



# Louisiana

## Amtrak's Contributions to Louisiana

Earnings supported by Amtrak in Louisiana	Employment supported by Amtrak in Louisiana	Value added* supported by Amtrak in Louisiana
\$38,884,000	1,000	\$642,000

### State Snapshot

Number of Stations	7
Number of Local Riders**	110,462
Local Revenue	\$10,520,562
Number of Rail Passenger Miles***	62,769,115

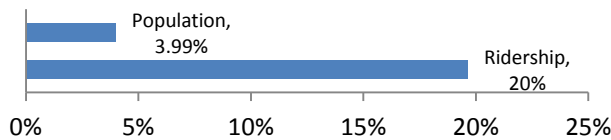
Routes:

**Sunset Limited**, **Crescent**, **City of New Orleans**



Source: Amtrak

### Population and Amtrak Ridership Growth 2009-2015



### New Orleans, LA (NOL)

The New Orleans Union Passenger Terminal opened in 1954 to consolidate passenger rail operations from the city's other railroad stations and to reduce the number of dangerous grade crossings throughout the city. The construction was paid for by the railroads themselves. The station contains the famous 2,166 square-foot fresco murals, which depict the history of Louisiana. The station currently serves three routes. In 2015, 189,456 passengers passed through the station and provided revenue valued at \$18,674,601.

## Amtrak's Effect on Tourism and Broader Economy

Emission reductions from traveling by Amtrak trains vs. traveling by car:	\$130,000
Cost savings from the lower risk of traveling by train vs. traveling by car:	\$1,877,000
Tourist spending generated from Amtrak passengers	\$1,066,000
Number of tourists that utilize Amtrak services	66,000
Percent of total riders that are tourists	60%
Federal taxes generated for Louisiana from tourist spending	\$62,000
State taxes generated for Louisiana from tourist spending	\$43,000
Local taxes generated for Louisiana from tourist spending	\$25,000

\* 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).

\*\* 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.

**PROFILE**

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Louisiana is served by 3 train routes and 7 stations. The *Crescent* route offers passengers access to New Orleans. New Orleans is the state's busiest station. New Orleans is also the location of a 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. The *City of New Orleans* route takes passengers from the Midwest into New Orleans. The *Sunset Limited* route takes passengers through Lake Charles, Lafayette, and New Orleans, as well as providing rail service to communities like New Iberia and Schriever. Collectively Amtrak employs over 100 workers in the state across rail activities.

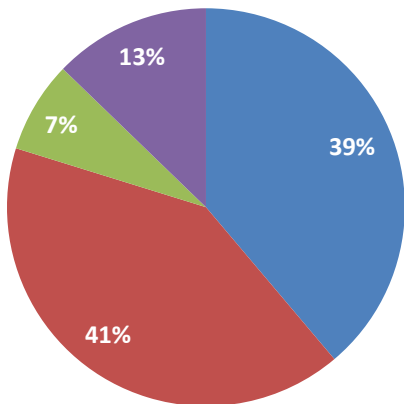
Despite modest overall population growth, ridership in Louisiana is up 20 percent over the past six years. Over 60 percent of the population lives within 30 miles of an Amtrak station.

Among Amtrak riders in the state, 13 percent report that they would not have made the trip but for the availability of Amtrak service.

Over 230 Louisiana residents worked for Amtrak and earned over \$15 million in FY15. In addition, Amtrak purchased over \$670,000 in goods and services in the Louisiana economy over that same period.

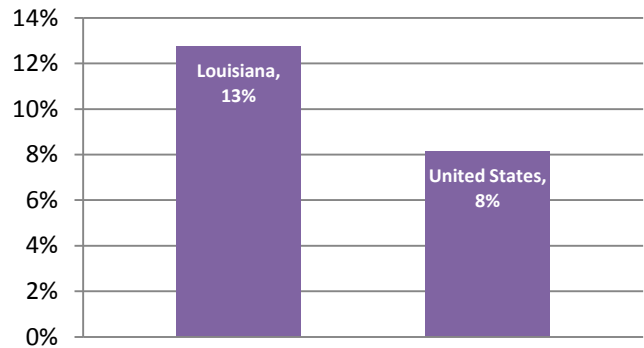
### Profile of Amtrak Customers

**Travel Mode Preference if Amtrak Unavailable**

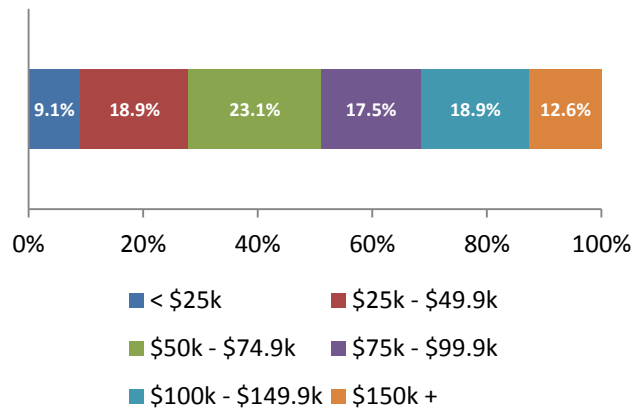


- Would drive if Amtrak unavailable
- Would fly if Amtrak unavailable
- Would use the bus if Amtrak unavailable
- Would not travel if Amtrak Unavailable

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



**Income Distribution of Amtrak Travelers in Louisiana**



**Percent of population within 30 miles of a rail or bus station served by Amtrak**

**63%**

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, 2013.

Station information and pictures courtesy of <http://www.greatamericanstations.com/>. Brochure prepared by AECOM.