

Detailed fare information

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Special fare programs

Reduced Fare programs

Children ages 7–11 pay a reduced fare.

Children under 7 ride free with a fare-paying customer.

Seniors 65+ and riders with disabilities, qualify with RTA Reduced Fare permit. For application information, call 1-312-913-3110 or visit rtachicago.org.

Above qualifying riders can pay a reduced fare with permits or standard Ventra fare payment methods (notify station staff or driver before paying with full fare media).

Student Fare program

The Student Reduced Fare is for children 7–20 with valid CTA Student Riding Permit.

Valid on school days 5:30am–8:30pm, only. Obtain permit through school; otherwise fill out an application on the CTA website.

Free ride programs

The following groups are eligible to ride free on CTA buses and trains:

Qualifying seniors and riders with disabilities

who are enrolled in the Illinois Dept. on Aging Benefit Access Program with valid RTA ride free permit. For application information, call 1-312-913-3110 or visit rtachicago.org.

Active-duty military personnel in full uniform with US Armed Forces ID and active-duty military personnel or qualifying disabled veterans with CTA-issued Military Service Pass. Visit CTA website for more info.

Regular fares

These base fares apply when fare is paid using a Ventra Card's transit value—or your own contactless payment method (i.e., contactless bankcard, Apple Pay, Google Pay).

Type

Bus Fare New fare when paid on most CTA bus routes**Full****Reduced****Student****\$2.25****\$1.10****75¢****'L' train fare** New fare when paid at most stations**\$2.50****\$1.25****75¢****'L' train fare at O'Hare** New fare when paid at O'Hare station, only**\$5.00****\$1.25****75¢**

Transfers

Up to 2 additional rides on CTA within 2 hours of a new fare

Free**Free****Free**

Passes

Add to Ventra Card. Allows for unlimited rides for one person for pass length from first use.

Type

1-Day Pass Also available as ticket at all vending machines**Full****Reduced****\$5****3-Day Pass** Also available as ticket at select vending machines**\$15****7-Day Pass****\$20****30-Day Pass****\$75****\$35****Passes** Passes are good for the full length of the pass period from activation. For example, a 1-Day Pass is good for a full 24 hours from the first time you use it to pay for a ride, a 3-Day is good for 72 hours from first use, etc. Passes can be purchased in advance and aren't activated until used.**Passes listed above are valid on CTA buses and trains. Certain passes are also valid on Pace non-subscription and/or non-premium services, including the 30-Day Pass; see transitchicago.com for complete info on CTA passes and pacebus.com for fare info on Pace.****Reduced Fare 30-Day Pass** is available only to riders with RTA-issued Reduced Fare permits/cards.

Other fares

Type

Cash bus fare Applies if paying exact cash/coin directly on bus; no transfers**Full****Reduced****\$2.50****\$1.25****75¢****Regional Connect Pass** Unlimited rides on CTA & Pace with a Metra Monthly Ticket**\$30****#128 Soldier Field Exp.** Round trip fare; pay with cash/coin or Ventra Card**\$5****\$2.50**

Ways to pay

Ventra Cards

Buy new plastic cards from vending machines, retailers, or add virtual card to phone via Ventra app. Ventra Cards offer access to the widest range of fare options including passes, regular fares and transfers. Can be shared by up to 7 people.



New plastic Ventra Cards cost \$5. Register within 90 days of purchase to have cost credited back as value.

Ventra Tickets

Buy new disposable tickets from vending machines. A good option for visitors and infrequent riders who don't have a Ventra Card or contactless payment.



Single Ride Tickets cost \$3 at most locations (\$5 for O'Hare ticket) and include up to 3 rides within 2 hours of first use.

1-Day tickets (and 3-Day, at select locations) are also available and cost the same as passes.

Contactless cards & Pay apps

Pay-as-you-go directly at reader using a contactless bankcard or standard bankcard loaded into a Pay app.

Regular fares apply; can be shared by up to 7 people.



Service overview

Most CTA service runs every 10–20 minutes most of the day; frequencies vary based on time of day or route. See first/last train and bus info for spans of service and see individual timetables online or by calling the RTA Travel Information Center for specific information.

Note that Sunday schedules apply on the following holidays: New Year's Day, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Thanksgiving and Christmas (and/or on their dates of observance).

Buses

Most routes run daily through late evening. All scheduled routes have timetables.

When boarding, always check the destination sign; not all buses travel to the end of the line and some routes have branches.

Buses stop about every two blocks at posted signs which give basic service information. The Owl (owl) symbol indicates all night service (typically runs every 30 min).

All CTA buses are accessible and have bike racks.

Trains (the 'L')

Each line has a color name. All services run daily (except Purple Line Express direct to Downtown Chicago), generally early morning through late evening. Free connections are available between all 'L' lines marked with ☺. Accessible stations are marked on maps with ⚡; all railcars are accessible.

At all stations, staff are on duty to help you. Customer Assistance/Help Point call buttons are located near turnstiles and on platforms. Maps are posted in each railcar and station to help you plan your trip; timetables are also posted in stations.

Stations have signs at entrances to tell you what lines are available and to guide you to your train.

Wilson

cta Red, Purple lines

Howard

Linden

95th

Loop

Trains are marked on the front and sides with their destination. Information is announced throughout your trip.

Howard**95th**

Real-time arrival info

Bus and Train trackers

Get estimated arrivals with CTA Bus Tracker™ and CTA Train Tracker™

Transit trackers from CTA help take the waiting out of your trip. With estimated arrivals from CTA Bus Tracker and CTA Train Tracker, you can rest easier and spend less time waiting and more time going.

Information on both

bus and train service is available on the web, in apps and by text, as well as on digital signs at many bus stops and in train stations.

Arrival information is integrated into many travel apps, including our own Ventra app.

Arrival info by text

Before you go, look up estimated arrivals using either CTA Bus Tracker or CTA Train Tracker on our website and take note of the text messaging instructions alongside arrival information on either website. They look like this:

Text CTABUS 550 to 41411 for estimated arrivals.

Text CTATRAIN THOR to 41411 for estimated arrivals.

You can also simply text CTABUS or CTATRAIN to 41411 for instructions on how to look up a stop manually.

Specific instructions are posted at the bottom of each CTA bus stop sign and on all timetable posters located in each train station.

Visit transitchicago.com/howto for more information. Message and data rates may apply: check with your mobile carrier first.

More information

Park & ride at stations

Pay at pay station as directed.

Visit transitchicago.com/parkandride for complete parking information.

Rail Line	Station	Cost and Time limit*	Spaces
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*Rates for weekday parking only. Rates for weekend parking are double.

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First bus / last bus times

All CTA and Pace buses are accessible to people with disabilities. Use this chart to determine days, hours of service, where each route begins and ends, and first and last buses in each direction on each route. CTA's Bus Tracker website (ctabustracker.com) is your source to check the location and estimated arrival times of your bus via computer or web-enabled mobile device. See Bus and Train Tracker panel below and left for more information.

About bus route number labels

Bus route numbers are shown above in boxes that indicate the route's overall service type:

Local route , service runs at least morning thru evening on weekdays	Express route , service runs at least morning thru evening on weekdays
Local route , part-time service on days it runs	Express route , part-time service on days it runs
Owl-only route , runs during overnight hours, only	
X route , makes fewer stops for faster service	J14 Jump route, with express service and local service with fewer stops

'L' (rail) line references:
 (Pink) = Pink Line (Blue) = Blue Line (Brown) = Brown Line
 (Orange) = Orange Line (Purple) = Purple Line (Green) = Green Line
 (Red) = Red Line (Yellow) = Yellow Line (R-P-Y) = Red, Purple, Yellow

#	ROUTE & TERMINALS	WEEKDAYS	SATURDAY	SUN/HOL
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1 Bronzeville/Union Station	Indiana/35th north to Union Station	5:45a-9:00a & 2:25p-6:25p		
	Union Station south to Michigan/34th	6:15p-9:00p & 3:00p-7:00p		

2 Hyde Park Express	60th/Cottage Grove north to Navy Pier	6:00a-9:20a & 3:40p-6:05p		
	Navy Pier south to 60th/Cottage Grove	6:55p-9:20p & 3:30p-7:05p		

• No stops between Hyde Park area and Columbus/11th (Museum Campus).
 • AM rush: Clockwise loop in Hyde Park, enters DuSable Lake Shore Drive NB at 47th; exits SB at 57th.
 • PM rush: Counterclockwise loop in Hyde Park, enters DuSable Lake Shore Drive NB at 57th; exits SB at 47th.

3 King Drive	95th & (Red Line) North to Fairbanks/Huron	4:20a-11:00p 5:50a-10:55p 5:50a-10:55p		
	Fairbanks/Erie South to 95th (Red Line)	5:40p-12:25a 5:30a-12:15a 7:05a-12:10a		

• Earlier weekday southbound service from 25th/Michigan starts at 4:25am.

4 Cottage Grove	115th/Cottage Grove north to Columbus/S. Water	5:05a-10:10p 6:00a-10:05p 7:05a-10:10p		
	Columbus/S. Water south to 95th	5:20p-8:25p 5:25a-8:25p 5:40p-8:30p		

95th & (Red Line) North to Columbus/S. Water 4:10a-11:40p 4:15a-12:55p see note

Columbus/S. Water south to 95th & (Red Line) 4:10p-11:50p 4:10a-11:50p see note

• Overnight (Owl) buses operate between 95th/Cottage Grove and Columbus/S. Water.

• Additional weekday northbound service from 95th (Red Line) to Columbus/S. Water 10:30pm to 11:40pm.

• Limited Sunday service to/from 95th (Red Line). Service to/from 95th/Red Line also provided by route #3 buses

X4 Cottage Grove Express	Limited stops along entire route.			
	95th (Red Line) North to Columbus/S. Water 6:00a-9:15a & 1:35p-4:45p			

Columbus/South Water south to 95th & (Red Line) 6:35p-9:40a & 2:45p-6:00p

• Additional northbound service from 79th/Cottage Grove starts at 5:40am

N5 South Shore Night Bus	95th/Dan Ryan & (Red) north to 115th/Dan Ryan & (Red)	11:50p-4:20a 11:50p-4:20a 11:50p-4:50a		
	69th/Dan Ryan & (Red) south to 121st/Dan Ryan & (Red)	12:15a-4:45a 12:15a-4:45a 12:15a-5:15a		

6 Jackson Park Express	79th/South Shore north to Wacker/Columbus	4:00a-11:50p 4:45a-12:05a 4:55a-12:00m		
	Wacker/Columbus south to 79th/South Shore	5:00a-1:00a 5:40a-1:00a 5:50a-1:00a		

• No stops between 47th/Lake Park and Columbus/11th (Museum Campus).

7 Harrison	Harrison/Central east to Michigan/ida B. Wells	6:10a-9:05p		
	Michigan/ida B. Wells west to Harrison/Central	6:00a-9:45p		

8 Halsted	Halsted/79th north to Broadway/Waveland	4:05a-12:30a 3:40a-12:30a 4:05a-12:30a		
	Broadway/Waveland south to Halsted/79th	4:05a-12:40a 4:05a-12:45a 5:00a-12:30a		

• Pace bus #352 provide limited stop service at all times south of 95th Street.

9 Ashland	Ashland/95th north to Clark/Belle Plaine	2:50a-12:00m 2:45a-12:00m 2:45a-12:00m		
	Clark/Belle Plaine south to Ashland/95th	4:15p-12:25a 4:15p-1:30a 4:15a-1:25a		

• Overnight (Owl) buses operate between 95th/Dan Ryan & (Red) station and North/Clyde.

Vincennes/104th north to Clark/Belle Plaine 6:05p-9:05s & 2:25p-7:00p

Clark/Belle Plaine south to Vincennes/104th 4:30p-7:05p & 12:15p-4:45p

Ashland Express • Limited stops along entire route.

Ashland/95th north to Irving Park/Sheridan 5:50a-9:00s & 2:25p-6:00p

Irving Park/Sheridan south to Ashland/95th 6:00s-9:00s & 3:00p-6:00p

• Additional service northbound from 74th/Ashland AM starting at 4:40am and PM at 1:20p.

• Additional service southbound to 74th/Ashland AM until 4:45am and in the evening until 7:45p.

10 Museum of Science & Industry	Michigan/Chestnut south to Museum	8:55a-3:55p 8:55a-3:55p 8:55a-3:55p		
	Museum north to Michigan/Chicago	9:40p-6:10p 9:40a-4:40p 9:40a-4:40p		

• Operates daily Memorial Day through Labor Day.

• No stops between Columbus/11th (Museum Campus) and Museum of Science and Industry.

11 Lincoln	(Brown) north to Howard/McCormick	6:00a-7:00p 7:10a-7:00p 7:05a-6:30p		
	Howard/McCormick south to Western & (Brown)	6:25a-7:30p 7:35a-7:30p 7:30a-7:00p		

12 Roosevelt	Central/Harrison east to 16th/Indiana	4:10a-12:30a 4:10a-12:30a 4:35a-12:30a		
	16th/Indiana west to Central/Harrison	4:05a-12:25a 4:15a-12:30a 4:15a-12:40a		

J14 Jeffery Jump	103rd/Stony Island north to Washington/Jefferson	4:55a-10:20p 5:55a-9:00p 5:55a-8:20p		
	Washington/Jefferson south to 103rd/Stony Island	5:35a-11:10p 6:55a-11:25p 7:35a-10:40p		

• No stops between Jeffery/67th and Columbus/11th (Museum Campus).

• Fewer stops between 103rd and 67th - see map on other side.

15 **Jeffery Local**	103rd/Stony Island north to 47th/Dan Ryan & (Red)	4:00a-12:05a 4:30a

Quick ride guide

To major attractions from the downtown (Loop) area daily.
The Chicago Visitor Center is located Downtown at Macy's on State Street.
Please visit ChooseChicago.com for visitor information.
Department of Cultural Affairs and Special Events
hotline 312-744-3370.

Adler Planetarium**
bus 146 south on State
Chicago Children's Museum*
bus 29 north on State or bus 124 east on Washington
North Michigan Ave. shopping*
buses 2, 146, 147, 148 north on State; 151 north on Dearborn; or 3 north Michigan
Notebaert Nature Museum*
bus 151 north on Dearborn (or on Michigan north of Washington)
Chinatown
Red Line train (State Street Subway) south to Cermak-Chinatown or bus 62 south on State
Field Museum**
bus 146 south on State
Frank Lloyd Wright District, Oak Park
Green Line train west to Oak Park Ave.
Garfield Park Conservatory
Green Line train west to Conservatory
Guaranteed Rate Field (White Sox)
Red Line (State Street Subway) south to Sox-35th or Green Line (Loop Elevated) train south to 35th-Bronzeville-IT
Huntington Bank Pavilion at Northery Island
bus 146 south on State
Lincoln Park Zoo/Conservatory
bus 151 north on Dearborn (or on Michigan north of Washington)
McCormick Place
bus 3 south to Michigan or Green Line to Cermak-McCormick Place
Midway Airport
Orange Line train from Loop Elevated stations
Museum of Science and Industry
bus 6 south on State; Also bus 10 daily Memorial Day through Labor Day

* Also direct service to this location from Ogilvie Transportation Center and/or Union Station at most times. Call 312-836-7000 for details.

** Direct service to this location from Ogilvie Transportation Center and Union Station, bus 130 daily, Memorial Day weekend through Labor Day, and bus 128 for Bears games.

Points of interest

Except Downtown

Allstate Arena, C-1
Baha'i Temple, A-5
Balzeks Museum of Lithuanian Culture, I-4
Brickyard Shopping Center, E-3
Brookfield Zoo, G-2
Chicago History Museum, E-6
Chicago Ridge Mall, J-3
Chicago State Univ., K-7
Chinatown, G-6
Concordia University, F-3
Cook County Courts:
Bridgeview, K-3;
Chicago at 26th/California, G-5;
Maywood, F-2;
Skokie, A-4
Copernicus Center, D-4
Credit Union 1 Arena, F-6
Daley College, J-4
Dawson Technical Institute, H-6
DePaul University, Lincoln Park, E-6
DeVry University, D-5
Dominican University, E-3
DuSable Museum, H-7, I-7
Edens Plaza, A-4
Fashion Outlets of Chicago, C-2
Ford City Mall, I-4
Frank Lloyd Wright Historic District, F-3
Garfield Park Conservatory, F-5
Golf Mill Shopping Center, A-2
Greektown, F-6
Guaranteed Rate Field (White Sox), H-6
Harlem/Irvng Plaza, D-3
Hines VA Hospital, G-2
Illinois Holocaust Museum & Information Center, A-4
Illinois Institute of Technology, G-6
Illinois Medical District, F-5
Institute for the Study of Ancient Cultures Museum, H-8
International Museum of Surgical Science, E-6
Jane Addams Hull-House Museum, see UIC, F-6
Kendall College, E-6
Kennedy-King College, I-6
Lincoln Park Zoo and Conservatory, E-6
Lincolnwood Town Center, B-5
Loyola Medical Center, G-2

Service changes

Bus

Planned Extension of #9 Ashland Route to Lawrence

An extension of the #9 Ashland bus route to Ravenswood/Lawrence is planned to go into effect in August 2024, but is not reflected on this map as it has not been effected as of the date of publication. We will provide more information as it becomes available. Visit transitchicago.com/bus/9 for the most current route information.

Improved Service Hours

#65 Grand
Weekdays and Saturdays an additional hour of service will be provided. Eastbound from Nordica, the last trip will depart at 10pm. The last westbound trip from Navy Pier will depart at 11:25pm.

Rail

Green Line - New Station!

The new Damen station opens effective Summer 2024. It is an accessible station and will serve all Green Line trains. The station is located at the intersection of Damen Avenue and Lake Street, less than a 1/2 mile north of the United Center.

Green Line - Improved Service Hours

- The first trip from Ashland/63rd will now depart at 3:45am on weekdays and 4:45am on weekends and holidays.
- The first trip from Cottage Grove is now at 4:05am on weekdays and 5:05am on weekends and holidays.
- The first trip from Harlem/Lake to Cottage Grove now departs at 3:45am on weekdays and 4:45am on weekends and holidays.
- The first trip from Harlem/Lake to Ashland/63rd now departs at 4:00am on weekdays and 5:00am on weekends and holidays.
- The last trip from Ashland/63rd now departs at 12:45am on all days. The last trip northbound from Cottage Grove now departs at 1:05am on all days.



