Amtrak’s Contributions to Maine

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State Snapshot

- Number of Stations: 6
- Number of Local Riders**: 131,950
- Local Revenue: $2,467,885
- Number of Rail Passenger Miles***: 12,590,775

Routes: **Downeaster**


- Population: 0.02%
- Ridership: 9%

Brunswick, ME (BRK)
Service commenced with the extension of the **Downeaster** in 2012, after planning began in the late 1990s. Funding for the development of the route through Maine was made possible through the Federal Railroad Administration’s High-Speed Intercity Passenger Rail Program (HSIPR) with funding distributed under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009. The funds were spent on the rehabilitation of 30 miles of track between Portland and Brunswick. The station is part of the Brunswick Visitors Center. In 2015, 25,754 passengers passed through the station and provided revenue valued at $532,754.

Amtrak’s Effect on Tourism and Broader Economy

- Emission reductions from traveling by Amtrak trains vs. traveling by car: $34,000
- Cost savings from the lower risk of traveling by train vs. traveling by car: $494,000
- Tourist spending generated from Amtrak passengers: $442,000
- Number of tourists that utilize Amtrak services: 65,000
- Percent of total riders that are tourists: 49%
- Federal taxes generated for Maine from tourist spending: $26,000
- State taxes generated for Maine from tourist spending: $18,000
- Local taxes generated for Maine from tourist spending: $8,000

* 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.
Maine is served by the Downeaster train route and 5 stations. The Downeaster route takes passengers through towns along the coast of Maine, like Brunswick, Freeport, Portland, Saco, and Wells. Portland is the state’s busiest station. The Downeaster route is supported by the state. Despite having little population growth, ridership in Maine is up 9 percent over the past six years. FY 2013 was a particularly strong year. The Downeaster had record ridership, with nearly 560,000 passengers, up 3.4% from the year before. About half of the state’s population lives within 30 miles of an Amtrak station.

Among Amtrak riders in the state, 5 percent report that they would not have made the trip but for the availability of Amtrak service. The service provides important mobility and access needs for a number of residents. Moreover, the service is used by the full spectrum of income groups across the state’s population. Over 35 Maine residents worked for Amtrak and collectively earned almost $3.6 million in wages and salaries. In addition, Amtrak purchased nearly $2.8 million in goods and services from the Maine economy in FY15.