

# Vermont

## **Amtrak's Contributions to Vermont**

Earnings supported by Amtrak	Employment supported by	Value added* supported by Amtrak in
in Vermont	Amtrak in Vermont	Vermont
\$985,000	30	\$911,000

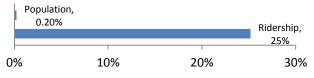
## **State Snapshot**

Number of Stations	11
Number of Local Riders**	50,855
Local Revenue	\$3,001,893
Number of Rail Passenger Miles***	13,052,623

#### Routes:

Vermonter, Ethan Allen Express

## Population and Amtrak Ridership Growth 2009-2015







Erected in 1850, the Castleton depot is one of the oldest station buildings in the national Amtrak network. Passenger service had ceased in the 1940s and the building was rehabilitated in 2005. Amtrak service to Castleton began in 2010, when the nearby Fair Haven stop—consisting of a modest shelter structure—was closed. The station is under private ownership and also houses a bakery-deli. The station serves the state-supported *Ethan Allen Express* route. In 2015, 4,587 passengers passed through the station and provided revenue valued at \$288,505.

## **Amtrak's Effect on Tourism and Broader Economy**

Emission reductions from traveling by Amtrak trains vs. traveling by car: \$35,000

Cost savings from the lower risk of traveling by train vs. traveling by car: \$503,000

Tourist spending generated from Amtrak passengers	\$319,000
Number of tourists that utilize Amtrak services	28,000
Percent of total riders that are tourists	55%
Federal taxes generated for Vermont from tourist spending	\$18,000
State taxes generated for Vermont from tourist spending	\$13,000
Local taxes generated for Vermont from tourist spending	\$7,000

\* 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).

<sup>\*</sup> 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.

<sup>\*\*</sup> Rail Passenger Mile - passenger rail miles are determined by multiplying the total number of passengers by the total number of miles traveled.



Vermont is served by 2 train routes and 11 stations. Two of the stations are along the *Ethan Allen Express* route: Rutland and Castleton; nine are along the *Vermonter* route: St. Albans, Essex Junction, Waterbury, Montpelier, Randolph, White River Junction, Windsor, Bellows Falls, and Brattleboro. Essex Junction is the state's busiest station, followed by Brattleboro. Both the Ethan Allen and the *Vermonter* receive state support.

Despite having basically no population growth, ridership in Vermont is up 25 percent over the past six years, underscoring the popularity of Amtrak's services in the state. Nine of every 10 residents (91 percent) lives within 30 miles of an Amtrak station.

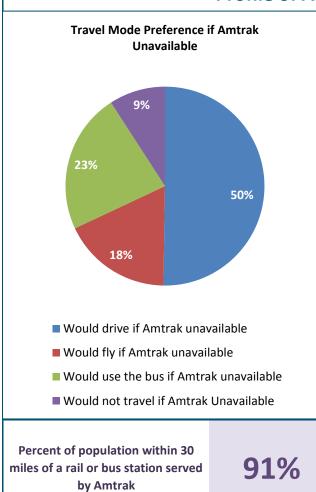
Among Amtrak riders in the state, 9 percent report that they would not have made the trip but for the availability of Amtrak service. The service provides important mobility and access needs for a number of residents. Moreover, the service is used by the full spectrum of income groups across the state's population.

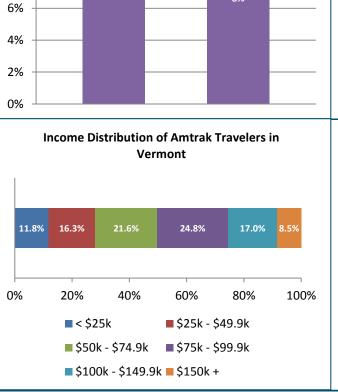
Amtrak purchased over \$1.1 million in goods and services from Vermont's economy in FY15.

### **Profile of Amtrak Customers**

10%

8%





Percent of Riders who Would Not Travel if

Amtrak was Unavailable

**United States** 

Vermont, 9%

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.