



Amtrak Fact Sheet, Fiscal Year 2015

State of New Mexico

Amtrak Service & Ridership

Amtrak operates three National Network trains through New Mexico:

- The *Southwest Chief* (daily Chicago-Albuquerque-Los Angeles)
- The *Sunset Limited* (tri-weekly Orlando-New Orleans-El Paso-Los Angeles via Deming)*
- The *Texas Eagle* (daily Chicago-Dallas-San Antonio, tri-weekly through car service via the *Sunset Limited* to Los Angeles, via Deming and Lordsburg)

* Sunset Limited service suspended east of New Orleans.

During FY15 Amtrak served the following New Mexico locations:

<u>City</u>	<u>Boardings + Alightings</u>
Albuquerque	79,078
Deming	1,453
Gallup	16,354
Lamy (Santa Fe)	12,390
Las Vegas	5,345
Lordsburg	842
Raton	17,686
Total New Mexico Station Usage:	133,148

(up 4.2% from FY14)

Procurement/Contracts

Amtrak spent \$308,297 on goods and services in New Mexico in FY15, most of it in Santa Fe.

Employment

At the end of FY15, Amtrak employed 50 New Mexico residents. Total wages of Amtrak employees living in New Mexico were \$5,218,118 during FY15.

Station Features

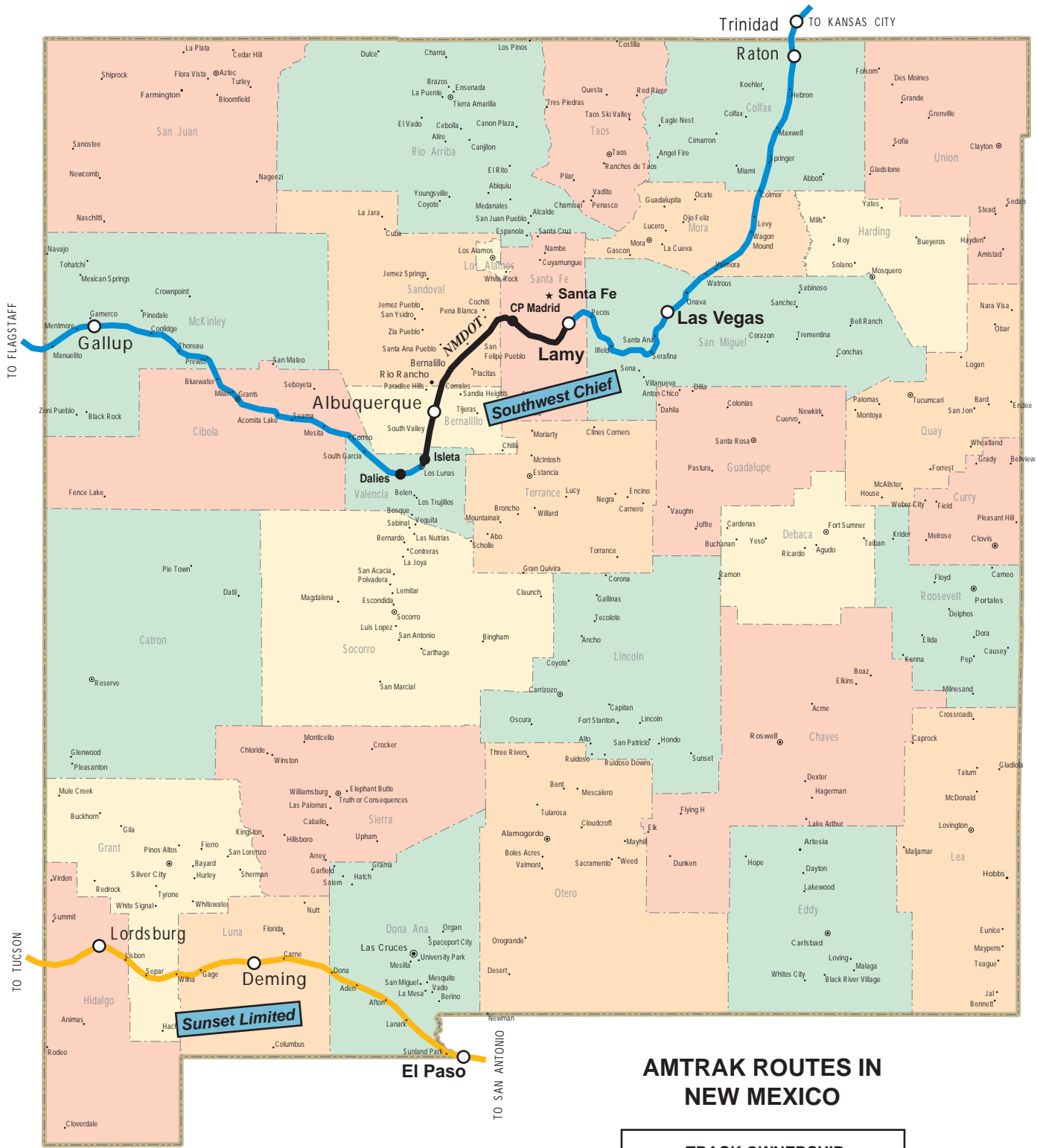
- **Raton:** Each summer, the Philmont Boy Scout Ranch hosts over 22,000 scouts and others, with about 20% arriving via Amtrak. This is about half the usage of the Raton station.

Southwest Chief route

The present route of the *Southwest Chief*, via Lamy, Las Vegas, and Raton, could be altered if sufficient capital funding is not found to modernize the line. Amtrak has been working with the states and communities that would be affected and has informed them of the situation, which results from changing freight traffic patterns.

The U.S. Department of Transportation awarded a \$12.5-million TIGER grant to the Kansas Department of Transportation in September 2014. Combined with matching funds from Amtrak (\$4 million), BNSF Railway (\$3 million), Kansas DOT (\$2 million), and the cities and counties of southeastern Colorado (\$250,000), almost \$22 million will be allocated towards the requisite rail infrastructure upgrades in Kansas. The sum represents a significant down payment on this project and will be part of a sustained effort by all stakeholders to keep the *Southwest Chief* on its current route.

In 2015, the U.S. Department of Transportation awarded an additional \$15.2-million TIGER grant to the City of La Junta, Colorado, to continue the rehabilitation of the *Southwest Chief* line. The funding will be used to add approximately 39 miles of new rail and repair over 20 miles of roadbed on segments between Waldo, New Mexico, and Garden City, Kansas. Combined with matching funds from Amtrak (\$4 million), BNSF (\$2 million), and the states of Kansas, Colorado, and New Mexico (\$1 million, each), over \$24 million will be allocated to upgrades and repairs in this round of funding.



AMTRAK ROUTES IN NEW MEXICO

TRACK OWNERSHIP	
— Amtrak	— NS
— UP	— CP
— BNSF	— CN
— CSX	— Other