



Amtrak Fact Sheet, Fiscal Year 2016

State of Georgia

Amtrak Service & Ridership

Amtrak operates four National Network trains through Georgia:

- The *Crescent* (daily New York-Atlanta-New Orleans)
- The *Palmetto* (daily New York-Savannah via Charleston, S.C.)
- The *Silver Meteor* (New York-Savannah-Miami via Charleston, S.C.)
- The *Silver Star* (daily New York-Savannah-Miami via Columbia, S.C.)

During FY16 Amtrak served the following Georgia locations:

<u>City</u>	<u>Boardings + Alightings</u>
Atlanta	79,915
Gainesville	5,028
Jesup	10,091
Savannah	55,654
Toccoa	2,516
Total Georgia Station Usage:	153,204

(down 6.7% from FY15)

Procurement/Contracts

Amtrak spent \$56,790,439 on goods and services in Georgia in FY16. Most of this amount was in the following locations:

<u>City</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Alpharetta	\$ 2,542,170
Atlanta	\$ 20,552,586
Gainesville	\$ 29,720,514
Stone Mountain	\$ 1,080,587

In 2010, Amtrak announced an order of 70 new electric locomotives from Siemens AG. The six-year, \$466 million contract was expected to create 250 jobs, primarily at a facility in Sacramento, but also at plants in Norwood, Ohio, and Alpharetta, Georgia. Delivery was completed in 2016.

Employment

At the end of FY16, Amtrak employed 83 Georgia residents. Total wages of Amtrak employees living in Georgia were \$6,900,285 during FY16.

Amtrak opened a new Information Technology Center in Sandy Springs (outside of Atlanta) in April 2015. This new facility employs approximately 50 people and is project to have as many as 200 jobs in the future. It will support Amtrak IT operations nationwide.

Station Improvements

- **Savannah:** In August of 2015, Amtrak purchased the former Atlantic Coast Line station, built in 1962, from the Savannah Economic Development Authority. Also, Amtrak completed railroad infrastructure and ADA improvements, including accessible pathways from the parking lot and signage. Restroom work also was done, but additional sewer drain work is needed.

