

# Amtrak Fact Sheet Fiscal Year 2022 State of New Mexico

#### Amtrak Service & Ridership

At the end of FY 2022, Amtrak operated almost three trains per day in New Mexico, as part of the following routes:

# Long Distance

Southwest Chief (daily Los Angeles-Flagstaff-Albuquerque-Topeka-Chicago) Sunset Limited (thrice weekly Los Angeles-Maricopa-El Paso-San Antonio-Houston-New Orleans-Orlando) [Currently suspended east of New Orleans] Texas Eagle (daily Chicago-St. Louis-Little Rock-Dallas-San Antonio with thrice weekly through car service on the Sunset Limited to Los Angeles)

# **Stations Served**

During FY 2022, Amtrak trains served the following locations in New Mexico.

| City (Code)                     | Ridership |
|---------------------------------|-----------|
| Albuquerque (ABQ)               | 41,692    |
| Deming (DEM)                    | 1,085     |
| Gallup (GLP)                    | 9,138     |
| Lamy (LMY)                      | 6,115     |
| Las Vegas (LSV)                 | 3,051     |
| Lordsburg (LDB)                 | 661       |
| Raton (RAT)                     | 6,133     |
| Total New Mexico Station Usage: | 67,875    |

Amtrak maintains the Great American Stations website (<u>https://www.greatamericanstations.com/</u>), which includes detailed profiles of every Amtrak station. Information available includes a brief history of each station, a review of what organization or organizations are responsible for the various portions of each facility, a list of routes serving each station, contact information for the appropriate Amtrak representative for that station, and relevant local community links.

# Host Railroads & On Time Performance

Amtrak relies heavily on the cooperation of other railroads to operate routes using tracks that Amtrak does not own or control. Host railroads are statutorily required to provide Amtrak trains "preference" over freight transportation. However, on time performance on most host railroads is poor and continues to decline largely due to hosts ignoring their statutory responsibilities.

Listed below are the Amtrak services that operate in New Mexico with each service's host railroads and customer on-time performance (OTP) in FY 2022:

| Service         | Host Railroad (s)   | FY22 OTP |
|-----------------|---|----------|
| Southwest Chief | BNSF, New Mexico DOT  | 28%      |
| Sunset Limited  | BNSF, Union Pacific   | 21%      |
| Texas Eagle     | BNSF, Canadian National, Union Pacific, Trinity Railway Express | 49%      |

Customer OTP measures what proportion of customers arrive at their destination on time. For *Acela* trains, the margin is within ten minutes of the schedule and the margin is 15 minutes for all other trains. Thus, if a train is 16 minutes late to its final stop, and all its riders are headed for that stop, then even if the train is on time at every intermediate stop, customer OTP would be 0%, reflecting the passengers' experience.

#### **Amtrak Guest Rewards**

At the end of FY 2022, there were approximately 14.4 million members of Amtrak Guest Rewards (AGR), with 39,428 members listing an address in New Mexico. For more information about AGR, please see: <a href="https://www.amtrak.com/guestrewards/home">https://www.amtrak.com/guestrewards/home</a>

#### Procurement

In FY 2022, Amtrak procured goods and services worth \$2.85 billion, and 99.0% of that figure was sourced from firms headquartered domestically. In New Mexico, Amtrak spent \$682,346, broken down in the following locations:

City Amount (\$) Santa Fe 558,016

# **Employment & Wages**

At the end of FY 2022, Amtrak employed 18,689 people, including 47 New Mexico residents. Total FY 2022 wages were \$1.92 billion, of which New Mexico residents earned \$5,791,551.

# **Additional Information**

The main route that runs through the state of New Mexico is the *Southwest Chief*. In addition, an extensive network of Thruway Motorcoach services links communities, which have no direct rail access, to the Amtrak system.

# **Station Improvements**

**Deming and Lordsburg**: Amtrak has plans to begin construction to modify these station's platforms, ensuring ADA compliance. These projects will include new platforms with associated ramps, stairs, railings, and signage for the stations. These projects are projected to be completed in FY 2024.

**Las Vegas**: Amtrak is currently in the design stages of modifying the station's platform to ensure ADA compliance. This will include a new platform with associated ramps, stairs, railings, and signage for the station. This project is projected to be completed in FY 2024.

**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.

# AMTRAK ROUTES IN NEW MEXICO

