

Year-over-Year Ridership Improvements on Midwestern Passenger Trains

(FFY 2023-24)

Ridership on Corridor (State-Supported) Passenger Rail Service in the Midwest
Grew 8% without the Borealis and 12% with the partial new service ridership included!

Route	Frequency	One-Year Growth (FY 23 to FY 24)	Ridership FY 24	Ridership FY 23
Chicago-St. Louis (<i>Lincoln</i> service)	4 daily	12%	586,170	523,302
Kansas City-St. Louis (<i>Missouri River Runner</i> service)	2 daily	23%	187,750	153,183
Chicago-Milwaukee (<i>Hiawatha</i> service)	7 daily	4%	665,279	636,856
Chicago-Detroit/Pontiac, MI (<i>Wolverine</i> service)	3 daily	1%	425,832	420,569
Chicago-Grand Rapids, MI (<i>Pere Marquette</i> service)	1 daily	10%	94,381	85,845
Chicago-Port Huron, MI (<i>Blue Water</i> service)	1 daily	4%	174,862	168,850
Chicago-Carbondale, IL (<i>Illini & Saluki</i> services)	2 daily	10%	296,616	270,017
Chicago-Quincy, IL (<i>IL Zephyr & Carl Sandburg</i> services)	2 daily	24%	141,722	114,521
Midwest Corridor Service Ridership Totals^{1,2}	NA	8%	2,572,612	2,373,143
Chicago-St. Paul (<i>Borealis</i> service) <small>1st day of service: May 21, 2024</small>	1 daily	NA	88,444	NA
Midwest Corridor Service Ridership Growth with Borealis¹	NA	12%	2,661,056	2,373,143

Source: Amtrak

¹ Ridership totals for Midwest compiled by MIPRC

² Not including Borealis service

Ridership on Long-Distance Passenger Rail Routes Serving the Midwest
Ridership on Long-Distance Rail serving the Midwest Up 10% over last year

Route	Frequency	One-Year Growth (FY 23 to FY 24)	Ridership FY 24	Ridership FY 23
Cardinal [Illinois; Indiana; Ohio; Kentucky; West Virginia; Virginia; Washington, D.C.; Maryland; Delaware; Pennsylvania; New Jersey; New York]	3 per week	12%	92,962	82,705
Empire Builder [Illinois; Wisconsin; Minnesota; North Dakota; Montana; Idaho; Washington/ Oregon]	1 daily	11%	387,953	348,989
Capitol Limited [Illinois; Indiana; Ohio; Pennsylvania, Maryland, West Virginia, Washington, D.C.]	1 daily	29%	163,136	126,309
California Zephyr [Illinois; Iowa; Nebraska; Colorado; Utah; Nevada; California]	1 daily	7%	351,155	328,626
Southwest Chief [Illinois; Iowa; Missouri; Kansas; Colorado; New Mexico; Arizona; California]	1 daily	3%	261,485	253,840
City of New Orleans [Illinois; Kentucky; Tennessee; Mississippi; Louisiana]	1 daily	3%	241,768	233,876
Texas Eagle [Illinois; Missouri; Arkansas; Texas (3/week on to New Mexico; Arizona; California)]	1 daily	11%	325,709	294,441
Lake Shore Limited [Illinois; Indiana; Ohio; Pennsylvania; New York/Massachusetts]	1 daily	13%	398,420	351,049
Midwestern Long-Distance Routes Ridership Totals*	N/A	10.0%	2,222,588	2,019,835

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