

# Virginia

### **Amtrak's Contributions to Virginia**

Earnings supported by Amtrak	Employment supported by	Value added* supported by Amtrak in
in Virginia	Amtrak in Virginia	Virginia
\$249,632,000	4,410	\$111,168,000

#### **State Snapshot**

Number of Stations	20
Number of Local Riders**	744,423
Local Revenue	\$81,828,636
Number of Rail Passenger Miles***	259,555,556

#### Routes:

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

# Population and Amtrak Ridership Growth 2009-2015





## 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 2015, 134,485 passengers passed through the station and provided revenue valued at \$10,063,170.

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

Emission reductions from traveling by Amtrak trains vs. traveling by car: \$877,000

Cost savings from the lower risk of traveling by train vs. traveling by car: \$12,670,000

Tourist spending generated from Amtrak passengers	\$2,422,000
Number of tourists that utilize Amtrak services	353,000
Percent of total riders that are tourists	47%
Federal taxes generated for Virginia from tourist spending	\$157,000
State taxes generated for Virginia from tourist spending	\$93,000
Local taxes generated for Virginia from tourist spending	\$65,000

\* 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



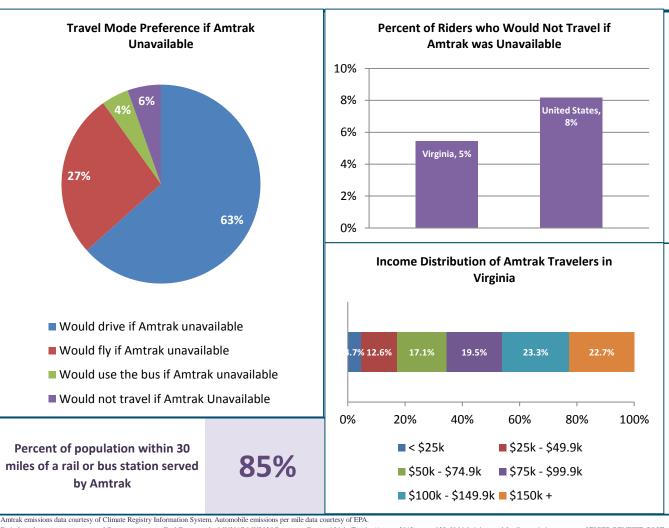
Virginia is served by 7 train routes and 21 stations. Routes include the *Cardinal*, the *Crescent*, the Palmetto, the Silver Meteor, the Silver Star, and the Carolinian. The *Auto Train* route operates from Lorton to Sanford, Florida and offers passengers the unique option of bringing their car with them for the trip. The busiest station in the state is Richmond – Staples Mill Road, followed by Lorton and Alexandria.

Despite minimal overall population growth, ridership in Virginia is up 52 percent over the past six years, underscoring the popularity of Amtrak's service in the state. An estimated 85 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 \$117 million in goods and services from Virginia's economy. Over 900 Virginians worked for the railroad, collectively earning over \$82 million in wages and salaries in FY15.

#### **Profile of Amtrak Customers**



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.