Virginia

Amtrak's Contributions to Virginia

- Earnings supported by Amtrak in Virginia: $209,756,000
- Employment supported by Amtrak in Virginia: 3,360
- Value added* supported by Amtrak in Virginia: $105,886,000

State Snapshot

- Number of Stations: 20
- Number of Local Riders**: 718,885
- Local Revenue: $77,920,004
- Number of Rail Passenger Miles***: 241,847,592

Routes:
- Silver Service/Palmetto,
- Northeast Regional,
- Carolinian/Piedmont,
- Cardinal,
- Auto Train,
- Crescent

Amtrak's Effect on Tourism and Broader Economy

- Emission reductions from traveling by Amtrak trains vs. traveling by car: $1,722,000
- Cost savings from the lower risk of traveling by train vs. traveling by car: $14,167,000
- Tourist spending generated from Amtrak passengers: $2,272,000
- Number of tourists that utilize Amtrak services: 331,000
- Percent of total riders that are tourists: 46%
- Federal taxes generated for Virginia from tourist spending: $152,000
- State taxes generated for Virginia from tourist spending: $96,000
- Local taxes generated for Virginia from tourist spending: $62,000

* 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.

Charlottesville, VA (CVS)

Union Station was constructed in 1885. In 1999, Amtrak and the city dedicated the newly renovated station complex. As part of the $700,000 project, Amtrak moved into the former Railway Express Agency Building built in the 1890s. The historic waiting room is now a restaurant. Prior to this station's construction, Charlottesville was a major rail hub, served by many trains daily. The station currently serves three Amtrak routes. In 2016, 141,827 passengers passed through the station and provided revenue valued at $10,482,518.
Virginia is served by 7 train routes and 21 stations. Routes include the *Cardinal*, the *Crescent*, the Palmetto, the Silver Meteor, the Silver Star, and the Carolinian. The *Auto Train* route operates from Lorton to Sanford, Florida and offers passengers the unique option of bringing their car with them for the trip. The busiest station in the state is Richmond – Staples Mill Road, followed by Lorton and Alexandria.

Ridership in Virginia is up 12 percent over the past five years, underscoring the popularity of Amtrak’s service in the state. An estimated 84 percent of the 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.

State grants support *Northeast Regional* services south from Washington to Lynchburg, Richmond, Newport News, and Norfolk. Amtrak purchased over $114 million in goods and services from Virginia’s economy. Over 864 Virginians worked for the railroad, collectively earning over $82 million in wages and salaries in FY16.