

Weekday service

Route	One-way trip in minutes		Distance in miles average between stations		Equipment required				Train round trips	Average Headways in minutes		
	rush	base	one- way	between stations	rush		base			rush	base	owl
					trains	cars	trains	cars				
North-South	53	51½	19.8	0.6	28 X 8		26 X 4		236	4	5	15*
West-Northwest	60½	59½	26.9	0.8	36 X 8		27 X 4		234	4	5	30*
West-South	51½	50½	20.8	0.8	28 X 8		24 X 4		224	4	5	30
Ravenswood	33	32½	10.3	0.4	16 X 6		8 X 4		147	4	10	—
Skokie Swift	8	8	4.9	4.9	5 X 1		2 X 1		94	5½	15	—
Evanston Express	48	45	15.3	1.1	11 X 6		3 X 2		39	7	30	—
Evanston shuttle	—	11	4.0	0.2	—		4 X 2		94	—	10	30

*Headways double on branches.

During weekday rush periods, a maximum of 124 trains consisting of 903 cars are operated on CTA's six rapid transit routes.

Other information

Mileage by type of right-of-way	Right- of-way Miles	System All tracks
Elevated structure	36.7	94.3
Elevated embankment	13.9	37.1
Expressway	28.8	63.3
Subway	11.2	23.1
Grade level	6.1	29.0
Open cut	1.2	2.4
Total	97.9	249.2
Miles of route (round trip)		215.7
Miles of revenue track		209.4
Number of stations		143
Annual passengers (millions)		
Fare paying		67
Transfer		48
Passes/Permits		38
Total		153
Annual car miles		47 million

On an average weekday 561 thousand rail riders are served. Eleven percent of them change trains to complete their journey, making a total of 621 thousand rapid transit system rides per day.

Legend

- A trains only
- B trains only
- All stop (A&B)
- Free transfer point between lines
- Standard transfer required
- Subway
- Station closed weekday evenings, owl and all day Sat and Sun/hol
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