



Amtrak Fact Sheet, Fiscal Year 2016

State of West Virginia

Amtrak Service & Ridership

Amtrak operates two National Network trains daily in West Virginia:

- The *Capitol Limited* (daily Washington-Martinsburg-Pittsburgh-Chicago)
- The *Cardinal* (tri-weekly New York-Washington-Charleston-Cincinnati-Chicago)

During FY16 Amtrak served the following West Virginia locations:

<u>City</u>	<u>Boardings + Alightings</u>
Alderson	449
Charleston	9,785
Harpers Ferry	7,365
Hinton	7,344
Huntington	10,723
Martinsburg	11,121
Montgomery	669
Prince	2,943
Thurmond	293
White Sulphur Springs	5,219
Total West Virginia Station Usage:	55,911

(up 3.4% from FY15)

Procurement/Contracts

Amtrak spent \$1,458,175 on goods and services in West Virginia in FY16, most of it in Sutton.

Employment

At the end of FY16, Amtrak employed 41 West Virginia residents. Total wages of Amtrak employees living in West Virginia were \$3,482,383 during FY16.

Station Improvements

Improving ADA Accessibility: Amtrak completed projects to improve path of travel from the public right-of-way to the train platform, restrooms, and signage at Huntington and Prince.

Amtrak will undertake work at multiple stations in West Virginia to assess, design, and construct improvements at and around stations as part of Amtrak's nationwide Americans with Disabilities Act compliance plan. The projected FY17 ADA-related work includes:

- **Design:** Alderson, Thurmond
- **Construction:** Harpers Ferry, Montgomery

#AmtrakCares Flood Relief

Amtrak employees held donation drives to gather relief supplies to be shipped to those devastated by historic flooding in southern West Virginia. The donation drives focused on back-to-school supplies. Approximately 10 pallets of supplies were gathered and shipped to White Sulphur Springs on the eastbound and westbound *Cardinal*, respectively, on July 27, 2016. These supplies were unloaded by the National Guard and then distributed by Neighbors Loving Neighbors.

Cardinal Conference

At the request of business and local interests on the Chicago-Indianapolis-Cincinnati-West Virginia-Washington portion of Amtrak's *Cardinal* route, Amtrak held an event called the *Cardinal* Conference on September 23, 2016, in Cincinnati. The intent of the conference was to build a coalition of communities, universities, and other public and private interests similar to grassroots coalitions like the Gulf Coast Working Group or on the *Southwest Chief* route. The purpose of such a coalition would be to seek improvements for the *Cardinal*, namely a push for daily service on that route, which currently operates only three times per week.

