

# Missouri River Runner by the Numbers

Total Annual Economic Impacts Generated by the Missouri River Runner:

Runner:



**1,789**

Jobs



**\$97.7M**

Income



**\$478.9M**

Economic Output



**\$43.4M**

Tax Revenue

Passenger rail service provides an option for connecting rural communities and smaller cities to major economic centers and promotes commerce and economic development, particularly in the areas surrounding stations.

The Missouri River Runner Amtrak passenger train route operates two round trips per day across 283 miles of track between the Gateway Transportation Center in St. Louis and Union Station in Kansas City, providing connection to the Lincoln Service, Southwest Chief and Texas Eagle routes. The Missouri River Runner provides an alternative travel mode along the heavily traveled I-70 corridor between St. Louis and Kansas City.



## Legend

- Amtrak Station
- Missouri River Runner Route
- Interstate
- Southwest Chief Route
- Texas Eagle Route

## Missouri River Runner Service Supports Missourians

**Missouri River Runner provides access to a broad range of visitors and entertainment attractions.**

<b>Kansas City</b>	National WWI Museum, Nelson-Atkins Museum of Art, Negro Leagues Baseball Museum & Kauffman Stadium
<b>Independence</b>	Truman Library, Truman Home and Historic Independence Square
<b>Lee's Summit</b>	Historic Downtown Lee's Summit for shopping & fine dining
<b>Warrensburg</b>	University of Central Missouri and Whiteman Air Force Base, Downtown Shopping and Events
<b>Sedalia</b>	Missouri State Fair, Ragtime Festival, a vibrant downtown and/or largest campground in the US
<b>Jefferson City</b>	Missouri State Capitol, Missouri State Penitentiary, Lincoln University and State Technical College of Missouri
<b>Hermann</b>	Historic Museums and Downtown, Missouri Wine Country, Distilleries & Breweries, Wurstfest, Maifest and Oktoberfest
<b>Washington</b>	Art Fair and Winefest, Fall Festival of Arts and Crafts and Corn Cob Pipe Factory
<b>Kirkwood</b>	The Magic House, Kirkwood Performing Arts Center, Kirkwood Farmers Market, Route 66 Festival—Cars & Guitars, shopping and events
<b>St. Louis</b>	Cardinals baseball, Blues hockey, St. Louis City Soccer, St. Louis Gateway Arch, National Blues Museum and the St. Louis Zoo and other Forest Park attraction

In FY 2024, Amtrak procured goods and services valued at \$152.2 million from Missouri's construction landscaping, railroad, engineering and technology businesses.

At the end of FY 2024, Amtrak employed 116 Missouri residents. In FY 2023, Missouri residents earned \$10,681,950 in labor income.

Each year, Missouri River Runner riders contribute to Missouri's economy giving rise to significant benefits through travel/transportation, reduced energy consumption, safety and tourism.

## Missouri River Runner Riders



Passengers  
**194,276**  
in 2024



Avg. Fare  
**\$34.88**  
Per Passenger

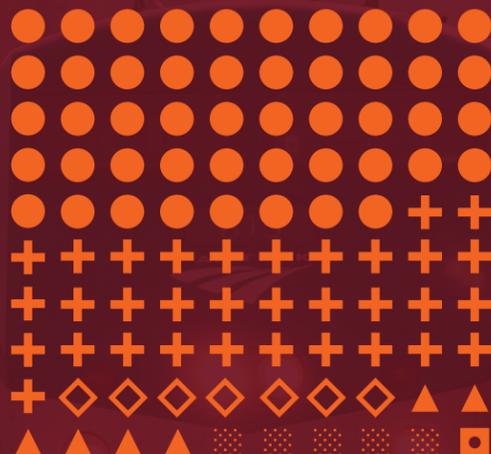


Spent  
**\$13.1M**  
in Lodging



Spent  
**\$38.6M**  
in Food, Entertainment and Retail Spending

## Why Do People Ride the Missouri River Runner?



● Visit Family or Friends  
**48%**

▲ Personal or Family Event  
**6%**

+ Leisure or Recreation  
**33%**

▫ Vacations  
**5%**

◇ Business Travel  
**7%**

▣ Travel to/from School  
**1%**

# Continuing our Commitment

**Many Missouri residents and visitors depend on non-highway modes of transportation.** Enhanced passenger rail service provides important economic development benefits to Missouri communities by improving accessibility, connectivity and travel efficiency for both in-state and out-of-state travelers.

**In FY2025, MoDOT received \$16 million in state support for the operation of the Missouri River Runner.** Since Missouri has no dedicated funding source for passenger rail, funding is subject to legislative general revenue appropriation each year.

**Infrastructure improvements to the St. Louis to Kansas City line have reduced delays and increased reliability.** These improvements were funded primarily by federal sources, with contributions from the state and the railroads.

**The Missouri River Runner service strengthens communities.** It does so by providing connectivity amongst Missouri's cities, serving as an anchor to commercial and residential development and encouraging more efficient mobility options in the community.

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# 2026 Economic Impact Study Missouri River Runner Passenger Rail

State Freight  
& Rail Plan

