### Amtrak’s Contributions to Louisiana

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<th>Earnings supported by Amtrak in Louisiana</th>
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**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

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

- Routes: Sunset Limited, Crescent, City of New Orleans

**Population and Amtrak Ridership Growth 2009-2015**

- Population: 3.99%
- Ridership: 20%

**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

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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>
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<td>Federal taxes generated for Louisiana 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.
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: 39%
  - Would fly if Amtrak unavailable: 13%
  - Would use the bus if Amtrak unavailable: 41%
  - Would not travel if Amtrak Unavailable: 7%

- **Percent of Riders who Would Not Travel if Amtrak was Unavailable**
  - Louisiana: 13%
  - United States: 8%

- **Income Distribution of Amtrak Travelers in Louisiana**
  - < $25k: 9.1%
  - $25k - $49.9k: 18.9%
  - $50k - $74.9k: 23.1%
  - $75k - $99.9k: 17.5%
  - $100k - $149.9k: 18.9%
  - $150k +: 12.6%

- **Percent of population within 30 miles of a rail or bus station served by Amtrak**
  - 63%