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#	Metro Area #1	Metro Area #2	Person Trips	Comments
1	Los Angeles	San Diego	10,466,883	
2	Las Vegas	Los Angeles	9,120,296	
3	New York	Philadelphia	8,476,339	
4	New York	Washington DC	7,773,377	
5	Los Angeles	San Francisco	7,049,954	
6	Sacramento	San Francisco	5,337,613	
7	Philadelphia	Washington DC	4,678,680	
8	<i>Cleveland</i>	<i>Cincinnati</i>	<i>3,750,772</i>	<i>Rank if all 3-C added</i>
8	Dallas	Houston	3,097,228	
9	Portland	Seattle	2,605,223	
10	Norfolk	Washington DC	2,590,212	
11	Los Angeles	Phoenix	2,472,665	
12	San Diego	San Francisco	2,415,188	
13	Dallas	San Antonio	2,286,587	
14	Las Vegas	San Diego	2,213,871	
15	Boston	New York	2,121,134	
16	Albany	New York	2,073,199	
17	Harrisburg	Philadelphia	2,060,693	
18	Los Angeles	Santa Barbara	2,036,605	
19	Austin	Houston	2,032,380	
20	Lakeland	Sarasota	1,940,000	Regional
21	Atlanta	Nashville	1,893,454	
22	Phoenix	Tucson	1,811,036	
23	Austin	Dallas	1,805,389	
24	<i>Cleveland</i>	<i>Columbus</i>	<i>1,800,126</i>	
25	Houston	San Antonio	1,744,368	
26	Miami	New York	1,712,677	Top LD Route
27	Reno	San Francisco	1,704,123	
28	Eugene	Portland	1,666,301	
29	Los Angeles	Sacramento	1,631,660	LD
30	Chicago	Detroit	1,614,286	
31	Beaumont	Houston	1,450,625	Regional
32	Detroit	Grand Rapids	1,411,112	
33	Corpus Christi	San Antonio	1,392,317	
34	Oklahoma City	Tulsa	1,344,266	Regional
35	Richmond	Washington DC	1,327,046	
36	<i>Cincinnati</i>	<i>Columbus</i>	<i>1,310,511</i>	
37	Hartford	New York	1,285,033	
38	Los Angeles	New York	1,257,041	LD
39	Atlanta	Birmingham	1,219,047	

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40	Pittsburgh	Washington DC	1,196,211	
41	Chicago	Indianapolis	1,176,242	
42	Lowell MA	New York	1,167,354	Metro Boston to NY
43	Bakersfield	Los Angeles	1,135,519	
44	Philadelphia	Scranton	1,123,862	
45	Chicago	Milwaukee	1,115,713	
46	Chicago	St. Louis	1,095,190	
47	Fresno	Los Angeles	1,070,261	
48	Miami	Orlando	1,035,869	
49	Cincinnati	Indianapolis	1,029,824	
50	New York	Scranton	1,007,871	
51	Cleveland	Detroit	987,179	
52	Chicago	New York	969,846	LD
53	New York	Orlando	952,078	LD
54	Phoenix	San Francisco	948,829	LD
55	Los Angeles	Seattle	945,033	LD
56	New London CT	New York	939,648	
57	Kansas City	St. Louis	920,066	
58	Chicago	Minneapolis	892,108	
59	Orlando	Tampa	877,514	
60	Philadelphia	Pittsburgh	877,108	
61	Buffalo	New York	874,494	
62	New York	Syracuse	874,191	
63	Lancaster	New York	861,457	
64	Atlanta	Greenville SC	860,635	
65	Boston	Washington	860,487	
66	New York	Norfolk	856,042	
67	Charlotte	Greenville SC	843,037	
68	Chicago	Madison WI	819,542	
69	Norfolk	Richmond	803,806	
70	New York	Providence	799,417	
71	Las Vegas	Phoenix	783,146	No direct rail line
72	Atlanta	New York	778,476	LD
73	Chicago	Dallas	765,019	
74	New York	San Francisco	761,159	LD
75	Harrisburg	New York	751,741	
76	Denver	Los Angeles	741,177	
77	Detroit	Kalamazoo	739,397	
78	Phoenix	San Diego	721,485	No direct rail line
79	New York	Tampa	717,739	LD
80	Cleveland	Pittsburgh	716,468	

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81	Boston	Hartford	709,116	
82	Charlotte	Raleigh	694,774	
83	Los Angeles	Modesto	694,280	
84	New York	Pittsburgh	687,103	
85	Miami	Tampa	686,278	
86	Salinas CA	San Francisco	677,352	
87	Dallas	Shreveport	674,406	
88	Jacksonville	Tampa	672,702	
89	Chicago	Washington DC	658,947	LD
90	Atlanta	Washington DC	650,678	LD
91	Reno	Sacramento	644,983	
92	Atlanta	Charlotte	640,467	
93	Cincinnati	Cleveland	640,136	
94	Charleston SC	Columbia SC	630,516	
95	Johnson City TN	Knoxville TN	622,902	Regional

CALIFORNIA REGION – 15 Corridors

1	Los Angeles	San Diego	10,466,883	
2	Las Vegas	Los Angeles	9,120,296	
5	Los Angeles	San Francisco	7,049,954	
6	Sacramento	San Francisco	5,337,613	
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NORTHEAST CORRIDOR REGION – 18 Corridors

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63	Lancaster	New York	861,457	
65	Boston	Washington	860,487	
66	New York	Norfolk	856,042	
69	Norfolk	Richmond	803,806	
70	New York	Providence	799,417	
75	Harrisburg	New York	751,741	
81	Boston	Hartford	709,116	

MIDWEST/OHIO HUB REGION – 14 Corridors				
8	<i>Cleveland</i>	<i>Cincinnati</i>	3,750,772	Ohio Hub 3-C 24/36/93
24	Cleveland	Columbus	1,800,126	Ohio Hub
30	Chicago	Detroit	1,614,286	
32	Detroit	Grand Rapids	1,411,112	
36	Cincinnati	Columbus	1,310,511	Ohio Hub
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51	Cleveland	Detroit	987,179	Ohio Hub
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TEXAS REGION – 8 Corridors				
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SOUTHEAST REGION – 7 Corridors				
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FLORIDA REGION – 5 Corridors				
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48	Miami	Orlando	1,035,869	
59	Orlando	Tampa	877,514	
85	Miami	Tampa	686,278	
88	Jacksonville	Tampa	672,702	

CASCADIA REGION – 2 Corridors				
9	Portland	Seattle	2,605,223	
28	Eugene	Portland	1,666,301	

LONG DISTANCE – 12 Routes				
26	Miami	New York	1,712,677	Gray shading: One night out – ideal for rail
29	Los Angeles	Sacramento	1,631,660	
38	Los Angeles	New York	1,257,041	
52	Chicago	New York	969,846	
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Regional rankings are probably California, NEC, Midwest, Texas, SE, Florida and Cascadia in that order. Some surprises pop up: Florida’s highest ranking corridor only comes in at 20th and once you get past the Big Four (California/NEC/Midwest, Texas), things thin out rapidly. In the Midwest, the 3-C Corridor dominates, a surprise.

Some anomalies pop up as well. There is no rail route between Phoenix and Las Vegas or between Phoenix and San Diego, yet both rank high. Some isolated segments, such as Johnson City TN and Knoxville TN which might not fit neatly into a national system.

As far as long distance routes go, all but two can be served with just one night out, ideal for long distance service.