served stations are decades old; many were served by other railroads before the company ever existed. The Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), enacted in 1990, requires that U.S. stations be made accessible; in response, Amtrak developed an ADA Stations Program (ADASP) to bring station components for which the company is responsible into full ADA compliance. ADASP aims to ensure Amtrak provides the best possible service in the shortest possible timeframe; the program will ultimately invest a total of \$1.8 billion in 382 communities nationwide, including a **\$21.9 million investment in Kansas**. All Amtrak-responsible work is targeted for completion by the end of CY 2029.

Detailed profiles of every permanent Amtrak station stop, including current information on accessibility, can be found on the Great American Stations website: <https://www.greatamericanstations.com>.

Host Railroads & On Time Performance

Outside the Boston-to-Washington, DC, Northeast Corridor (NEC), most Amtrak trains must travel over other “host” railroads’ tracks—and hosts generally control dispatching decisions on the tracks that they own. By law, Amtrak trains are required to receive preference over freight trains (i.e., priority in dispatching), but many host-dispatched trains arrive late at their destinations, and many routes do not meet on-time performance (OTP) standards established by the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA)—affecting millions of passengers per year.

Listed below are the Amtrak routes that operate in Kansas, along with each route’s major in-state host railroad(s) and full-route customer on-time performance (C-OTP)⁴ in FY 2025:

Route	In-State Host(s)	C-OTP
<i>Southwest Chief</i>	BNSF	33.4%

Amtrak Guest Rewards

At the end of FY 2025, there were approximately 22.4 million members of Amtrak Guest Rewards (AGR), with 75,455 members listing an address in Kansas. For more information about AGR, please see: <https://www.amtrak.com/guestrewards/home>.

⁴ C-OTP measures the proportion of customers traveling on a given route who arrive at their destinations on time. Suppose that passengers board a train scheduled to make two stops, and suppose that train is on time at the first stop but arrives late at the second. If all passengers alight at the first stop, C-OTP for that train is 100%; if all passengers alight at the second stop, C-OTP is 0%.

Procurement

Amtrak's procurements are subject to "Buy America"-style domestic preference requirements, which the company is proud to meet or exceed. Nationally, Amtrak paid nearly \$5.7 billion for goods and services in FY 2025; 99% of that amount was spent domestically, and **\$67.6 million** went to vendors in Kansas:

Community	Amount Spent
Wichita	\$64,997,605
Overland Park	\$1,001,121
Atchison	\$429,448
Topeka	\$254,926
Lawrence	\$196,767
Mission	\$196,729
Lenexa	\$108,369
Linwood	\$94,370
Olathe	\$85,769
Kansas City	\$74,734
Hutchinson	\$58,154
Leawood	\$21,285
Dodge City	\$17,110
Garden City	\$11,440
All Others <\$10k	\$4,188
Total Payments	\$67,552,016

The single largest in-state payment category was **hotels, lodging and meeting facilities**.

Employment & Compensation

At the end of FY 2025, **21 Amtrak employees** lived in Kansas, and the company had paid out a total of **\$2,207,309 in base wages and salary** in-state. Nationwide, Amtrak employed more than 21,000 active workers; total base wages and salaries for the year were approximately \$2.2 billion.

Current Amtrak Routes in Kansas

