

Performance and Comparison of State-Supported Intercity Passenger Rail Services (services started in past 30 years, ranked by start-to-stop average speeds)

CORRIDOR	Year Started	Average Speed, at Start	Top Speed, at Start	Average Speed, Current	Top Speed, Current	Planned Top Speed	First-Year Riders	2009 Riders
Hiawatha Corridor- Chicago-Milwaukee	1989	58 mph	79 mph	57 mph	79 mph	79-110 mph	295,000	738,000
Missouri River Runner- Kansas City-St. Louis	1980	51 mph	79 mph	50 mph	79 mph	79 mph	NA	151,000
3C Corridor- Cleveland-Columbus-Cincinnati	? ? ?	50 mph* (preliminary)				79 mph*	478,000* (projected)	
Pennsylvanian- Pittsburgh-Philadelphia(NYC)	1980	50 mph	79-90 mph	47 mph	79-110 mph	79-110 mph	83,000	199,000
Pere Marquette- Grand Rapids-Chicago	1984	45 mph	79 mph	44 mph	79 mph	79-110 mph	73,000	103,000
Heartland Flyer- Oklahoma City-Fort Worth	1999	45 mph	79 mph	48 mph	79 mph	79 mph	54,000	82,000
Cascades- Vancouver-Seattle-Portland-Eugene	1993	43 mph	79 mph	53 mph	79 mph	79-110 mph	185,000	740,000
Piedmont Corridor- Charlotte-Raleigh	1991	43 mph	79 mph	53 mph	79 mph	90 mph	122,000	361,000
The Downeaster- Portland-Boston	2002	42 mph	60-79 mph	48 mph	79 mph	79 mph	292,000	458,000
Ethan Allen Express- Rutland-Albany (NYC)	1996	41 mph	60-110 mph	41 mph	60-110 mph	60-110 mph	34,000	47,000
Vermont- St. Albans-Springfield (WDC)	1995	41 mph	60-110 mph	41 mph	60-110 mph	60-110 mph	31,000	74,000
Capitol Corridor- Bay Area-Sacramento	1991	38 mph	79 mph	45 mph	79 mph	79-110 mph	400,000	1.7 million

Ridership numbers were rounded to the nearest thousand to make visual comparisons quickly and clearly.

SOURCES:

Past/present train speed data: Amtrak National Timetable for that year

Ridership data: Amtrak, individual state Departments of Transportation

* Preliminary estimate according to the Ohio Rail Development Commission technical team