

TRANSPORTATION

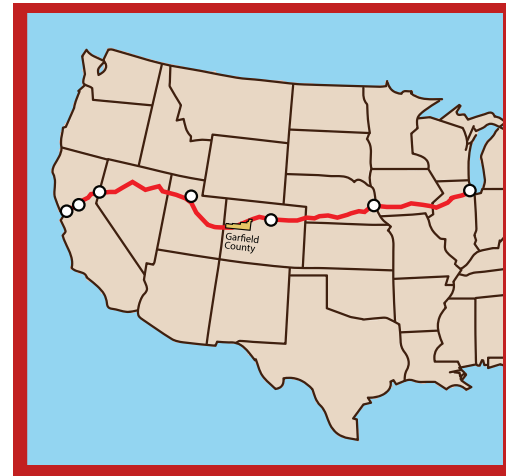
TRAINS

Amtrak has year-round daily arrival and departures into Glenwood Springs from more than 500 destinations throughout the West and Midwest. The California Zephyr travels from Chicago to San Francisco for passengers wanting to utilize a safe and historic means of transportation.

The historic Union Pacific Railroad dates back to 1867 in Colorado. Union Pacific operates a major network of east-west and north-south lines that carry freight to all parts of Union Pacific's 23-state system, a large portion of such running directly through the Garfield County communities in the Colorado River Valley. Major commodities handled by Union Pacific in Colorado are grain, coal, automobiles, and consumer and

manufactured goods. In recent years, Union Pacific's capital investment in Colorado was more than \$120 million.

Figure 8: Amtrak California Zephyr Route
Source: <http://www.amtrak.com>



There are a variety of bus services available in and around Garfield County. The predominate service is provided by the Roaring Fork Transportation Authority (RFTA), which provides frequent commuter bus service between Rifle and Aspen, Colorado.

BUSES

Named the "Best Mass Transit System in North America" by Mass Transit Magazine, and awarded other top state and national transportation honors, including "Large Transit Agency of the Year" by the Colorado Association of Transit Agencies, RFTA allows for both ease and availability for much of western Garfield County's workforce, as well as tourists to be mobile. Traversing the Roaring Fork and Colorado River valleys, RFTA carried 4.84 million passengers in 2014 and jumped to 5.12 million passengers in 2016 – a 5.5 percent increase in two years. Also in 2015, RFTA opened its new Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) service between Glenwood Springs and Aspen. Named VelociRFTA, it is the first rural bus rapid transit system in the country. RFTA reflects the region's commitment to sustainability in the use of Biodiesel, Compressed Natural Gas, and ethanol fuels.

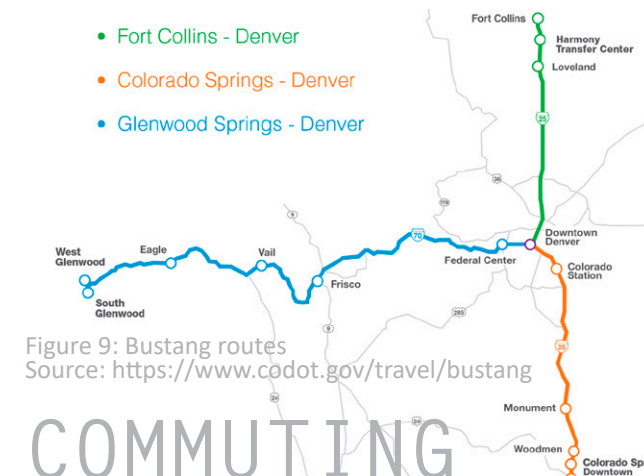


Figure 9: Bustang routes
Source: <https://www.codot.gov/travel/bustang>

COMMUTING

The commute time for employees within Garfield County is an important measure of the quality of life. Since 2004, the average commute distance and time have decreased. In Rifle, for example, the average commute decreased dramatically from 24 miles to 14 miles; a reflection of the fact that more residents are working in Rifle.

Also of note, is the trend for trips within the county and surrounding region to be alternative modes of transportation. The region, on a yearly average in 2014, drives 14 percent less frequently for trips, while healthy transportation choices, like walking and biking, exceed national averages.

Augmenting RFTA's services, the city of Glenwood Springs provides affordable and frequent bus service; the town of Carbondale offers a circulator bus system; and Garfield County provides bus service called "The Traveler" throughout the county for senior citizens and individuals with disabilities, which may prevent them from using their own transportation or accessing transportation available to the general public.

Other bus services includes the Colorado Department of Transportation's (CDOT) Bustang, Greyhound Lines and the private operator Colorado Mountain Express. Greyhound Lines, the largest intercity bus service across the United States, Canada, and Mexico, also provides bus service to and from Glenwood Springs.

In 2015, CDOT began operating daily bus service, called the Bustang, between Glenwood Springs and Denver's Union Station making additional stops in Eagle, Vail, and Frisco. Colorado Mountain Express (CME) is a private shuttle company in the Roaring Fork Valley that has been providing transportation services for over 30 years. CME provides airport transportation to multiple Colorado ski resorts as well as to Eagle/Vail airport and Denver International Airport.

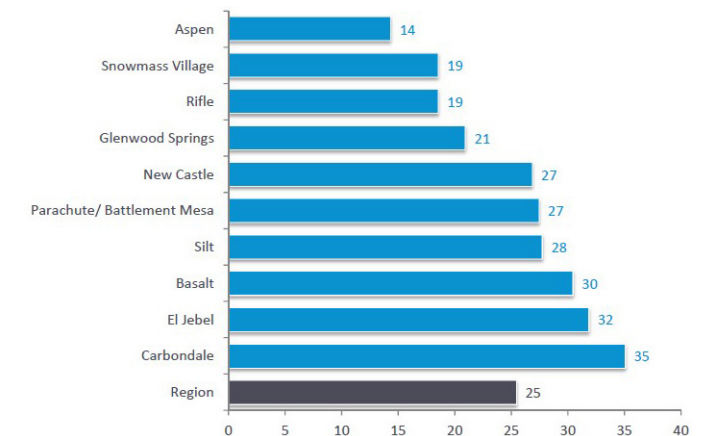


Figure 10: Average commute duration
Source: Source: 2015 RFTA Travel Patterns Study

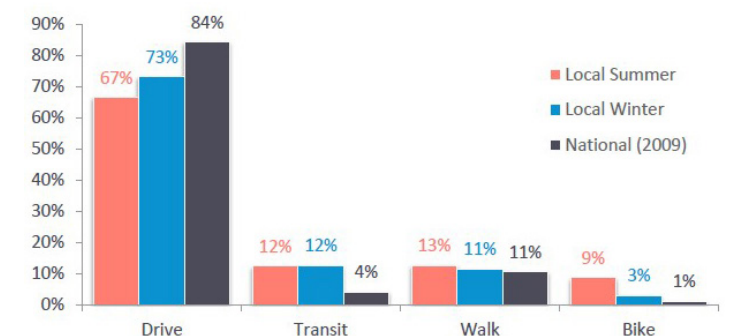


Figure 11: Form of transportation by season
Source: Source: 2015 RFTA Travel Patterns Study

Dirt and paved trails abound in Garfield County. There are nearly endless miles of singletrack for biking and running, and plentiful hiking, horseback riding, and motorized trails.

Two renowned trails in the area include the Glenwood Canyon and Rio Grande trails. The Glenwood Canyon bike and pedestrian trail sits adjacent to the interstate, but feels like a world away. This stretch of canyon has been described by many as one of the most scenic stretches of highway in the world, and it is best observed from the trail. The trail follows the curves of the Colorado River on a 16.2 mile route that is an unparalleled experience.

The Roaring Fork Valley's Rio Grande Trail is a 42-mile continuous paved surface multi-use trail protected from vehicular traffic, except at intersections. This trail serves as a bicycle commuter corridor and major recreation route between Glenwood Springs and Aspen.

TRAILS

