



Amtrak Fact Sheet Fiscal Year 2018 *State of Ohio*

Amtrak Service & Ridership

Amtrak serves Ohio with three National Network trains:

- The **Capitol Limited** (daily Chicago-Cleveland-Pittsburgh-Washington)
- The **Cardinal** (tri-weekly Chicago-Indianapolis-Cincinnati-Charleston-Charlottesville-Washington-New York)
- The **Lake Shore Limited** (daily Chicago-Cleveland-Buffalo-Albany-Boston/New York)

During FY18 Amtrak served the following Ohio locations:

<u>City</u>	<u>Boardings & Alightings</u>
Alliance	4,501
Bryan	5,218
Cincinnati	8,482
Cleveland	48,964
Elyria	7,275
Sandusky	9,138
Toledo	51,400
Total Ohio Station Usage:	134,978

Host Railroads & On Time Performance

Amtrak relies heavily on the cooperation of other railroads to operate routes using tracks not owned or controlled by Amtrak. 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 Ohio with each service’s host railroads and on-time performance (OTP) in FY18:

Service	Host Railroads	FY18 OTP
Capitol Limited	CSX and Norfolk Southern	40.1%
Cardinal	CSX, Norfolk Southern, and Buckingham Branch Railroad	53.5%
Lake Shore Limited	CSX, Norfolk Southern, and Metro North	40%

“On-time performance” represents the percentage of stations at which the train arrives within 15 minutes of the scheduled arrival time.

Amtrak Guest Rewards

At the end of FY18, there were **71,957** members of the Amtrak Guest Rewards program in Ohio. This is a 12.2% increase from FY17.

Expansion Planning

Lima –Fort Wayne -Chicago: Amtrak is providing technical support to a coalition of regional governments in Ohio and Indiana seeking establishment of frequent corridor rail passenger service between Columbus, Lima, Fort Wayne, Ind., and Chicago, Ill. Amtrak is assisting with negotiations with freight railroad carriers that could host passenger trains. Establishment of such services is a component of Amtrak’s vision to provide relevant, commercially viable, reliable services connecting major business centers. Amtrak would seek to assist with grant applications, project development and implementation, and be the service provider.

Station Improvements

Cincinnati: Amtrak moved from a temporary passenger waiting facility back into the historic Cincinnati Union Terminal (now the Cincinnati Museum Center) after an extensive, locally financed rehabilitation of building systems and exteriors. The iconic 1933 Art Deco gem is characterized by a dramatic half-dome and an interior mosaic wrapping around the main hall depicting Cincinnati’s growth and transportation.

Elyria: Amtrak is providing design review services for Lorain County, as it develops plans for infrastructure improvements that would allow Amtrak to serve the restored, historic New York Central passenger station downtown. That station, now the Lorain County Transportation and Community Center, serves local transit and intercity buses. Amtrak has committed to contribute to the cost of returning rail service to the transportation center, should Lorain County raise the additional funds. The project will require the construction of stairways, elevators and platforms to access the elevated railroad line.

Toledo: Toledo-Lucas County Port Authority reconfigured passenger waiting, ticketing and back-office functions for Amtrak in the Martin Luther King Plaza Amtrak Station to allow relocation of Greyhound bus service to the facility. Co-location of Amtrak and Greyhound allows continued advancement of Amtrak’s goal of greater intermodal connectivity. Amtrak and Greyhound have worked aggressively to establish interline agreements between their respective services, allowing seamless, one-ticket travel for Amtrak passengers to places served only by Greyhound.