



# Washington

## Amtrak's Contributions to Washington

Earnings supported by Amtrak in Washington	Employment supported by Amtrak in Washington	Value added* supported by Amtrak in Washington
\$106,394,000	2,420	\$26,403,000

### State Snapshot

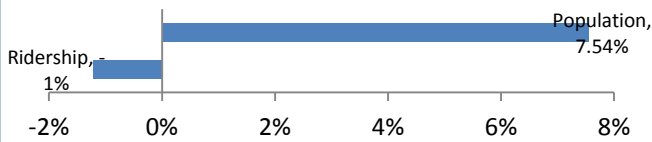
Number of Stations	19
Number of Local Riders**	596,745
Local Revenue	\$35,852,255
Number of Rail Passenger Miles***	179,384,591

Routes:  
**Empire Builder, Coast Starlight, Amtrak Cascades**



Source: Amtrak

### Population and Amtrak Ridership Growth 2009-2015



#### Seattle, WA (SEA)

King Street Station was constructed in 1906 by the Great Northern Railway, as part of a project to remove the main line from the city's waterfront and relocate it to a tunnel below the downtown area. The distinctive clock tower is modeled on the San Marco campanile in Venice. A multiyear rehabilitation project, now complete, was funded primarily through a diverse array of federal transportation grants obtained by the Washington State Department of Transportation plus \$10 million in voter-approved city funds to match federal and state monies earmarked from "Bridging the Gap" transportation levy and \$10.1 million from the state. Part of the project was to reverse a 1960s interior remodeling and restore the waiting area to its original look. The station serves three Amtrak routes and commuter trains. In 2015, 604,832 passengers passed through the station and provided revenue valued at \$43,537,250.

## Amtrak's Effect on Tourism and Broader Economy

Emission reductions from traveling by Amtrak trains vs. traveling by car:	\$450,000
Cost savings from the lower risk of traveling by train vs. traveling by car:	\$6,498,000
Tourist spending generated from Amtrak passengers	\$4,223,000
Number of tourists that utilize Amtrak services	292,000
Percent of total riders that are tourists	49%
Federal taxes generated for Washington from tourist spending	\$444,000
State taxes generated for Washington from tourist spending	\$136,000
Local taxes generated for Washington from tourist spending	\$70,000

\* 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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Washington is served by 3 train routes-- the Cascades, the *Coast Starlight*, and the *Empire Builder* — and 19 stations. Seattle is the state's busiest station, and is also one of the 25 busiest stations in United States. The Cascades route is partially supported by the state Seattle is the site of a maintenance facility, which is in the process of being modernized and expanded. This complex maintains and services, approximately 7 Talgo train sets, 15 locomotives and 23 passenger cars some of which are Sound Transit fleet and some *Amtrak Cascades*. The facility also performs turnaround servicing for two daily long distance trains.

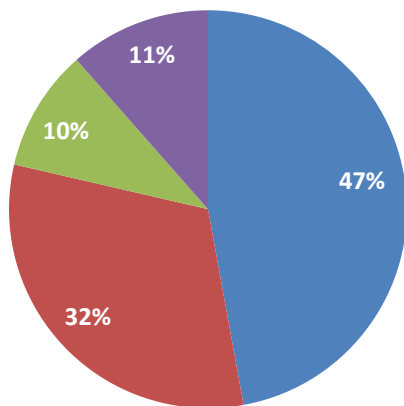
Nearly 9 of every 10 state residents (88 percent) lives within 30 miles of an Amtrak station.

Among Amtrak riders in the state, 11 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 \$27 million of goods and services from the Washington economy in FY15. In addition, 524 state residents worked for the railroad, collectively earning over \$37 million in wages and salaries.

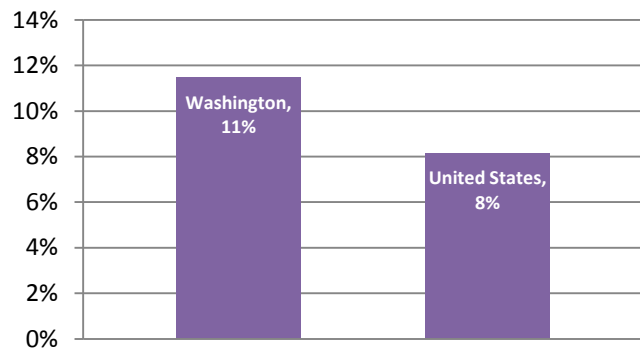
## Profile of Amtrak Customers

**Travel Mode Preference if Amtrak Unavailable**

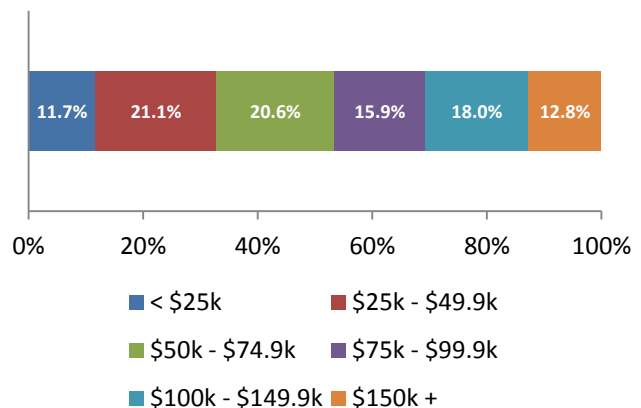


- Would drive if Amtrak unavailable
- Would fly if Amtrak unavailable
- Would use the bus if Amtrak unavailable
- Would not travel if Amtrak Unavailable

**Percent of Riders who Would Not Travel if Amtrak was Unavailable**



**Income Distribution of Amtrak Travelers in Washington**



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

**88%**

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.

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