



Amtrak Fact Sheet, Fiscal Year 2016

State of Louisiana

Amtrak Service & Ridership

Amtrak operates three National Network trains through Louisiana:

- The *Crescent* (daily New Orleans-Atlanta-New York)
- The *City of New Orleans* (daily Chicago-Memphis-New Orleans)
- The *Sunset Limited* (tri-weekly Orlando-New Orleans-Los Angeles)*

* Sunset Limited *service suspended east of New Orleans.*

During FY16 Amtrak served the following Louisiana locations:

<u>City</u>	<u>Boardings + Alightings</u>
Hammond	12,190
Lafayette	6,714
Lake Charles	3,538
New Iberia	1,850
New Orleans	183,018
Schriever	1,455
Slidell	5,961
Total Louisiana Station Usage:	214,726

(down 4.1% from FY15)

Procurement/Contracts

Amtrak spent \$1,438,924 on goods and services in Louisiana in FY16, much of it in Geismar.

Employment

At the end of FY16, Amtrak employed 226 Louisiana residents. Total wages of Amtrak employees living in Louisiana were \$15,572,304 during FY16.

Connecting Service

In August 2014, Amtrak partnered with Greyhound to provide connecting motor coach service from Mobile to New Orleans and from Mobile to Jackson to connect with the *City of New Orleans*, and from Montgomery and Mobile to New Orleans to connect with the *Sunset Limited*.

Major Facilities

Amtrak operates the New Orleans maintenance facility, which services and performs light overhauls for Viewliner, and Heritage cars for the *Crescent*. This facility also performs running/turn around maintenance on all of the long-distance equipment and locomotives serving New Orleans from the following trains: *City of New Orleans*, *Crescent*, and *Sunset Limited*.

Station Improvements

- **New Orleans:** Union Passenger Terminal has been undergoing a multi-year restoration that includes the completion of the mural wrapping around the waiting room upper walls, installation of ADA-compliant doors at all of the public entrances, reinstalling the original tile ceiling, restoring the public restrooms to meet ADA standards, and the restoration of the Amtrak ticket counter. The new Loyola streetcar line opened on January 28, 2013, connecting the terminal with the rest of the city streetcar network at Canal Street. New Orleans RTA also began local bus service to the terminal.
- In 2016, Amtrak Engineering completed a major track restoration project that included the removal and replacement of terminal tracks 2-8 with welded rail and concrete ties. Additionally, the diesel shop tracks were rebuilt and the coach yard shop lead was removed, relocated and replaced in its original location.

Service Restoration Update

In 2015 Amtrak conducted a ridership and revenue study for the Southern Rail Commission that outlined potential options for restoring service between New Orleans the Gulf Coast and Florida. Subsequently, the FAST Act of 2015 required Amtrak and the FRA to perform an analysis that was developed from the option the Southern Rail Commission chose to pursue from the previous study. That option was a daily, long-distance service between New Orleans and Orlando (with through service from Chicago) and a daily corridor service between New Orleans and Mobile.

In February 2016, Amtrak, in partnership with the Southern Rail Commission, operated a two-day inspection train from New Orleans to Jacksonville. The train made stops at all of the previously served stops with significant fanfare and political support at each location.

The study is expected to be complete before the end of 2016. Negotiations currently are underway between all of the parties necessary to restore service between New Orleans and Florida.

AMTRAK ROUTES IN LOUISIANA

TRACK OWNERSHIP	
— Amtrak	— NS
— UP	— CP
— BNSF	— CN
— CSX	— Other



NOTE-*Sunset Limited* service east of New Orleans suspended 8/27/05