

The National Company for Rail Transport is converting the entirety of the line to a double-track line.<sup>[3]</sup>



The 70-kilometer section from Algiers to El Affroun includes one of the five commuter rail services in the Algiers metropolitan area and is double-track and is electrified (25,000 volt).<sup>[2]</sup>

This section is the busiest in the entirety of SNTF network, with 130 passenger trains a day using the 10-kilometer Algiers-El Harrach section until the El Harrach wye. Of the 130 passenger trains using the Algiers-El Harrach section, 58 continue west and use the remainder of the Algiers-El Affroun section.

## El Affroun - Oran section

The El Affroun-Oran segment is not electrified and is being upgraded from single-track to double-track. In 2015, 77 kilometers between Khemis Miliana and Chlef and 107 kilometers between Yellel and Oran have been double-tracked. Bypasses are being constructed to avoid Khemis Miliana and Relizane traffic for through-trains.<sup>[3]</sup>

## Line description

The line is flat except for the 50 kilometers between El Affroun and Khemis Miliana where the elevation changes from 100 to 500-250 meters above sea level. A 7 kilometer tunnel is being built to more directly connect the Khemis Miliana and Oued Djer portion of this segment.<sup>[3]</sup>

## Speeds on the line

Average speeds for passenger services on the line are 80–90 km/h. Since 2008, SNTF acquired DMUs capable of reaching 160 km/h which are expected to reach their top speed on flat double-track segments of the Algiers-Oran line.

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