



Mississippi

Amtrak's Contributions to Mississippi

Earnings supported by Amtrak in Mississippi	Employment supported by Amtrak in Mississippi	Value added* supported by Amtrak in Mississippi
\$13,352,000	320	\$163,000

State Snapshot

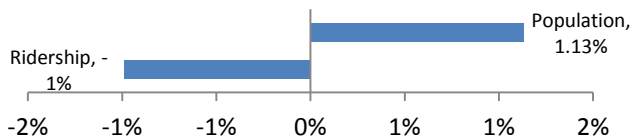
Number of Stations	10
Number of Local Riders**	53,230
Local Revenue	\$3,930,690
Number of Rail Passenger Miles***	23,120,347

Routes:
Crescent, **City of New Orleans**



Source: Amtrak

Population and Amtrak Ridership Growth 2009-2015



Hattiesburg, MS (HBG)

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 ISTEPA 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.

PROFILE

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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.

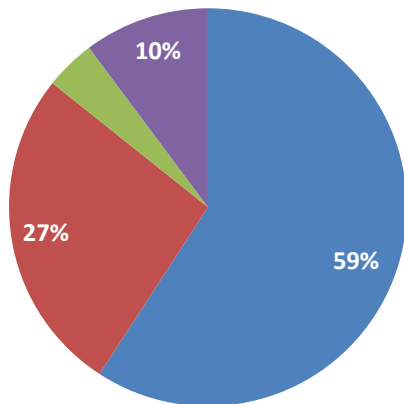
51 percent of the population of Mississippi lives within 30 miles of an Amtrak station.

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.

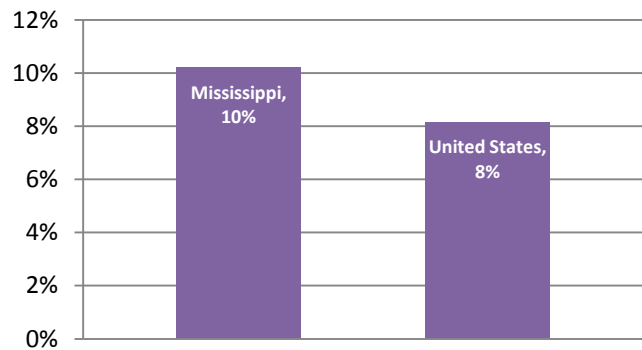
Profile of Amtrak Customers

Travel Mode Preference if Amtrak Unavailable

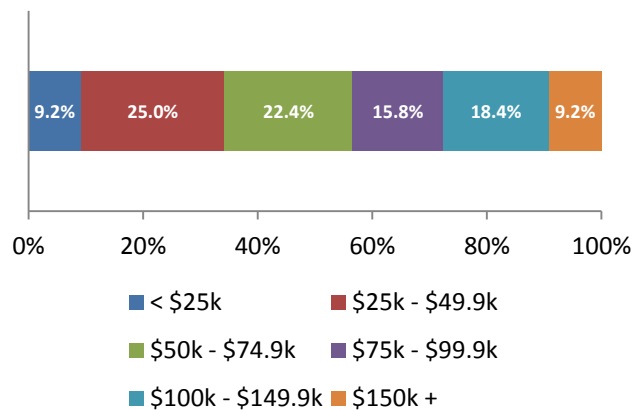


- Would drive if Amtrak unavailable
- Would fly if Amtrak unavailable
- Would use the bus if Amtrak unavailable
- Would not travel if Amtrak Unavailable

Percent of Riders who Would Not Travel if Amtrak was Unavailable



Income Distribution of Amtrak Travelers in Mississippi



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

51%

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 courtesy of <http://www.greatamericanstations.com/>. Station picture courtesy of City of Hattiesburg. Brochure prepared by AECOM.