Amtrak in Ohio
Fiscal Year 2024

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 2024, the company's 22,000+ employees operated an average of almost 300 intercity trains per day along 47 permanent routes, serving a record 32.8 million passengers. Amtrak's network includes 524 regularly-scheduled stops across 46 states, 3 Canadian provinces, and Washington, DC. Partner-operated Thruway routes offer connecting service to additional communities, typically via bus.

Service & Ridership

In FY 2024, Amtrak operated an average of **5 intercity trains per day** on 3 permanent routes serving Ohio, with **142,689 total passengers** boarding or alighting in the state.[1] Service was provided via the following routes:[2]

- **Long-Distance Trains**
  - *Capitol Limited* — Chicago - South Bend - Toledo - Cleveland - Pittsburgh - Washington, DC (*1 round trip daily*)[3]
  - *Cardinal* — Chicago - Indianapolis - Cincinnati - Huntington - Charleston - Charlottesville - Washington, DC - Baltimore - Philadelphia - New York (*3 round trips weekly*)
  - *Lake Shore Limited* — Chicago - Toledo - Cleveland - Erie - Buffalo - Rochester - Syracuse - Albany - New York / Boston (*1 round trip daily*)

Thruway Connections

Some Amtrak routes offer partner-operated **Thruway connecting service** and/or other interline connections to additional communities (including in Ohio), 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 2024, Amtrak intercity trains made scheduled stops at 7 locations in Ohio:

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[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] Effective Nov. 10, 2024, the *Capitol Limited* (Chicago - Washington, DC) and *Silver Star* (New York - Miami) are being temporarily combined into a new route, the *Floridian* (Chicago - DC - Miami), to accommodate regional capacity constraints created by a capital project in New York. The *Floridian* offers a single-seat connection between the Midwest and Florida, but does not serve *Silver Star* station stops north of Washington.

Station (Code)	Ridership (Ons + Offs)	Amtrak ADA Responsibility	Amtrak ADA Compliance	Amtrak ADA Investment[4]
Alliance (ALC)	3,422	Sole	Complete	$839,091
Bryan (BYN)	5,140	Sole	FY 25	$5,801,661
Cincinnati (CIN)	9,421	Partial	FY 27	$3,375,504
Cleveland (CLE)	58,930	Partial	FY 27	$3,883,449
Elyria (ELY)	11,396	Sole	FY 27	$6,742,463
Sandusky (SKY)	9,566	Partial	FY 25	$5,055,444
Toledo (TOL)	44,814	None	N/A	—
Total:	142,689	6/7	In Progress	$25,697,613

Importantly, 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 385 communities nationwide, including a **$25.7 million investment in Ohio**. All Amtrak-responsible work is targeted for completion by the end of FY 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.

Additional Footprint

Amtrak maintains a **crew base** in Toledo.

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 supposed 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 Ohio, along with each route's major in-state host railroad(s) and full-route customer on-time performance (C-OTP)[5] in FY 2024:

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

[5] 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%.

Route	In-State Host(s)	C-OTP
Capitol Limited	Norfolk Southern	71.3%
Cardinal	CSX	57.5%
Lake Shore Limited	CSX, Norfolk Southern	76.3%

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 $4.5 billion for goods and services in FY 2024; 99% of that amount was spent domestically, and **$39.0 million** went to vendors in Ohio:

Community	Amount
Youngstown	$7,827,863
Westerville	$7,649,321
Miamisburg	$2,995,300
Middletown	$2,396,437
Dayton	$2,257,534
Glenwillow	$1,494,112
North Canton	$1,315,278
Metamora	$1,174,770
Cincinnati	$1,251,553
Uniontown	$1,116,135
Cloverdale	$1,008,031
West Chester	$962,086
Columbus	$824,904
Amelia	$793,741
Perrysburg	$645,804
Napoleon	$601,494
Cleveland	$592,400
Canton	$591,846
Mentor	$561,258
Akron	$424,541
Toledo	$353,994
Cleveland Heights	$267,324
All Others < $250K	$1,847,670
Total OH Payments:	**$38,953,393**

The single largest in-state payment category was **construction services.**

Employment & Compensation

At the end of FY 2024, **51 Amtrak employees** worked in Ohio, and the company had paid out a total of **$4,552,232 in base wages and salary** in-state. Nationwide, Amtrak employed more than 22,000 active workers; total base wages and salaries for the year exceeded $2.1 billion.

Current Amtrak Routes in Ohio

(Effective Nov. 2024, Chicago-Washington Capitol Limited is temporarily replaced by Chicago-Washington-Miami Floridian (not shown).)

Track Ownership

- Amtrak
- BNSF
- CN
- CPKC
- CSX
- NS
- UP
- Other

01 Congressional District

Route Name