

Regional Transportation Authority

The Regional Transportation Authority (RTA) provides financial oversight, funding, and regional transit planning for the three public transit operations in Northeastern Illinois: The Chicago Transit Authority (CTA), Metra and Pace Suburban Bus. The RTA provides customer services including travel training for people with disabilities. For more information, visit rtachicago.org

CTA, Metra and Pace

The Chicago Transit Authority (CTA) runs bus and elevated/subway trains in Chicago and nearby suburbs. transitchicago.com

Metra provides commuter rail services throughout the region serving Chicago and its suburbs. metrail.com

Pace Suburban Bus moves people throughout the Chicago region with fixed bus routes, Dial-a-Ride, On Demand, other community transit programs and ADA Paratransit service. Most Pace bus routes connect with Metra and CTA service. pacebus.com

Transit Partners

South Shore Line runs trains on the Metra Electric line from downtown Chicago to South Bend, Indiana, serving the Southeast Side of Chicago and Northwest Indiana. nctd.com

Amtrak provides rail service from Chicago's Union Station to cities throughout Illinois. amtrak.com

Accessibility

Metra has 243 commuter rail stations, of which 190 are fully accessible and 11 are partially accessible. The CTA "L" train system includes 145 stations, of which 103 are fully accessible. All CTA and Pace buses are ramp equipped



CTA and Pace Fares

Ventra® is the region's fare payment system, which makes it faster and easier to board and pay. Ventra Transit Accounts can be loaded with value and passes using the Ventra App, cash, coins or bankcard at a Ventra vending machine, hundreds of Ventra retailers (payment types accepted may vary) or with credit/debit cards online and by phone. Ventra Cards can now be added to an Android device with Google Pay or iPhone Apple Watch.

Cash is accepted on buses. No transfers are issued when paying in cash.

	Full Fare	Reduced Fare**	Cash Fare*	Cash Reduced**
CTA "L" train fare	\$2.50	\$1.25	\$2.50	\$1.25
CTA Bus fare	\$2.25	\$1.10	\$2.50	\$1.25
Pace Bus fare	\$2.00	\$1.00	\$2.25	\$1.10
Pace Premium Bus fare	\$4.50	\$2.25	\$4.50	\$2.25
CTA Transfers	\$0.25	\$0.15		
Pace Transfers	\$0.30	\$0.20		

*Load cash at "L" stations onto a Ventra Card, personal contactless bankcard, or buy a Single-Ride Ticket. Single-Ride Ventra Tickets cost \$3, provide up to 2 transfers within 7 hours and include 25 limited-use media fare. Buy new Ventra Cards or Tickets at a Ventra Vending Machine. A special \$5 fare applies when you board the CTA Blue Line or O'Hare express transit value or buying a Single-Ride Ticket (the special fare does not apply when using a pass to ride).

**Passengers with RTA-issued Reduced Fare permits and children ages 5 to 11. Call the RTA at 312-613-3110 for more information about RTA Reduced Fare permits.

Visit transitchicago.com/fares/ for CTA fare details. Visit pacebus.com/fares/ for Pace fare details.

Metra Passes

Metra offers unlimited ride monthly passes. The schedule below is for the Price of a monthly pass based on travel from downtown Chicago (Zone A).

Zone	A	B	C	D	E
Monthly	\$116.00	\$123.25	\$159.50	\$181.25	\$195.75
Reduced monthly**	\$ 70.00	\$ 70.00	\$ 96.25	\$105.00	\$113.75

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Zone	A	B	C	D	E
One-way reduced*	\$ 4.00	\$ 4.25	\$ 5.50	\$ 6.25	\$ 6.75
Round Trip Plus**	\$ 8.00	\$ 8.50	\$11.00	\$12.50	\$13.50
Round Trip Plus Reduced**	\$ 4.00	\$ 4.00	\$ 5.50	\$ 6.00	\$ 6.50
Ten-Ride	\$35.00	\$40.50	\$52.25	\$59.50	\$64.25
Ten-Ride reduced*	\$19.00	\$19.00	\$26.25	\$28.50	\$31.00

Zone	F	G	H	I	J
One-way	\$ 7.25	\$ 7.75	\$ 8.25	\$ 9.00	\$ 9.50
One-way reduced*	\$ 3.50	\$ 3.75	\$ 4.00	\$ 4.50	\$ 4.75
Round Trip Plus**	\$14.50	\$15.50	\$16.50	\$18.00	\$19.00
Round Trip Plus Reduced**	\$ 7.00	\$ 7.50	\$ 8.00	\$ 9.00	\$ 9.50
Ten-Ride	\$60.00	\$72.75	\$78.50	\$85.50	\$90.25
Ten-Ride reduced*	\$33.25	\$35.75	\$38.00	\$42.75	\$45.25

*Available only to riders with RTA-issued Reduced Fare permits, student ID or Military ID

**Available in the Ventra app only

Children's Fares

Children pay reduced fares on CTA, Metra and Pace based on their age. On CTA, children under 7 ride free with a fare-paying customer. On Metra and Pace, children under the age of 7 are not permitted to travel without a fare-paying customer.

Ages 7-11	Under 7
CTA	Reduced Fare
Pace	Reduced Fare
Metra	Half Fare

Children 6 years of age and younger traveling alone pay reduced fare.

*Up to 2 children free per adult.

**Up to 3 children free per adult, on weekends children age 7-11 are free



and make automated stop announcements. For more information on how to use the region's accessible bus and rail system, visit rtachicago.org/rider-resources/

RTA Travel Information Center:
312-836-7000 rtachicago.org

RTA Customer Service
Call 312.913.3110 for locations and hours.



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Points of Interest				
Alistate Arena	C1	Malcolm X College	F5	
Baha'i Temple	A5	McCormick Place	G7	
The Ballpark in Rosemont	C2	Moraine Valley College	K2	
The Brickyard Shopping Center	E3	Morton College	H4	
Broadview Village Square Mall	G2	Museum of Science & Industry/Omnimax	A4	
Brookfield Zoo	G2	National-Louis Univ Skokie	I7	
Chicago History Museum	E6	National Museum of Mexican Art	G6	
Chicago Ridge Mall	E3	North Park University	D5	
Chicago State University	K6	North Riverside Park Mall	G3	
Chinatown	G6	Northeastern Illinois University	C5	
Concordia University	F3	Northwestern University, Evanston	A5	
Cook County Courts	K3	Notebaert Natural Museum	E6	
Bridgeview	A2	Oakton Community College	A4	
Chicago at 26th/Columbia	F2	Old Orchard	A4	
Maywood	A4	Oliver-Harvey College	K7	
Skokie	A4	Olive-Harvey College	K7	
Daley College	J4	Olive-Harvey College	K7	
DePaul University, Lincoln Park	J4	Olive-Harvey College	K7	
Dominican University	E3	Olive-Harvey College	K7	
Dawson Technical Institute	H6	Olive-Harvey College	K7	
DelVry Univ	D5	Pullman National Monument	K7	
Edens Plaza	A4	Prairie Avenue Historic District	G7	
Chicago Outlets of Chicago	C2	Quarry Shopping Center	I2	
Ford City Mall	C4	Rosemont Theater	C2	
Frank Lloyd Wright Historic District	F3	Ryan Field (Northwestern University Wildcats)	A5	
Garfield Park Conservatory	F5	St. Xavier University	K4	
Golf Mill Shopping Center	A2	Seagraves Stadium	I3	
Greektown	H6	Stephens (Rosemont) Convention Center	C2	
Guaranteed Rate Field (White Sox)	H6	Smart Museum	H7	
Harlem/Living Plaza	D3	Trinity Christian College	L3	
Hawthorne Park Course	G4	Trinity College	E2	
Hines VA Hospital	G2	Truman College	D6	
Hull-House Museum	F6	United Center	F5	
Illinois Holocaust Museum	A4	(Bulls,Blackhawks)	F5	
Illinois Institute of Technology	G6	United Parcel Service, Hodgkins J1		
Illinois Medical District	F5	University of Chicago & Medical Center	I7	
International Museum of Surgical Science	E6	University of Illinois at Chicago	F6	
Kendall College	E6	UIC Pavilion	E6	
Kennedy-King College	I6	University of Illinois at Chicago	F6	
Lincoln Park Zoo & Conservatory	B6	Westfield Old Orchard	A4	
Lincolnwood Town Center Mall	B5	Winttrust Arena	G6	
Loyola Univ Medical Center	D2	Wrigley Field (Cubs)	D6	
Loyola University, Lake Shore	C6	Wright College	D3	

CTA and Pace Passes

Passes offer unlimited rides on CTA and/or Pace when activated with first use. Passes are loaded onto a Ventra transit account or contactless bankcard.

Passes	Summer 2021*	Full	Reduced**
1-Day CTA Pass	\$5	\$10	
3-Day CTA Pass	\$15	\$20	
7-Day CTA Pass	\$20	\$28	
7-Day CTA/Pace Pass	\$33	\$33	
30-Day Pace Pass	\$60	\$60	\$30
30-Day Pace Premium Pass	\$140	\$70	
30-Day CTA/Pace Pass	\$105	\$50	

*Special Summer fare from May 28 through September 6, 2021.

**Available only to riders with RTA-issued Reduced Fare permits.

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Zone	A	B	C	D	E
Monthly	\$120.25	\$124.75	\$159.25	\$181.00	\$195.50
Reduced monthly**	\$122.50	\$131.25	\$140.00	\$157.50	\$166.25

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Metra Weekend Pass

Metra offers a \$7 Saturday or Sunday Day Pass for unlimited rides on either Saturday or Sunday, and a \$10 Weekend Pass (available on the Ventra app only) for unlimited rides on both weekend days. Not valid for travel on the South Shore Line (NICTD).

Cook pilots, all riders on the Metra Electric and Rock Island lines will be charged Metra reduced fares for all tickets.

Metra Connecting Services Passes

Metra monthly pass holders can purchase passes to travel on connecting CTA and Pace services. Visit metrail.com for more information.

Pass	Service	Use	Cost**
Link-Up	CTA	Weekdays 6 am-9:30 am and 3:30 pm-7 pm	
CTA and Pace	Pace	Anytime	\$55
PlusBus	Anytime	Anytime	\$30

*Connecting Services Passes are only available with the purchase of a Metra Monthly Pass

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NICTD (South Shore Line) Fares

South Shore Line fares are based on distance traveled. There are four basic ticket types: one-way, 10, 10 ride, 25 rides, and monthly tickets. Reduced fares are available for senior citizens and customers with disabilities. Please note that Metra tickets and passes are not valid on South Shore Line trains. Visit nctd.com for NICTD fare options and details.

Fares are subject to change. Effective through December 2021.



Downtown Points of Interest			Schools and Universities			Downtown Metra Stations			
Adler Planetarium	H14	Greyhound Bus Terminal	F10	North Michigan Avenue shopping	B12	Art Institute of Chicago	E13	Chicago Union Station	E10
Art Institute of Chicago	E13	Harold Washington Library	F12	Northwestern Memorial Hospital	B13	Columbia College	F12	Amtrak	
Beaumont Tower	D13	Harold Theatre	D13	Petrillo Music Shell	E13	DePaul University, Downtown	F12	BSNF Railway District	
Chicago Children's Museum	D13	Huntington Bank Pavilion	H14	Pritzker Pavilion	E13	East-West University	F12	Heritage Corridor	
Chicago Cultural Center	D14	Illinois Center	D12	Sears Tower will See Willis Tower		Harold Washington College	D12	Midwest District	
Chicago Stock Exchange	D11	Jane Addams Hull House	G8	Shedd Aquarium/Oceanarium	H14	Illinois Institute of Technology, Downtown		North Central Service	
City Hall/County Building	D12	John Hancock Center	D13	Skydeck Chicago	E11	The John Marshall School of Law		SouthWest Service	
Cook County Court (Clinton/Harrison)	D11	Maggie Daley Park	E13	Soldier Field	H14	Loyola University, Water Tower	F12	LaSalle Street Station	F11
Daley Center	D11	Magnificent Mile shopping	D12	Sperius Institute	F12	National-Louis University	F12	Rock Island District	D13
Daley Center	D11	Maxwell Street Sunday Market	H10	State Street shopping	E12	Northwestern University, Downtown		Millennium Station	F13
Daley Center	D11	Merchandise Mart	D12	Symphony Center	E12	Roosevelt University	F12	Electric District	
Daley Center	D11	Millennium Park	E12	Thompson (State of Illinois) Center	D11	University of Chicago		South Shore Line	
Daley Center	D11	Museum of Contemporary Art	D13	360° Chicago	D13	Gleacher Center		Museum Campus/11th St Station	G13
Daley Center	D11	Museum of Contemporary Photography	F12	Visitor Information Center	D12	University of Illinois at Chicago	G9	Electric District	
Daley Center	D11	Navy Pier	C14	Water Tower Place	B13			Ogilvie Transportation Center	D10
Daley Center	D11	National Hellenic Museum	F9	Willis Tower	E11			Union Pacific	F13
Daley Center	D12	Newberry Research Library	A12					Van Buren Street Station	F13
Daley Center	D12							Electric District	
Daley Center	D12							South Shore Line	

Rush Hour Buses from Downtown Metra Stations		CTA Special and Seasonal Routes	
120 Ogilvie/Streetsville Express AM	121 Union/Streetsville Express AM	19 United Center Express	130 Museum Campus
120 Ogilvie/Streetsville Express PM	121 Union/Streetsville Express PM	128 Soldier Field Express	192 Univ of Chicago Hospitals Express

Connections

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RTA Six-County Regional Map



Map Legend

CTA Trains

- Blue Line: Between O'Hare Airport, Downtown & Forest Park
- Brown Line: Between Kennedy & Downtown
- Green Line: Between Harlem/Lake, Downtown, & 52nd Street/Hermes
- Orange Line: Between Midway Airport & Downtown
- Pink Line: Between Midway Airport & Downtown
- Purple Line: Between Linden & Howard
- Purple Line Express: Between Linden, Howard & Downtown (Weekday rush hours only)
- Red Line: Between Howard, Downtown & 95th/Over Ryan
- Yellow Line: Between Dempster/Skokie & Howard

Pace Buses

- Bus routes with service temporarily suspended (Visit metra.com for info)
- Bus route
- Part-time service (usually rush hours only)
- Certain trips only
- Nonstop express service
- Nonstop express part-time service
- Limited stops along bus route
- On Demand service zone (Visit metra.com to download route timetables for specific trip times)

Metra Rail

Metra fares are distance-based by zone.

- Metra rail line and station
- Peak period service only
- South Shore Line and station (between South Shore Ind. & downtown Chicago)
- Accessible station
- Partially accessible station

Other Map Symbols

- Interstate highway
- US highway
- State highway
- Amtrak service at station
- Point of interest
- Park & Ride lot
- Hospital

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Elgin inset

See Elgin inset at left

Towns and Cities

Addison I-7	Crystal Lake D-3	Woodhams E-8	Lisle K-6, Q-8	Orland Park N-8	South Barrington F-5
Alden A-1	Darien L-7	Hazel Crest N-10	Lockport N-6	Oswego S-1	South Chicago Heights P-11
Algonquin E-3	Deer Park E-6	Hickory Hills L-8	Lombard J-6	Palos Hills L-9	South Elgin H-3, S-7
Antioch A-6	Demorest M-10	Highland C-12	Lynwood O-12	Palos Park M-9	South Holland N-11
Arlington Heights G-7	Dyer M-11	Highland Park E-9	Lyons K-9	Park City C-9	Steger P-11
Aurora K-3, R-2	Dyckerhoff M-10	Hoffman Estates G-6	McCook K-8	Park Forest N-10	Stickney K-9
Barrington F-5	East Chicago N-12	Hoffman Estates G-6	McCook K-8	Park Ridge H-8	Stone Park H-8
Barrington Hills F-4	East Dundee E-2	Hoffman Estates G-6	McCook K-8	Phoenix N-11	Streamwood H-5
Bartlett H-4	East Hillside D-4	Hoffman Estates G-6	McCook K-8	Plainfield N-4	Sugar Grove K-2
Batavia J-3	East Hillside D-4	Hoffman Estates G-6	McCook K-8	Plainfield N-4	Summit K-9
Beach Park A-8	East Hillside D-4	Hoffman Estates G-6	McCook K-8	Plainfield N-4	Thornton O-11
Bellevue K-9	East Hillside D-4	Hoffman Estates G-6	McCook K-8	Plainfield N-4	Tinley Park N-9
Bellwood Park K-9	East Hillside D-4	Hoffman Estates G-6	McCook K-8	Plainfield N-4	Tower Lakes D-5
Berwyn J-9	East Hillside D-4	Hoffman Estates G-6	McCook K-8	Plainfield N-4	University Park P-10
Bloomington I-6	East Hillside D-4	Hoffman Estates G-6	McCook K-8	Plainfield N-4	Vernon Hills E-7
Blue Island M-10	East Hillside D-4	Hoffman Estates G-6	McCook K-8	Plainfield N-4	Villa Park J-7
Bolingbrook L-6	East Hillside D-4	Hoffman Estates G-6	McCook K-8	Plainfield N-4	Volo C-5
Bridgeway K-9	East Hillside D-4	Hoffman Estates G-6	McCook K-8	Plainfield N-4	Waukegan B-8
Brookfield K-8	East Hillside D-4	Hoffman Estates G-6	McCook K-8	Plainfield N-4	West Chicago J-4
Buffalo Grove F-7	East Hillside D-4	Hoffman Estates G-6	McCook K-8	Plainfield N-4	West Dundee E-2
Bull Valley C-3	East Hillside D-4	Hoffman Estates G-6	McCook K-8	Plainfield N-4	Westmont H-10
Burnham L-9	East Hillside D-4	Hoffman Estates G-6	McCook K-8	Plainfield N-4	Wilmette J-5
Burr Ridge L-8	East Hillside D-4	Hoffman Estates G-6	McCook K-8	Plainfield N-4	Winthrop Harbor A-9
Calumet Park M-10	East Hillside D-4	Hoffman Estates G-6	McCook K-8	Plainfield N-4	Wonder Lake B-3
Camp Hill N-12	East Hillside D-4	Hoffman Estates G-6	McCook K-8	Plainfield N-4	Wood Dale H-7
Chicago Ridge L-9	East Hillside D-4	Hoffman Estates G-6	McCook K-8	Plainfield N-4	Woodstock G-2
Cicero J-9	East Hillside D-4	Hoffman Estates G-6	McCook K-8	Plainfield N-4	Worth M-10
Clarendon Hills K-7	East Hillside D-4	Hoffman Estates G-6	McCook K-8	Plainfield N-4	
Country Club Hills N-10	East Hillside D-4	Hoffman Estates G-6	McCook K-8	Plainfield N-4	
Countryside K-8	East Hillside D-4	Hoffman Estates G-6	McCook K-8	Plainfield N-4	
Crest Hill O-5, R-11	East Hillside D-4	Hoffman Estates G-6	McCook K-8	Plainfield N-4	
Crestwood M-9	East Hillside D-4	Hoffman Estates G-6	McCook K-8	Plainfield N-4	
Crestwood M-9	East Hillside D-4	Hoffman Estates G-6	McCook K-8	Plainfield N-4	
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Aurora-Naperville-Lisle inset

See Joliet inset below

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