

Metra Facts

Metra oversees all commuter rail operations in the 3,700 square mile northeastern Illinois region, with responsibility for day-to-day operations, fare and service levels, capital improvements and planning.

The Metra system is comprised of 11 separate lines radiating out from Chicago's Loop, and serves more than 100 communities at 240 rail stations. Rail lines in the Metra system include:

Rail Line Weekday Ridership and Service Levels

January 2010 – December 2010

	Route Miles	Trains	Avg. Weekday Ridership
BNSF			
(Aurora)	37.5	94	64,600
Union Pacific			
North (Kenosha, WI)	51.6	70	36,400
NW (Harvard, McHenry)	70.5	65	40,900
West (Elburn)	43.6	59	29,400
Electric District			
(University Park, Blue Is., S. Chicago)	40.6	170	36,200
Heritage Corridor			
(Joliet)	37.2	6	2,600
Milwaukee District			
North (Fox Lake)	49.5	60	23,500
West (Elgin)	39.8	58	22,300
North Central Service			
(Antioch)	52.8	22	5,400
Rock Island District			
(Joliet, Blue Island)	46.8	68	30,500
SouthWest Service			
(Manhattan)	40.8	30	9,500

Source: Metra 2011 Program & Budget and 2010 Annual Report
All data excludes NICTD South Shore

Metra Statistics

January 2010 – December 2010

Farebox Recovery	55%
On-Time Performance	96%
Route Miles	487.7
Track Miles	1,155.1
Average Weekday Passengers	301,200
Average Weekend Passengers	121,800
Annual Passenger Trips	81,369,000
Trains Scheduled per Weekday	702
Trains Scheduled per Weekend	459
Diesel Locomotives	146
Trailer & Cab Coaches	841
Multiple-Unit Electric Cars	171

Metra Tickets & Special Fare Programs

Monthly Pass	Regular Metra commuters save 40% or more over one-way fares
10-Ride Ticket	Occasional commuters or leisure travelers save 20% off one-way fares. One ticket can be shared by people riding together.
One-Way Ticket	For travel from one station destination to another
\$7 Weekend Pass	Unlimited rides on Saturday and Sunday
Seniors Ride Free	Seniors 65 and older and living in the 6-county area may ride free with a RTA issued Reduced Fare Permit.
Circuit Permit Ride Free	People with disabilities in Illinois who are enrolled in the Illinois Circuit Breaker Program are eligible for free rides with an RTA issued Circuit Permit Ride Free Card.
Special-User Fares	Reduced fare for elderly, persons with disabilities, students and military personnel.
Family Fares	Available on weekends and selected holidays. Children under 12 ride free when accompanied by a fare-paying adult (up to 3 children free per adult)
Pace PlusBus	Monthly pass holders can purchase a Pace PlusBus sticker for unlimited travel on all Pace suburban buses.
Link-Up	Monthly pass holders can purchase a Link-Up sticker for connecting travel on CTA and Pace buses.

Source: Fares effective February 1, 2010