



Amtrak Fact Sheet, Fiscal Year 2016

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 FY16 Amtrak served the following New Mexico locations:

<u>City</u>	<u>Boardings + Alightings</u>
Albuquerque	77,209
Deming	1,452
Gallup	15,795
Lamy (Santa Fe)	11,373
Las Vegas	4,851
Lordsburg	579
Raton	16,502
Total New Mexico Station Usage:	127,761

(down 4.0% from FY15)

Procurement/Contracts

Amtrak spent \$573,577 on goods and services in New Mexico in FY16, most of it in Santa Fe.

Employment

At the end of FY16, Amtrak employed 53 New Mexico residents. Total wages of Amtrak employees living in New Mexico were \$5,145,268 during FY16.

Station Features

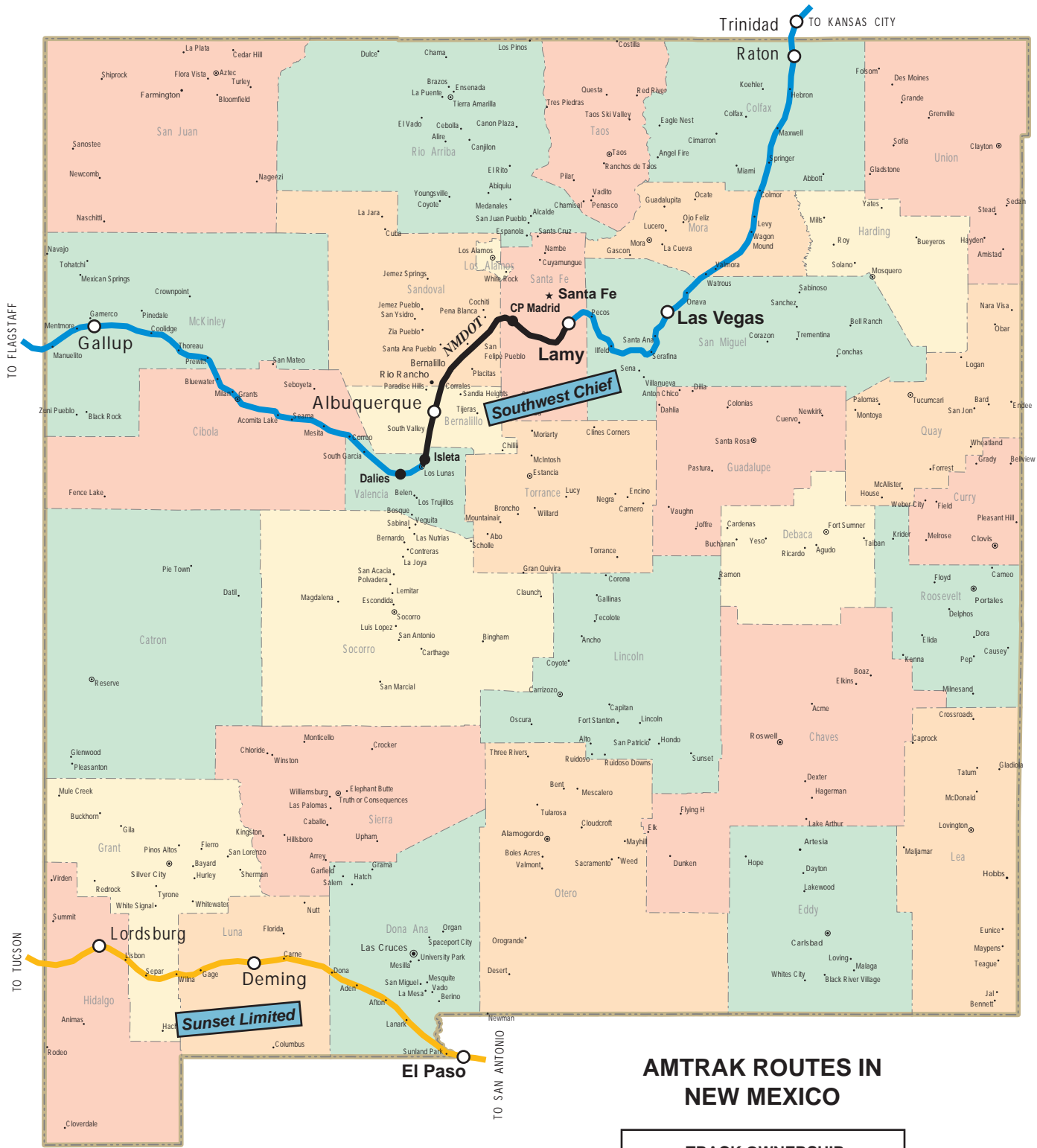
- **Raton:** Each summer, the Philmont Boy Scout Ranch hosts over 22,000 scouts and others, with about 20% arriving via Amtrak. This is about half the usage of the Raton station.

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, and that effort has produced significant results so far.

The U.S. Department of Transportation awarded a \$12.5-million TIGER grant to Garden City, Kansas, and 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. Currently, the funding is being 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 has been allocated towards necessary repairs. In coming years, more grants and matching funds will be needed in order to complete the work to stabilize and improve the railroad used by the *Southwest Chief* line.



AMTRAK ROUTES IN NEW MEXICO

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