Mississippi

Amtrak's Contributions to Mississippi

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State Snapshot

- Number of Stations: 10
- Number of Local Riders**: 53,230
- Local Revenue: $3,930,690
- Number of Rail Passenger Miles***: 23,120,347

Routes:
- *Crescent, City of New Orleans*


- Ridership: -1%
- Population: 1.13%

Hattiesburg, MS (HGB)

Hattiesburg's Southern Railway station was completed in 1910. It was acquired by the city in 2000. The 5-year restoration and extensive improvements, completed in 2007, cost $10 million. Funding for this project came through federal earmark allocations, grants from the original Great American Station Foundation, state funds through ISTEA program and matching funds from the city. The station serves the *Crescent* route. In 2015, 9,940 passengers passed through the station and provided revenue valued at $753,254.

Amtrak's Effect on Tourism and Broader Economy

- Emission reductions from traveling by Amtrak trains vs. traveling by car: $73,000
- Cost savings from the lower risk of traveling by train vs. traveling by car: $1,054,000

- Tourist spending generated from Amtrak passengers: $304,000
- Number of tourists that utilize Amtrak services: 24,000
- Percent of total riders that are tourists: 44%
- Federal taxes generated for Mississippi from tourist spending: $26,000
- State taxes generated for Mississippi from tourist spending: $18,000
- Local taxes generated for Mississippi from tourist spending: $6,000

* 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.
Mississippi is served by 2 train routes and 9 stations. The Crescent route gives passengers access to Hattiesburg, Meridian and Picayune. The City of New Orleans route provides passenger rail access to the Lower Mississippi River Delta region. It takes passengers through Yazoo City, Jackson, Hazelhurst, and McComb. Jackson is the state’s busiest station.

51 percent of the population of Mississippi lives within 30 miles of an Amtrak station.

Among Amtrak riders in the state, 14 percent report that they would not have made the trip but for the availability of Amtrak service. That’s about 1 in every 7 riders. 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.

Amtrak employed 80 Mississippi residents who collectively earned over $5.9 million in wages and salaries in FY15. In addition, the railroad purchased over $180,000 in goods and services during the same period.

Profile of Amtrak Customers

- **Travel Mode Preference if Amtrak Unavailable**
  - Would drive if Amtrak unavailable: 59%
  - Would fly if Amtrak unavailable: 27%
  - Would use the bus if Amtrak unavailable: 10%
  - Would not travel if Amtrak Unavailable: 4%

- **Percent of Riders who Would Not Travel if Amtrak was Unavailable**
  - Mississippi: 10%
  - United States: 8%

- **Income Distribution of Amtrak Travelers in Mississippi**
  - Less than $25k: 9.2%
  - $25k - $49.9k: 25.0%
  - $50k - $74.9k: 22.4%
  - $75k - $99.9k: 15.8%
  - $100k - $149.9k: 18.4%
  - $150k +: 9.2%