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The University Connection, Part II



“Fewer young people today are getting driver’s licenses than their counterparts in the early 1980s.”

“More than a fifth have no intention of ever learning to drive.”

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Photos courtesy Southern Illinois University



Students, faculty and staff at 142 colleges and universities in the Midwest have close access to an Amtrak station.

Are they taking the train?

How can we help them become more vocal advocates for passenger rail service and development?



A Look at Amtrak Ridership in Midwestern University Communities

Station Location (University)	FY2003 Total Passengers	FY2012 Total Passengers	Percentage Increase
Ann Arbor, MI (U of Michigan)	94,264	144,707	53.51%
Bloomington-Normal, IL (Illinois State)	74,399	239,981	222.56%
Carbondale, IL (Southern Illinois)	62,998	140,093	122.38%
Champaign-Urbana, IL (U of Illinois)	75,682	178,353	135.66%
Kalamazoo, MI (Western Michigan)	66,313	125,212	88.82%
Lafayette, IN (Purdue)	7,772	27,363	252.07%
East Lansing, MI (Michigan State)	22,634	68,147	201.08%
Macomb, IL (Western Illinois)	35,351	80,000	126.30%
Norman, OK (U of Oklahoma)	7,619	15,207	99.59%
Warrensburg, MO (Central Missouri)	9,629	16,074	66.93%
Winona, MN (Winona State)	15,591	24,458	56.87%
Total University Community Ridership	472,252	1,059,595	124.37%
Total Amtrak Ridership	22,333,180	31,240,565	39.88%

Source: Amtrak