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South Central Transit Authority Services

SCTA is comprised of two constituent transit systems, BARTA and Red Rose Transit. BARTA operates throughout Berks County, PA, with service concentrated in and around the city of Reading, PA. Red Rose Transit provides service in Lancaster County, PA. Both agencies operate fixed-route and paratransit services, which are described below. SCTA submits consolidated service data to the National Transit Database (NTD) (**Table 1**).

Table 1: SCTA Fixed-Route Service, 2017-2021

	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
Passenger Trips	4,660,772	4,534,323	3,847,195	2,793,144	2,862,184
Revenue Miles (VRM)	3,124,119	3,138,121	3,061,992	3,152,462	3,261,988
Revenue Hours (VRH)	243,451	245,563	239,829	244,777	254,919
Peak Vehicles (VOMS)	76	76	75	75	75

Source: NTD

RED ROSE TRANSIT

Red Rose Transit provides service between the City of Lancaster and outlying towns including Elizabethtown, Mount Joy, Columbia, Lititz, Ephrata, New Holland, and Gap. All numbered routes stop at the Queen Street Station in Downtown Lancaster. Red Rose Transit also contracts with Millersville University to operate two routes, the MU Xpress, an on-campus shuttle, and the MU Park City Xpress, which provides service between the campus and Park City. Millersville University service only operates during the fall and spring semesters, when school is in session. The Millersville routes are operated as open door service to the public, not just university students. **Table 2** displays RRTA’s fixed-route service data for 2023, while **Table 3** visualizes RRTA’s routes, span of service, and frequency for weekday peak service.

Table 2: RRTA Fixed-Route Service, 2023

	2023
Passenger Trips	1,147,150
Revenue Miles (VRM)	1,683,744
Revenue Hours (VRH)	116,977

Source: SCTA

Table 3: RRTA Routes

ROUTE	NAME	SERVICE DESCRIPTION	SERVICE SPAN	WEEKDAY PEAK SERVICE FREQUENCY (MINUTES)
1	Park City A-Southeast	Park City to Clermont Apartments via Downtown Lancaster	Mon-Fri: 6:05 a.m. to 10:50 p.m. Sat: 6:05 a.m. to 10:50 p.m. Sun: 11:10 a.m. to 6:40 p.m.	30
2	Park City B-6th Ward	LGH Health Campus to Grandview Shopping Center via Downtown Lancaster	Mon-Fri: 6:30 a.m. to 10:35 p.m. Sat: 7:10 a.m. to 10:35 p.m. Sun: 11:05 a.m. to 6:25 p.m.	35
3	Park City C-8th Ward	Park City to Kensington Court via Downtown Lancaster	Mon-Fri: 5:55 a.m. to 10:35 p.m. Sat: 7:45 a.m. to 10:35 p.m. Sun: 10:50 a.m. to 6:50 p.m.	35
5	Grandview/ Rossmere	Lancaster County Courthouse to Golden Triangle Shopping Center via Grandview and Downtown Lancaster	Mon-Fri: 6:15 a.m. to 6:05 p.m. Sat: 8:35 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Sun: None	35
6	Downtown Lancaster Loop	Downtown Lancaster Loop	Mon-Fri: 5:20 a.m. to 6:10 p.m. Sat: None Sun: None	20
10	Lititz	Downtown Lancaster to Lititz	Mon-Fri: 5:10 a.m. to 6:40 p.m. Sat: 6:45 a.m. to 6:40 p.m. Sun: None	35
11	Ephrata	Ephrata to Lancaster	Mon-Fri: 5:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. Sat: 7:50 a.m. to 6:45 p.m. Sun: None	55
12	New Holland	New Holland to Lancaster	Mon-Fri: 5:05 a.m. to 7:20 p.m. Sat: 6:15 a.m. to 6:55 p.m. Sun: None	45
13	White Horse	White Horse to Lancaster	Mon-Fri: 5:30 a.m. to 6:35 p.m. Sat: 6:30 a.m. to 5:15 p.m. Sun: None	60
14	Rockvale Outlets	Downtown Lancaster to Rockvale Outlets	Mon-Fri: 5:40 a.m. to 10:40 p.m. Sat: 6:30 a.m. to 10:40 p.m. Sun: 7:15 a.m. to 7:10 p.m.	25
15	Willow Street	Willow Street to Lancaster	Mon-Fri: 5:50 a.m. to 6:10 p.m. Sat: 8:20 a.m. to 4:20 p.m. Sun: None	40
16	Millersville	Millersville to Lancaster	Mon-Fri: 5:40 a.m. to 11:10 p.m. Sat: 7:20 a.m. to 11:10 p.m. Sun: 11:40 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.	25
17	Columbia	Columbia to Downtown Lancaster	Mon-Fri: 4:50 a.m. to 10:05 p.m. Sat: 6:15 a.m. to 8:50 p.m. Sun: 10:15 a.m. to 7:15 p.m.	30
18	Elizabethtown	Elizabethtown to Downtown Lancaster	Mon-Fri: 4:55 a.m. to 7:15 p.m. Sat: 6:30 a.m. to 3:10 p.m. Sun: None	40
19	Manheim	Downtown Lancaster to Manheim	Mon-Fri: 5:50 a.m. to 6:10 p.m. Sat: 8:20 a.m. to 4:20 p.m. Sun: None	55
20	Greenfield	Downtown Lancaster to PA College of Health Sciences	Mon-Fri: 5:20 a.m. to 6:10 p.m. Sat: None Sun: None	45
21	Gap	Downtown Lancaster to Gap Shopping Center	Mon-Fri: 5:05 a.m. to 5:35 p.m. Sat: 6:00 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. Sun: None	45
MU Express	Millersville University Xpress	Millersville University ON-Campus Shuttle	Mon-Fri: 7:30 a.m. to 9:50 p.m. Sat: None Sun: None	20

ROUTE	NAME	SERVICE DESCRIPTION	SERVICE SPAN	WEEKDAY PEAK SERVICE FREQUENCY (MINUTES)
MU Park City Xpress ¹	Millersville University Park City Xpress	Millersville University to Park City	Mon-Fri: 2:05 p.m. to 10:15 p.m. Sat: 2:05 p.m. to 10:15 p.m. Sun: 1:10 p.m. to 6:35 p.m.	55

Source: SCTA

BARTA BUS SERVICES

BARTA provides fixed-route bus and paratransit service in Berks County. All BARTA bus routes connect to the BARTA Transportation Center in downtown Reading, PA. **Table 4** shows BARTA’s fixed-route service data for 2022, while **Table 5** displays BARTA’s routes, span of service, and weekday peak frequency.

Table 4: BARTA Fixed-Route Service, 2023

	2023
Passenger Trips	2,081,069
Revenue Miles (VRM)	1,564,470
Revenue Hours (VRH)	136,116

Source: SCTA

¹ In January 2024, the MU Park City Express service was eliminated; currently only the MU Express and Route 16 serve Millersville University.

Table 5: BARTA Routes

ROUTE	NAME	SERVICE DESCRIPTION	SERVICE SPAN	WEEKDAY PEAK SERVICE FREQUENCY (MINUTES)
1	Temple via 5th Street	North Reading Plaza to BARTA Transportation Center	Mon-Fri: 5:30 a.m. to 12:00 a.m. Sat: 6:30 a.m. to 12:00 a.m. Sun: 10:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.	20
2	Fairgrounds Square Market	Fairgrounds Square Market to BARTA Transportation Center	Fri: Single run: 10:55 a.m. Sat: Single run: 10:55 a.m. Sun: None	N/A
3	Temple via Kutztown Road	Temple via Kutztown Road to BARTA Transportation Center	Mon-Fri: 5:15 a.m. to 6:45 p.m. Sat: 6:15 a.m. to 5:45 p.m. Sun: None	30
4	10th/11th Street	BARTA Transportation Center to 10th Street and Exeter Street	Mon-Fri: 4:45 a.m. to 10:40 p.m. Sat: 4:45 a.m. to 10:40 p.m. Sun: 11:15 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.	25
5	Albright College	Albright College to BARTA Transportation Center	Mon-Fri: 5:20 a.m. to 6:20 p.m. Sat: 6:15 a.m. to 6:15 p.m. Sun: None	15
7	Pennside	Stony Creek Towne Houses to BARTA Transportation Center	Mon-Fri: 5:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. Sat: 6:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. Sun: None	30
8	Reiffton / Shelbourne Square / Birdsboro	Birdsboro to BARTA Transportation Center	Mon-Fri: 5:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m. Sat: 7:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m. Sun: None	30
9	Grill via Kenhorst	Kenhorst Plaza (Redners) to BARTA Transportation Center	Mon-Fri: 5:45 a.m. to 6:45 p.m. Sat: 6:45 a.m. to 6:45 p.m. Sun: None	60
10	Brookline	Wyomissing Blvd and Margaret St to BARTA Transportation Center	Mon-Fri: 5:30 a.m. to 10:10 p.m. Sat: 6:30 a.m. to 10:10 p.m. Sun: 11:30 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.	30
11	Mohnton via Shillington	Mohnton - Church St and Main St to BARTA Transportation Center	Mon-Fri: 5:30 a.m. to 6:45 p.m. Sat: 6:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. Sun: None	30
12	Lincoln Park via Reading Hospital	Berkshire Hills to BARTA Transportation Center	Mon-Fri: 5:30 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. Sat: 6:15 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. Sun: None	45
14	Wernersville via Sinking Spring	Wernersville State Hospital to BARTA Transportation Center	Mon-Fri: 5:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Sat: 6:30 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. Sun: None	30
15	Berkshire Mall	Berkshire Mall to BARTA Transportation Center	Mon-Fri: 5:30 a.m. to 11:00 p.m. Sat: 5:30 a.m. to 11:00 p.m. Sun: 10:00 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.	30
16	Broadcasting Square	Broadcasting Square to BARTA Transportation Center	Mon-Fri: 5:45 a.m. to 11:15 p.m. Sat: 5:45 a.m. to 11:15 p.m. Sun: 11:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.	30
17	Glenside / Airport / Berks Heim	Airport Industrial Park to BARTA Transportation Center	Mon-Fri: 5:45 a.m. to 6:45 p.m. Sat: 6:15 a.m. to 6:45 p.m. Sun: None	30
18	Schuylkill Avenue	Windsor St and Schuylkill Ave to BARTA Transportation Center	Mon-Fri: 5:52 a.m. to 11:10 p.m. Sat: 6:40 a.m. to 11:00 p.m. Sun: 11:00 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.	20
19	Riverside / First Energy / Cotton St.	FirstEnergy Stadium (Park-N-Ride) to 19th St and Cotton St	Mon-Fri: 5:30 a.m. to 9:40 p.m. Sat: 6:30 a.m. to 9:45 p.m. Sun: 11:30 a.m. to 6:55 p.m.	30

ROUTE	NAME	SERVICE DESCRIPTION	SERVICE SPAN	WEEKDAY PEAK SERVICE FREQUENCY (MINUTES)
20	RT 61/Hamburg	Leesport/Hamburg to BARTA Transportation Center	Mon-Fri: 5:00 a.m. to 12:00 a.m. Sat: 5:00 a.m. to 12:00 a.m. Sun: None	60
22	Lyon Station/East Penn-Deka	Lyon Station/East Penn-Deka to BARTA Transportation Center	Mon-Fri: 5:00 a.m. to 12:00 a.m. Sat: None Sun: None	N/A

Source: SCTA

PARATRANSIT

BARTA Special Services and Red Rose Access are shared-ride, door-to-door paratransit services available to senior citizens and persons with disabilities who are unable to use fixed-route bus services. Reduced or fare-free rides are available to seniors and persons with disabilities who complete an application and qualify for the service. Individuals may also use the counties' paratransit services to travel to work when fixed-route service is unavailable.

BARTA Special Services also provides access to the Boyertown Multi-Service Senior Center from locations in Montgomery County within 10 miles of Berks County. **Table 6** shows SCTA's demand response ridership from 2018 to 2022.

Table 6: SCTA Demand Response Service

	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
Paratransit Trips (Directly Operated only)	171,139	177,759	145,595	101,417	111,482

Source: NTD

Other Regional Providers

AMTRAK

Lancaster's Amtrak station, located on the border of the City of Lancaster and Manheim Township, is a stop for two intercity train routes, the Keystone and Pennsylvanian. The Keystone runs from New York City to Harrisburg via Philadelphia. The Pennsylvanian continues west to Pittsburgh. RRTA Routes 3, 10, 11, 19, and the Downtown Lancaster Loop serve the station. The Elizabethtown Amtrak station, located in Lancaster County, is also a stop for the Keystone and Pennsylvanian routes. RRTA Route 18 serves this station.

OURBUS

Private bus operator Ourbus operates two intercity routes that stop in Lancaster and Berks Counties:

- **Douglassville, PA to New York**, with local stops in Downtown Reading and at Fairground Square Mall, as well as on the campus of Kutztown University. The Downtown stop is 0.4 miles from the BARTA Transportation Center, which is served by all BARTA routes. The Fairgrounds Square Mall stop is also served by BARTA Routes 1 and 2.
- **Lancaster to New York**, with local stops in Downtown Lancaster and east of downtown at the Wingate by Wyndham hotel. The Ourbus stop in Downtown Lancaster is less than a block from the Queen Street Station, where most RRTA routes originate. The stop at the Wingate by Wyndham hotel is served by RRTA Routes 14 and 21.