



# Amtrak Comparison: Michigan vs North Carolina

## Annual Ridership and Frequency, Selected Years

Year	Michigan (Wolverine)			North Carolina (Piedmont)*		
	Annual Ridership	Daily Round Trips	Change (%)	Annual Ridership	Daily Round Trips	Change (%)
2005	438,529	3		48,138	1	
2009	479,782	3	9%	65,989	1	37%
2011	503,290	3	5%	142,619	2	116%
2017	459,000	3	-9%	151,250	2	6%
2019	501,124	3	9%	220,787	3	46%
2022	367,254	3	-26%	238,807	3	8%
2023	420,569	3*	15%	289,955	4	21%
Change (FY05-FY23)	-17,960	0	-4%	241,817	+3	502%

\* 2023 ridership negatively impacted by loss of a daily round trip for major track work from May to October.

North Carolina showed no interest in state supported trains until 1984, when Governor Jim Hunt established the Public Transportation Division within NCDOT. This led to a trial operation of the Charlotte-Raleigh-NYC Carolinian October 1984-September 1995.

Hunt's successor, Jim Martin created a Passenger Task Force which recommended passenger rail service between Charlotte, the state's largest city, and Raleigh, the state capitol. This led to:

- 1990- Successful launch of the Charlotte-Raleigh-NYC Carolinian.
- 1995-First Charlotte-Raleigh Piedmont
- 2010-Second frequency of Piedmont
- 2018- Third Piedmont frequency
- 2023- Fourth Piedmont frequency

Including the Carolinian, there are now five frequencies daily Charlotte-Raleigh. It is staffed by Amtrak and uses Amtrak equipment.

Because Amtrak said it didn't have equipment for more frequencies, NCDOT purchased coaches and leased locomotives for the Piedmont trains. Piedmont trains are staffed by Amtrak crews, but all equipment is owned by NCDOT which determines schedules, handles publicity, publishes timetables, and has its own toll free number for information staffed by NCDOT. NCDOT offers free passes to detraining passengers connecting to 13 local transit agencies.

NCDOT picks up all the costs of the Piedmonts and the Carolinian from Charlotte to Washington DC. North Carolina is also served by 4 other Amtrak funded long distance trains. Michigan has no Amtrak funded trains.

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## Amtrak Fact Sheet Fiscal Year 2022 State of Michigan

### Amtrak Service & Ridership

At the end of FY 2022, Amtrak operated **10 trains per day in Michigan**, as part of the following routes:

- **State Supported**
  - Blue Water** (daily Chicago-East Lansing-Port Huron)
  - Pere Marquette** (daily Chicago-Grand Rapids)
  - Wolverine** (daily Chicago-Detroit-Pontiac)

### Stations Served

During FY 2022, Amtrak trains served the following locations in Michigan.

City (Code)	Ridership
Albion (ALI)	1,890
Ann Arbor (ARB)	122,757
Bangor (BAM)	3,337
Battle Creek (BTL)	24,581
Dearborn (DER)	52,850
Detroit (DET)	54,304
Dowagiac (DOA)	3,878
Durand (DRD)	9,535
East Lansing (LNS)	59,224
Flint (FLN)	23,026
Grand Rapids (GRR)	40,753
Holland (HOM)	28,581
Jackson (JXN)	15,319
Kalamazoo (KAL)	73,613
Lapeer (LPE)	6,831
New Buffalo (NBU)	19,564
Niles (NLS)	13,056
Pontiac (PNT)	12,013
Port Huron (PTH)	10,177
Royal Oak (ROY)	20,432
St. Joseph (SJM)	11,741
Troy (TRM)	25,769
<b>Total Michigan Station Usage:</b>	<b>633,231</b>

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## Amtrak Fact Sheet Fiscal Year 2022 State of North Carolina

### Amtrak Service & Ridership

At the end of FY 2022, Amtrak operated **16 trains per day in North Carolina**, as part of the following routes:

- **Long Distance**
  - Crescent* (daily New York-Washington-Charlottesville-Charlotte-Atlanta-Birmingham-New Orleans)
  - Palmetto* (daily New York-Washington-Richmond-Charleston-Savannah)
  - Silver Meteor* (daily New York-Washington-Richmond-Charleston-Savannah-Jacksonville-Miami)
- *Silver Star* (daily New York-Washington-Richmond-Columbia-Savannah-Jacksonville-Tampa-Miami)
- **State Supported**
  - Carolinian* (daily New York-Washington-Richmond-Selma/Smithfield-Raleigh-Charlotte)
  - Piedmont* (three roundtrips daily Raleigh-Durham-Greensboro-Charlotte)

### Stations Served

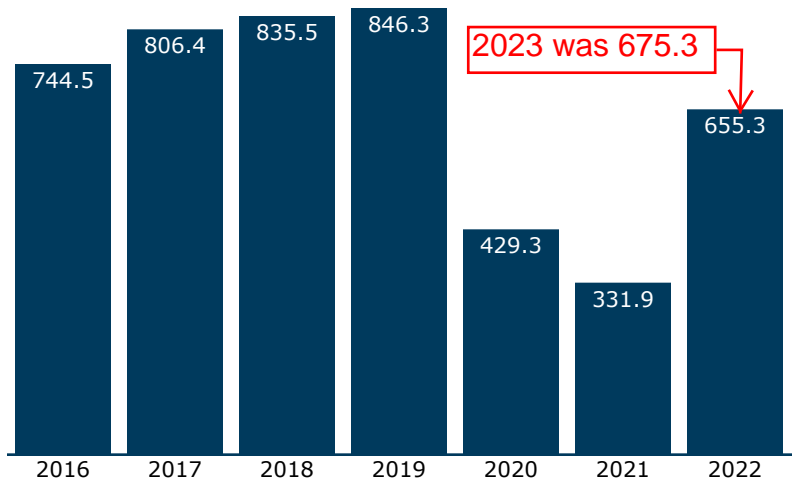
During FY 2022, Amtrak trains served the following locations in North Carolina.

City (Code)	Ridership
Burlington (BNC)	20,404
Cary (CYN)	74,995
Charlotte (CLT)	196,233
Durham (DNC)	80,643
Fayetteville (FAY)	32,332
Gastonia (GAS)	1,213
Greensboro (GRO)	114,046
Hamlet (HAM)	3,798
High Point (HPT)	27,128
Kannapolis (KAN)	21,022
North Carolina State Fair (NSF)	1,989
Raleigh (RGH)	171,091
Rocky Mount (RMT)	38,092
Salisbury (SAL)	17,903
Selma (SSM)	11,403
Southern Pines (SOP)	6,267
Wilson (WLN)	46,436
<b>Total North Carolina Station Usage:</b>	<b>864,995</b>

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# Fact sheet: Amtrak in Michigan

## Passengers in Michigan, 2016-2022: boarding & detraining (in thousands)



## Quick recap, 2022 (arrivals and departures)

	Coach/ Business	First/ Sleeper	Total
Passengers	655,297		655,297
Average trip	196 miles	n/a	196 miles
Average fare	\$ 44.00	n/a	\$ 44.00
Average yield, per mi	22.6¢	n/a	22.6¢

## Top city pairs by ridership, 2022

1. Ann Arbor - Chicago, IL	243 mi
2. East Lansing - Chicago, IL	208 mi
3. Kalamazoo - Chicago, IL	138 mi
4. Dearborn - Chicago, IL	273 mi
5. Detroit - Chicago, IL	281 mi
6. Grand Rapids - Chicago, IL	176 mi
7. Holland - Chicago, IL	151 mi
8. Troy - Chicago, IL	296 mi
9. Flint - Chicago, IL	256 mi
10. Royal Oak - Chicago, IL	292 mi

## Top city pairs by revenue, 2022

1. Ann Arbor - Chicago, IL	243 mi
2. Detroit - Chicago, IL	281 mi
3. Dearborn - Chicago, IL	273 mi
4. East Lansing - Chicago, IL	208 mi
5. Kalamazoo - Chicago, IL	138 mi
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## Michiganians near a station

Within 25 miles: 8,083,580 (80%)

Within 50 miles: 8,907,396 (88%)

## Amtrak service in the state

Wolverine - Multiple trains daily  
Blue Water - Daily service  
Pere Marquette - Daily service

## 22 Amtrak stations

	2020	2021	2022
Albion	1,344	1,237	1,965
Ann Arbor	77,887	47,066	126,888
Bangor	2,015	2,470	3,465
Battle Creek	21,026	16,845	25,487
Dearborn	36,622	26,772	54,626
Detroit	39,252	29,785	56,402
Dowagiac	2,453	2,333	4,025
Durand	6,863	5,964	9,887
East Lansing	38,070	32,706	61,331
Flint	15,926	17,750	23,801
Grand Rapids	21,236	25,025	42,179
Holland	17,525	17,554	29,425
Jackson	11,741	7,852	15,867
Kalamazoo	57,958	37,252	76,122
Lapeer	4,940	4,244	7,084
New Buffalo	11,328	11,606	20,220
Niles	9,047	7,074	13,517
Pontiac	8,139	6,091	12,435
Port Huron	8,123	5,165	10,561
Royal Oak	13,169	8,748	21,121
St. Joseph	6,717	7,957	12,113
Troy	17,928	10,388	26,776

## Top statewide officials

**Gov. Gretchen Whitmer (D)**  
<https://www.michigan.gov/gov>

**Sen. Gary C. Peters (D)**  
<https://peters.senate.gov>

**Sen. Debbie Stabenow (D)**  
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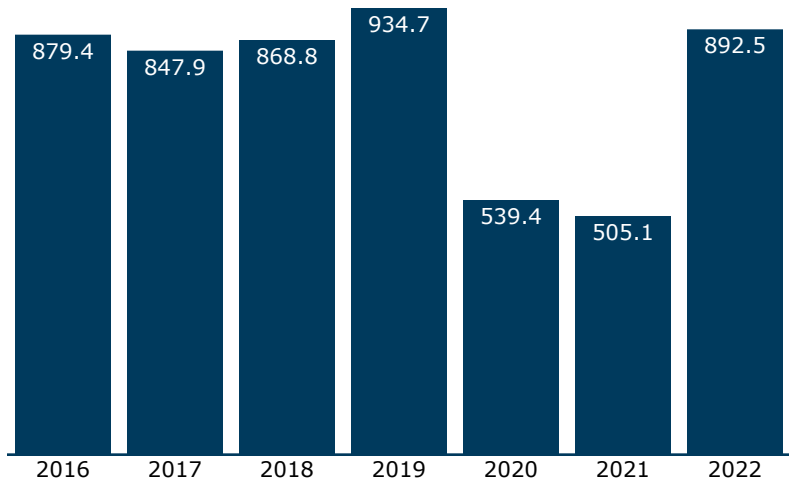


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# Fact sheet: Amtrak in North Carolina

## Passengers in North Carolina, 2016-2022: boarding & detraining (in thousands)



Also, 336,019 riders passed through North Carolina in 2022 - boarding and detraining outside the state.

## Quick recap, 2022 (arrivals and departures)

	Coach/ Business	First/ Sleeper	Total
Passengers	877,899	14,570	892,469
Average trip	204 miles	573 miles	210 miles
Average fare	\$ 42.00	\$292.00	\$ 46.00
Average yield, per mi	20.5¢	50.9¢	21.8¢

## Top city pairs by ridership, 2022

1. Charlotte - Raleigh	173 mi
2. Charlotte - Durham	147 mi
3. Charlotte - Greensboro	89 mi
4. Cary - Charlotte	164 mi
5. Greensboro - Raleigh	84 mi
6. Raleigh - Washington, DC	306 mi
7. Durham - Greensboro	58 mi
8. Cary - Greensboro	75 mi
9. Raleigh - New York, NY	531 mi
10. Greensboro - Washington, DC	390 mi

## Top city pairs by revenue, 2022

1. Charlotte - Raleigh	173 mi
2. Raleigh - Washington, DC	306 mi
3. Raleigh - New York, NY	531 mi
4. Charlotte - New York, NY	704 mi
5. Charlotte - Durham	147 mi
6. Fayetteville - New York, NY	550 mi
7. Charlotte - Washington, DC	479 mi
8. Greensboro - Washington, DC	390 mi
9. Cary - Charlotte	164 mi
10. Rocky Mount - New York, NY	460 mi

## North Carolinians near a station

Within 25 miles: 7,053,486 (68%)  
Within 50 miles: 8,911,407 (85%)

## Amtrak service in the state

Silver Star - Daily service  
Silver Meteor - Daily service  
Palmetto - Daily service  
Crescent - Daily service  
Carolinian - Daily service  
Piedmont - Multiple trains daily

## 18 Amtrak stations

	2020	2021	2022
Burlington	12,596	12,752	21,070
Cary	41,755	33,920	77,521
Charlotte	112,483	106,027	202,386
Durham	46,126	43,503	83,173
Fayetteville	31,344	29,754	33,297
Gastonia	909	733	1,252
Greensboro	75,413	67,712	117,854
Hamlet	2,528	2,192	3,928
High Point	18,698	16,638	28,001
Kannapolis	11,927	11,224	21,666
Lexington--BBQ Fest	711		
NC State Fair	1,799		1,989
Raleigh	96,337	94,638	176,364
Rocky Mount	30,139	30,717	39,348
Salisbury	12,511	10,321	18,408
Selma--Smithfield	7,567	7,859	11,781
Southern Pines	4,088	2,819	6,458
Wilson	32,449	34,268	47,973

## 10 Thruway stops

	2020	2021	2022
Goldsboro	621	281	
Greenville	2,451	2,063	
Havelock	342	163	
Jacksonville	2,670	2,359	
Kinston	498	224	
Morehead City	538	274	
New Bern	1,242	1,483	
Wnston-Salem--Univ	960	295	
Wilmington	1,710	1,664	
Winston-Salem	1,177	738	

## Top statewide officials

**Gov. Roy Cooper (D)**

<https://www.governor.state.nc.us>

**Sen. Richard Burr (R)**

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**Sen. Thom Tillis (R)**

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