



Amtrak Fact Sheet, Fiscal Year 2015 State of Florida

Florida and the *Auto Train*

- In Fiscal 2015, the *Auto Train* carried over 271,000 passengers, removing over 142,000 vehicles from highways connecting Florida with the Northeast
- Accessibility improvements at the Sanford station were completed in 2015.

Amtrak Service & Ridership

Amtrak operates four National Network trains through Florida:

- The *Auto Train* (daily Lorton, Va.-Sanford, Fla.)
- The *Silver Meteor* (New York-Orlando-Miami)
- The *Silver Star* (daily New York-Orlando-Tampa-Miami)
- The *Sunset Limited* (tri-weekly Los Angeles-Orlando via New Orleans, Pensacola and Jacksonville)*

*Sunset Limited *service suspended east of New Orleans.*

During FY15 Amtrak served the following Florida locations*:

<u>City</u>	<u>Boardings + Alightings</u>
Deerfield Beach	26,777
DeLand	24,310
Delray Beach	14,652
Fort Lauderdale	46,971
Hollywood	28,332
Jacksonville	71,084
Kissimmee	41,424
Lakeland	21,526
Miami	70,560
Okeechobee	4,223
Orlando	145,839

Palatka	12,568
Sanford (Auto Train Station)	271,622
Sebring	17,397
Tampa	120,565
West Palm Beach	59,071
Winter Haven	21,965
Winter Park	28,310
Total Florida Station Usage:	1,027,196
	(down 5.3% from FY14)

**Rail service to Chipley, Crestview, Lake City, Madison, Pensacola, Tallahassee suspended 8/27/05.*

Procurement/Contracts

Amtrak spent \$33,099,442 on goods and services in Florida in FY15. Most of this amount was in the following locations:

<u>City</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Atlantic Beach	\$ 8,962,748
Chipley	\$ 1,775,367
Doral	\$ 3,447,258
Jacksonville	\$ 6,961,770
Orlando	\$ 2,107,584
St. Augustine	\$ 1,927,422
St. Petersburg	\$ 1,544,801
Tallahassee	\$ 1,460,258

Employment

At the end of FY15, Amtrak employed 760 Florida residents. Total wages of Amtrak employees living in Florida were \$55,623,328 during FY15.

Major Facilities

Amtrak operates the Hialeah maintenance facility in Miami, which services and performs light overhauls for Viewliner, Amfleet, and Heritage cars for single-level, National Network trains. The new Hialeah facility opened on April 20, 2012. Also, the Sanford maintenance facility services the Superliner-equipped *Auto Train*.

Amtrak's Southeast Business Line, which is responsible for Amtrak's operations in the Southeastern United States, is headquartered in Miami. Amtrak also has train and engine crew bases in Miami, Sanford and Jacksonville, an on-board service crew base in Hialeah, and contractor-operated commissaries in Hialeah and Sanford.

Auto Train

Amtrak's *Auto Train* service operates daily between Lorton, Virginia (outside of Washington, D.C.) and the *Auto Train* terminal off I-4 in Sanford, Florida. This unique service carries passengers and their vehicles on a 16½ hour overnight trip from Northern Virginia to Florida. Passengers ride in Superliner coaches and sleepers, while their vehicles are transported in auto carrier cars at the rear of the train and are delivered to them upon arrival at the Sanford terminal. During FY 2015, Amtrak's *Auto Train* carried 271,622 passengers and 142,490 vehicles.

On April 29, 2013, a program was initiated for priority vehicle offloading, for an additional fee, resulting in additional revenue without additional operating costs. On-board smoking was prohibited as of June 1, 2013, on the *Auto Train*, which was the last in the Amtrak system where it was permitted. In recent times, less than 3 percent of passengers used the amenity, and discontinuing it has resulted in reduced equipment maintenance expenses and a healthier and safer environment for passengers and on-board crews.

Station Improvements

- **Miami:** Florida DOT has begun construction on the \$1.5-billion Miami Intermodal Center. It is designed to bring Amtrak, Tri-Rail, Metro Rail, car rentals, and other transportation services together in one location, connected to Miami International Airport by people mover.
- **Orlando:** A new, 1,200-foot, island platform was constructed in conjunction with the new SunRail commuter operation. The platforms now serve three tracks, as opposed to the previous configuration serving two. Also, renovation of the station was completed and a dedication took place on June 29, 2015.
- **Winter Park:** A new station and dual platforms were dedicated in March 2014, replacing the aging and undersized former Atlantic Coast Line station, built in 1962. This new facility was constructed with federal and local funding in conjunction with the SunRail commuter operation.
- **Fort Lauderdale:** The renovation project to update the 1926 station was completed during 2014 and included weatherproofing, lobby and ticket counter renovations, and ADA-related improvements.

SunRail

Amtrak and Florida DOT entered into an agreement for periodic and heavy maintenance and for heavy repair of SunRail equipment at the Sanford maintenance facility. This allows Amtrak to fill some excess capacity at the facility, which also services Auto Train equipment. SunRail began commuter service through Orlando on May 1, 2014.



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