**West Virginia**

**Amtrak’s Contributions to West Virginia**

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<th>Earnings supported by Amtrak in West Virginia</th>
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<th>Value added* supported by Amtrak in West Virginia</th>
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<td>$9,410,000</td>
<td>190</td>
<td>$3,139,000</td>
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**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**

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**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

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<th>Tourist spending generated from Amtrak passengers</th>
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<td>Number of tourists that utilize Amtrak services</td>
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<td>Percent of total riders that are tourists</td>
<td>53%</td>
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<td>Federal taxes generated for West Virginia from tourist spending</td>
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* 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.
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: 48%
- Would fly if Amtrak unavailable: 16%
- Would use the bus if Amtrak unavailable: 34%
- Would not travel if Amtrak Unavailable: 2%

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

- West Virginia: 16%
- United States: 8%

#### Income Distribution of Amtrak Travelers in West Virginia

- < $25k: 26.4%
- $25k - $49.9k: 34.0%
- $50k - $74.9k: 3.8%
- $75k - $99.9k: 9.4%
- $100k - $149.9k: 13.2%
- $150k +: 13.2%

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