Florida

Amtrak’s Contributions to Florida

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<th>Earnings supported by Amtrak in Florida</th>
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<td>$126,214,000</td>
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State Snapshot

Number of Stations: 18
Number of Local Riders**: 468,214
Local Revenue: $64,008,033
Number of Rail Passenger Miles***: 273,181,646

Routes:
Silver Service/Palmetto, Auto Train

Population and Amtrak Ridership Growth 2011-2016

-20% -10% 0% 10%
Population, 7.94%
Ridership, 18%

West Palm Beach, FL (WPB)
West Palm Beach station was built in 1925 and is an intermodal link for intercity and commuter rail, local buses, and taxis. A restoration in 1991 was followed in 2012 by an improvement project that was funded significantly by the Transportation Enhancement grant from the Federal Highway Administration and the city. West Palm Beach Station currently serves the Silver Meteor and Silver Star routes. In 2016, 57,038 passengers passed through the station and provided revenue valued at $4,040,059.

Amtrak’s Effect on Tourism and Broader Economy

- Emission reductions from traveling by Amtrak trains vs. traveling by car: $1,980,000
- Cost savings from the lower risk of traveling by train vs. traveling by car: $16,284,000

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<th>Tourist spending generated from Amtrak passengers</th>
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<td>Number of tourists that utilize Amtrak services</td>
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<td>Percent of total riders that are tourists</td>
<td>50%</td>
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<td>Federal taxes generated for Florida from tourist spending</td>
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* Value Added - enhancement a company or business gives its product or service before providing it to customers (value of the final outputs from Amtrak minus the value of the inputs such as raw materials).
** Local riders are defined as riders that boarded or alighted an Amtrak train in the state. May include out of state passengers transferring trains in the state.
*** Rail Passenger Mile - passenger rail miles are determined by multiplying the total number of passengers by the total number of miles traveled.
Florida is served by 3 train routes and 18 stations. The Silver Service route (Silver Star and Silver Meteor) provides passengers access to the state’s major cities such as Orlando and Miami. The Auto Train route provides a unique opportunity for passengers to travel with their car from Lorton, Virginia down to Sanford. Sanford is the state’s busiest station, followed by Orlando. 67 percent of Florida’s population lives within 30 miles of an Amtrak station.

The state also has 2 maintenance facilities, Hieliah and Sanford. In addition, Amtrak’s Southern Division, which is responsible for Amtrak’s operations in the Southeastern United States, is headquartered in Miami. Collectively, Amtrak employs nearly 731 Florida residents to support these diverse activities; these employees earned over $55 million in FY16. Amtrak spent an additional $33 million on goods and services in the state as part of its operating expenses.

Reflecting the importance of passenger rail to Florida’s economy, the intercity passenger rail corridors are an integral part of the state’s Strategic Intermodal System (SIS). The SIS is a statewide, interconnected system of high-priority transportation hubs, corridors, and connectors.

### Profile of Amtrak Customers

#### Travel Mode Preference if Amtrak Unavailable

- 65% Would drive if Amtrak unavailable
- 28% Would fly if Amtrak unavailable
- 4% Would use the bus if Amtrak unavailable
- 2% Would not travel if Amtrak Unavailable

#### Percent of Riders who Would Not Travel if Amtrak was Unavailable

- United States: 8%
- Florida: 3%

#### Income Distribution of Amtrak Travelers in Florida

- < $25k: 8.3%
- $25k - $49.9k: 17.0%
- $50k - $74.9k: 18.7%
- $75k - $99.9k: 17.3%
- $100k - $149.9k: 16.6%
- $150k +: 22.0%