

Thanksgiving 2025 Sold-Out (SO) Trains and Fare Analysis

This table shows the increasing prevalence of trains being listed as sold out (SO) on the days leading up to the Thanksgiving Holiday in 2025. The bold red font indicates the day we first observed it as sold out. We also display fares in red when one-way coach fares exceed \$100 or business-class fares exceed \$135, which is well above normal prices and appears to be due to capacity constraints. This table is current as of **10 am on Wednesday, November 26, 2025**. Many more trains will likely hit capacity before departure. Sold-out trains that were sold out for an extended period but then became available again, in some cases through the holiday period, are shown with an asterisk (*). Credit: Chaddick Institute at DePaul University

	Depart	Wednesday, November 26th		Depart	Thursday, November 27th		Depart	Friday, November 28th		Depart	Saturday, November 29th		Depart	Sunday, November 30th	
	Time	Coach	Business	Time	Coach	Business	Time	Coach	Business	Time	Coach	Business	Time	Coach	Business
Chicago - St. Louis	7:15AM	SO Wednesday	SO Wednesday	7:15AM	SO Wednesday	\$119	7:15AM	\$51	\$82	7:15AM	\$89	\$119	7:15AM	SO Wednesday	SO Wednesday
Chicago - St. Louis	9:50AM	SO Wednesday	SO Friday	9:50AM	\$89	SO Wednesday	9:50AM	\$43-\$62	\$82-\$94	9:50AM	SO Wednesday	SO Wednesday*	9:50AM	SO Wednesday*	SO Wednesday
Chicago - St. Louis	1:52PM	SO Wednesday	N/A	1:52PM	\$62	N/A	1:52PM	\$89	N/A	1:52PM	SO Friday	N/A	1:52PM	SO Wednesday	N/A
Chicago - St. Louis	5:20PM	\$89	SO Wednesday	5:20PM	\$36-\$43	\$65-\$82	5:20PM	\$51	\$82	5:20PM	SO Wednesday*	SO Wednesday	5:20PM	SO Wednesday	SO Wednesday*
Chicago - St. Louis	7:10PM	SO Wednesday	SO Wednesday	7:10PM	\$36	\$65	7:10PM	\$51	\$82	7:10PM	SO Friday*	\$119	7:10PM	SO Wednesday	SO Wednesday
St. Louis - Chicago	4:30AM	\$89	\$119	4:30AM	\$74	\$107-\$119	4:30AM	\$51	\$107	4:30AM	\$89	SO Wednesday	4:30AM	SO Wednesday	SO Friday
St. Louis - Chicago	6:35AM	\$89	SO Friday*	6:35AM	\$51-\$62	\$107-\$119	6:35AM	\$51	SO Wednesday*	6:35AM	\$89	SO Wednesday	6:35AM	SO Wednesday	SO Wednesday
St. Louis - Chicago	8:10AM	SO Friday	N/A	8:10AM	\$89	N/A	8:10AM	SO Wednesday*	N/A	8:10AM	SO Wednesday	N/A	8:10AM	SO Wednesday	N/A
St. Louis - Chicago	2:55PM	SO Wednesday*	SO Wednesday	2:55PM	\$30-\$51	\$119	2:55PM	\$89	SO Wednesday	2:55PM	SO Wednesday*	SO Wednesday	2:55PM	SO Wednesday	SO Wednesday
St. Louis - Chicago	5:40PM	\$93	SO Thursday	5:40PM	\$43-\$51	\$82	5:40PM	\$62	\$94	5:40PM	SO Thursday	SO Wednesday	5:40PM	SO Wednesday	SO Wednesday
Chicago - Detroit	6:45AM	SO Wednesday*	SO Wednesday	6:45AM	SO Monday*	SO Monday	6:45AM	\$76	\$150	6:45AM	\$113	\$150	6:45AM	SO Wednesday	SO Wednesday*
Chicago - Detroit	2:15PM	SO Wednesday	SO Wednesday	2:15PM	\$63	\$102	2:15PM	SO Saturday*	SO Friday*	2:15PM	SO Saturday*	SO Wednesday*	2:15PM	SO Wednesday*	SO Wednesday
Chicago - Detroit	5:50PM	SO Wednesday*	SO Wednesday*	5:50PM	\$63	\$102	5:50PM	\$93-\$113	SO Friday	5:50PM	\$113	\$150	5:50PM	SO Wednesday	SO Wednesday
Detroit - Chicago	6:26AM	SO Thursday	SO Wednesday	6:26AM	\$93	\$135	6:26AM	\$113	SO Wednesday	6:26AM	\$113	SO Thursday*	6:26AM	SO Wednesday	SO Wednesday
Detroit - Chicago	9:35AM	SO Saturday	SO Wednesday	9:35AM	\$63-\$76	\$117	9:35AM	\$113	SO Wednesday	9:35AM	SO Wednesday	SO Wednesday	9:35AM	SO Wednesday	SO Wednesday
Detroit - Chicago	6:11PM	\$119	\$150	6:11PM	\$63	\$102	6:11PM	\$93	\$135-\$150	6:11PM	SO Wednesday	SO Wednesday	6:11PM	SO Thursday	SO Wednesday
Chicago - Carbondale	8:15AM	\$102	SO Wednesday	8:15AM	\$70	SO Tuesday	8:15AM	\$70	SO Wednesday	8:15AM	SO Thursday*	\$122	8:15AM	SO Wednesday	SO Wednesday
Chicago - Carbondale	4:05PM	SO Wednesday	SO Wednesday	4:05PM	\$70	\$93	4:05PM	SO Tuesday*	SO Tuesday*	4:05PM	SO Wednesday	SO Wednesday	4:05PM	SO Wednesday	SO Wednesday
Chicago - Carbondale	8:05PM	SO Friday	N/A	8:05PM	SO Wednesday	N/A	8:05PM	SO Wednesday	N/A	8:05PM	SO Wednesday	N/A	8:05PM	SO Wednesday	N/A
Carbondale - Chicago	3:16AM	SO Wednesday	N/A	3:16AM	\$46	N/A	3:16AM	\$70	N/A	3:16AM	\$47-\$84	N/A	3:16AM	SO Wednesday	N/A
Carbondale - Chicago	7:30AM	SO Monday	SO Wednesday	7:30AM	\$84	\$109	7:30AM	\$47	SO Wednesday	7:30AM	\$102	SO Thursday	7:30AM	\$102	SO Wednesday
Carbondale - Chicago	4:15PM	\$106	\$122	4:15PM	\$57	\$79	4:15PM	\$47	\$68	4:15PM	\$57-\$102	\$122	4:15PM	\$102	\$122
Chicago - Grand Rapids	6:30PM	SO Thursday*	SO Wednesday	6:30PM	\$39	\$68	6:30PM	\$53	\$91	6:30PM	\$53	SO Friday*	6:30PM	SO Thursday	SO Wednesday*
Grand Rapids - Chicago	6:00AM	SO Friday	SO Friday	6:00AM	\$70	\$91	6:00AM	\$61-\$70	\$85-\$91	6:00AM	SO Wednesday	SO Tuesday	6:00AM	SO Thursday*	SO Wednesday
Chicago - St. Paul	11:10AM	SO Wednesday	N/A	11:10AM	\$77	N/A	11:10AM	\$145	N/A	11:10AM	SO Wednesday*	N/A	11:10AM	SO Wednesday	N/A
Chicago - St. Paul	3:05PM	SO Friday	N/A	3:05PM	\$77	N/A	3:05pm	\$117	N/A	3:05pm	\$145-\$179	N/A	3:05pm	SO Wednesday	N/A
St. Paul - Chicago	8:50AM	SO Wednesday*	N/A	8:50AM	\$117	N/A	8:50AM	\$179	N/A	8:50AM	SO Wednesday	N/A	8:50AM	SO Wednesday	N/A
St. Paul - Chicago	11:49AM	SO Wednesday*	N/A	11:49AM	\$77	N/A	11:49AM	\$62-\$77	N/A	11:49AM	\$145	N/A	11:49AM	SO Wednesday	N/A
Chicago - Port Huron, MI	4:00PM	SO Monday*	SO Wednesday	4:00PM	\$38	\$79	4:00PM	\$57	\$134	4:00PM	\$103	SO Thursday*	4:00PM	SO Wednesday	\$134
Port Huron, MI - Chicago	6:20AM	\$103	SO Wednesday*	6:20AM	\$38	\$70	6:20AM	\$69	\$134	6:20AM	\$103	SO Wednesday	6:20AM	SO Wednesday	SO Wednesday

The first day we observed this train appearing as “sold out” (SO). For this train, it was Wednesday, November 19.

Fares shown in red indicate when one-way coach fares surpassed \$100 or business class fares surpassed \$135, apparently due to capacity constraints. On this train, coach class fares reached \$103. The ranges shown in other cells indicate the evolution of ticket prices during the sample period.