



West Virginia

Amtrak's Contributions to West Virginia

Earnings supported by Amtrak in West Virginia	Employment supported by Amtrak in West Virginia	Value added* supported by Amtrak in West Virginia
\$9,410,000	190	\$3,139,000

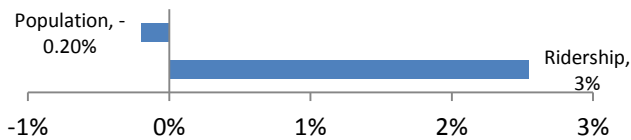
State Snapshot

Number of Stations	10
Number of Local Riders**	26,950
Local Revenue	\$1,650,749
Number of Rail Passenger Miles***	8,300,213

Routes:
Cardinal, Capitol Limited



Population and Amtrak Ridership Growth 2009-2015



Source: Amtrak



Charleston, WV (CHW)

The Charleston station was built for the Chesapeake & Ohio Railway in 1905 and sits on the south bank of the Kanawha River. The station is located at the foot of the South Side Bridge. The building was built in the Neo-Classical Beaux-Arts style and is the only railroad station structure remaining in Charleston. It also contains offices and a restaurant. The station serves the *Cardinal* route. In 2015, 9,844 passengers passed through the station and provided revenue valued at \$709,275.

Amtrak's Effect on Tourism and Broader Economy

Emission reductions from traveling by Amtrak trains vs. traveling by car:	\$21,000
Cost savings from the lower risk of traveling by train vs. traveling by car:	\$310,000
Tourist spending generated from Amtrak passengers	\$281,000
Number of tourists that utilize Amtrak services	14,000
Percent of total riders that are tourists	53%
Federal taxes generated for West Virginia from tourist spending	\$15,000
State taxes generated for West Virginia from tourist spending	\$17,000
Local taxes generated for West Virginia from tourist spending	\$4,000

* 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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West Virginia is served by 2 long-distance train routes and 10 stations. The *Capitol Limited* service runs daily and the *Cardinal* service runs tri-weekly. Huntington is the state’s busiest station followed by Charleston and Martinsburg.

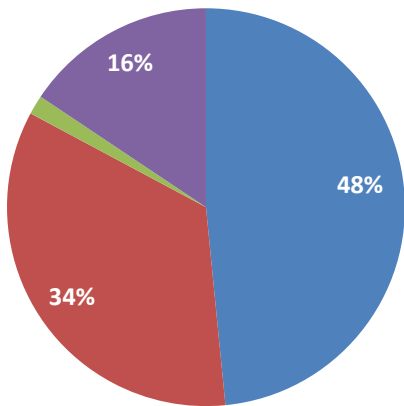
Just over half (54 percent) of the population of West Virginia lives within 30 miles of an Amtrak station.

Among Amtrak riders in the state, 16 percent report that they would not have made the trip but for the availability of Amtrak service. Given the limited air service in the state, the intercity rail service provides a very important link. The service provides important mobility and access needs for a number of residents and is used by the full spectrum of income groups across the state’s population.

Amtrak purchased over \$3.8 million of goods and services from the West Virginia economy in FY15. In addition, 42 West Virginians worked for the railroad, collectively earning over \$3.4 million in wages and salaries.

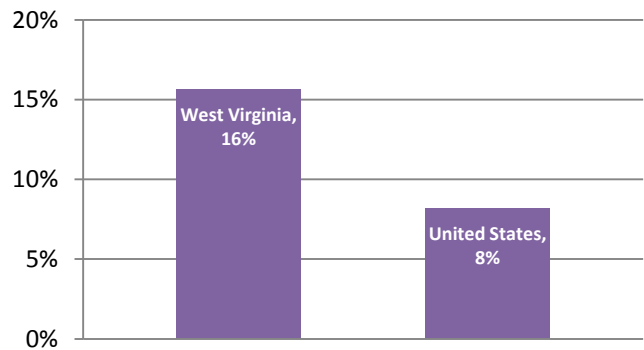
Profile of Amtrak Customers

Travel Mode Preference if Amtrak Unavailable

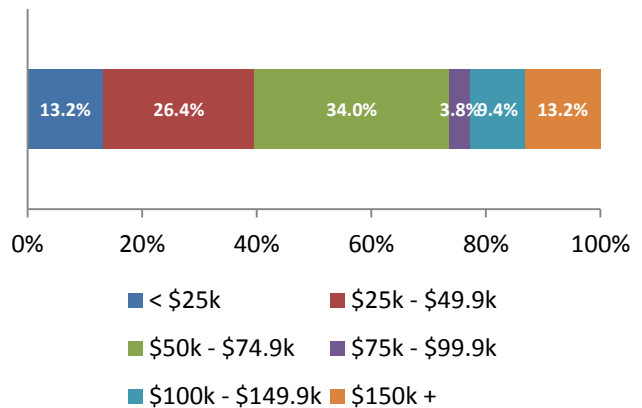


- Would drive if Amtrak unavailable
- Would fly if Amtrak unavailable
- Would use the bus if Amtrak unavailable
- Would not travel if Amtrak Unavailable

Percent of Riders who Would Not Travel if Amtrak was Unavailable



Income Distribution of Amtrak Travelers in West Virginia



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

54%

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.