



Amtrak Fact Sheet State of Missouri

Amtrak Service & Ridership

Amtrak operates daily round-trip trains between St. Louis and Kansas City with the *Kansas City/St. Louis Mule* and *Ann Rutledge* service. The *Ann Rutledge* provides through service to and from Chicago. Additionally, Amtrak serves St. Louis with the *State House*, a daily Chicago-St. Louis train, supported by the State of Illinois.

Amtrak also operates two long distance trains through Missouri:

- The *Southwest Chief* (daily Chicago-Kansas City-Los Angeles)
- The *Texas Eagle* (daily Chicago-St. Louis-Dallas-San Antonio with tri-weekly connecting service to/from Los Angeles via the *Sunset Limited*)

During FY03 Amtrak served the following Missouri locations:

<u>City</u>	<u>Ridership</u>
Hermann	10,342
Independence	5,635
Jefferson City	39,981
Kansas City	111,143
Kirkwood	47,934
La Plata	6,247
Lees Summit	20,522
Poplar Bluff	2,246
Sedalia	8,677
St. Louis	147,545
Warrensburg	9,629
Washington	11,584
Total Missouri Ridership:	421,485

Procurement/Contracts

Amtrak expended \$1,965,035 for goods and services in Missouri in FY03. Most of this money was spent in the following locations:

<u>City</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Grain Valley	\$888,337
Kansas City	\$249,403
St. Louis	\$248,480

Employment

As of December 2003, Amtrak employed 101 individuals in Missouri. Total wages of Amtrak employees living in Missouri were \$3,549,952 in calendar year 2003.

State-Assisted Services

Amtrak operates two daily trains between St. Louis and Kansas City, the *Missouri Mules* and the *Ann Rutledge*, under contract with the State of Missouri.

Station Improvements

Kansas City: After an absence of 17 years, Amtrak returned to Kansas City's Union Station on December 17, 2002 with the opening of a new \$4.6 million passenger ticketing and boarding facility. The new facility includes a baggage check-in and ticketing counter, a 2,000 sq. ft. waiting room featuring five of the original wooden benches from the station's north waiting room, and an elevated walkway that leads to stairs and an elevators providing access to the boarding area. Funding for the new facility came predominantly from the federal Surface Transportation Program and Amtrak.

Kirkwood: The City of Kirkwood purchased their historic station from Union Pacific in 2003.

Amtrak Mayor's Advisory Council

Mayor Karen Messerli of Lee's Summit, Missouri is an active member of Amtrak's national Mayors' Advisory Council. The 19 member council was formed in 1999 to strengthen and build public/private partnerships, to raise national and local levels of awareness regarding the importance of passenger rail -- as a tool for economic development, mobility and congestion relief, to inform mayors as to the local initiatives that benefit Amtrak, and to serve as an advisory board to Amtrak on passenger rail issues.