

## Florida

### **Amtrak's Contributions to Florida**

Earnings supported by Amtrak	Employment supported by	Value added* supported by Amtrak in
in Florida	Amtrak in Florida	Florida
\$126,214,000	2,780	\$31,816,000

### **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

# 2011-2016

**Population and Amtrak Ridership Growth** 







#### 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

Tourist spending generated from Amtrak passengers	\$860,000
Number of tourists that utilize Amtrak services	233,000
Percent of total riders that are tourists	50%
Federal taxes generated for Florida from tourist spending	\$63,000
State taxes generated for Florida from tourist spending	\$35,000
Local taxes generated for Florida from tourist spending	\$24,000

\* 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).

<sup>\*\*</sup> 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.

<sup>\*\*</sup> Rail Passenger Mile - passenger rail miles are determined by multiplying the total number of passengers by the total number of miles traveled

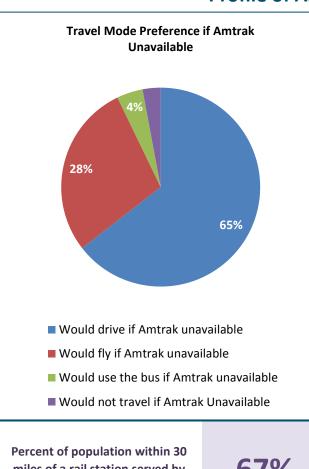


Florida is served by 3 train routes and 18 stations. The Silver Service route (Silver Star and Silver Meteor) provides passengers access to the state's major cities such as Orlando and Miami. The Auto Train route provides a unique opportunity for passengers to travel with their car from Lorton, Virginia 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.

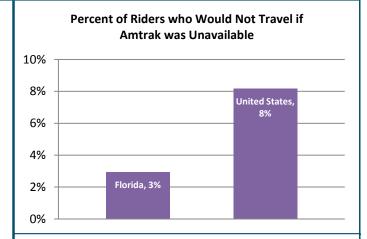
The state also has 2 maintenance facilities, Hieliah and Sanford. In addition, Amtrak's Southern Division, which is responsible for Amtrak's operations in the Southeastern United States, is headquartered in Miami. Collectively, Amtrak employs nearly 731 Florida residents to support these diverse activities; 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.

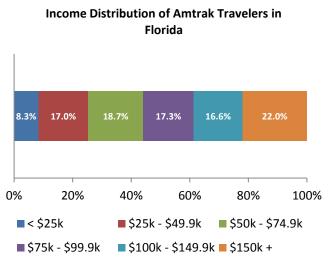
Reflecting the importance of passenger rail to Florida's economy, the intercity passenger rail corridors are an integral part of the state's Strategic Intermodal System (SIS). The SIS is a statewide, interconnected system of high-priority transportation hubs, corridors, and connectors.

### **Profile of Amtrak Customers**



67% miles of a rail station served by **Amtrak** 





Amtrak emissions data courtesy of Climate Registry Information System. Automobile emissions per mile data courtesy of EPA.

Emissions damage costs courtesy of Corporate Average Fuel Economy for MY2017-MY2025 Passenger Cars and Light Trucks (August 2012), page 922. Vehicle injury and fatality statistics courtesy of TIGER Benefit-Cost Analysis (BCA) Resource Guide. Railroad passenger injury and fatality statistics courtesy of the Federal Railway Administration (FRA). Average vehicle operations cost per mile courtesy of AAA, Your Driving Costs, 2016. Station information courtesy of http://www.greatamericanstations.com/. Ridership data was adjusted to accurately reflect the boardings at Lakeland station. Brochure prepared by AECOM.