



Amtrak Fact Sheet, Fiscal Year 2015 State of Massachusetts

Amtrak-Massachusetts partnership

- Massachusetts contributes to the cost of *Shuttle* and *Northeast Regional* services serving Springfield
- It also contributes to the cost of the *Vermont* service and is leading an effort to improve tracks and shorten trip times within the state
- Over 243,000 Massachusetts residents are members of the Amtrak Guest Rewards frequent user program

Amtrak Service & Ridership

Amtrak operates approximately 56 trains daily in Massachusetts, including *Acela Express* and *Northeast Regional* trains on the Northeast Corridor and State Supported service on the New Haven-Springfield line.

Amtrak operates the following State Supported trains through Massachusetts:

- The *Downeaster* (5 daily round trips Boston North Station-Portland; 2 of which to/from Brunswick)
- The *Vermont* (daily Washington, D.C.-Springfield-St. Albans, Vt.)

Amtrak also operates the National Network *Lake Shore Limited* (daily Boston-Springfield-Albany, with direct connection at Albany to Cleveland and Chicago).

During FY15 Amtrak served the following Massachusetts locations:

<u>City</u>	<u>Boardings + Alightings</u>
Amherst (a)	4,206
Boston-Back Bay	578,403
Boston-North Station	358,286
Boston-South Station (b)	1,544,169
Framingham	1,963
Greenfield (c)	5,316
Haverhill	34,857

Holyoke (d)	96
Northampton (c)	11,923
Pittsfield	7,468
Route 128 (Boston)	444,670
Springfield	124,580
Woburn	16,901
Worcester	7,237
Total Massachusetts Station Usage:	3,140,075

(down 0.5% from FY14)

(a) Service ended.12/28/14.

(b) Boston South Station is the 6th busiest station in the national Amtrak System.

(c) Service began 12/29/14.

(d) Service began 8/27/15.

Procurement/Contracts

Amtrak spent \$50,840,498 on goods and services in Massachusetts in FY15. Much of this was in the following locations:

<u>City</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Boston	\$ 3,101,718
Burlington	\$ 1,323,494
Canton	\$ 1,341,042
Chelsea	\$ 2,547,609
Littleton	\$ 24,224,053
Milford	\$ 2,992,118
Norwell	\$ 1,877,323
Westfield	\$ 3,042,511

Employment

At the end of FY15, Amtrak employed 744 Massachusetts residents. Total wages of Amtrak employees living in Massachusetts were \$60,130,414 during FY15.

PRIIA Section 209

The Passenger Rail Investment and Improvement Act of 2008 (P.L. 110-432) required, by October 2013, an equitable arrangement of cost sharing between Amtrak and state or public agency partners that provide funding for short-distance, intercity train services. Agreements were reached with all parties, including Massachusetts, by the deadline, and the services continued to run without interruption.

Other State Features

Amtrak operates and maintains the 37.9-mile Attleboro Line, between Boston and the Rhode Island state line, for Amtrak Northeast Corridor and commuter service. It is owned by the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority (MBTA).

Major Facilities

About 300 weekday trains operate at Boston South Station, which is shared by Amtrak and MBTA. Amtrak maintains equipment at Southampton Yard in Boston, which is also the location of one of three of Amtrak's high-speed rail maintenance facilities dedicated to Amtrak's *Acela Express* high-speed train sets. The *Downeaster* service, which operates from Boston to New Hampshire and Maine, uses North Station.

Knowledge Corridor Improvements

In January 2010, Massachusetts was awarded \$70 million in federal stimulus funds for final design and construction of the "Knowledge Corridor" along the Connecticut River in western Massachusetts. Track restoration began in 2013 and was completed in 2014. Starting December 29, 2014, Amtrak's *Vermont* service was rerouted to this line, which was served by Amtrak until 1987. This provides a faster service by its shorter distance and by eliminating a reversal in train direction at Palmer. At the same time, the *Vermont* began serving the former Amtrak station in Northampton and a new stimulus-funded intermodal transit center in Greenfield. A station in Holyoke was constructed by the City of Holyoke, where work continued after the change in route. Service to Holyoke began on August 27, 2015.

Stations

Boston South Station: In October 2010, Massachusetts received a federal High-Speed Intercity Passenger Rail Grant (HSIPR) of \$32.5 million to fund the environmental permitting and design phase of the South Station expansion project and new midday layover facility. This work includes planning for the relocation of the U.S. Postal Service's General Mail Facility to make room for expanded tracks, platforms, and passenger facilities. The current terminal operations are limited by capacity constraints. The station has 13 tracks today but had 28 when it was completed in 1899. More tracks and platforms are needed for future increases in high-speed, intercity, and commuter rail services. The project will include new and expanded passenger amenities and improved intermodal connections, including integration of the intercity bus terminal at South Station.

Springfield Union Station: In November 2012, the Springfield Redevelopment Authority received a federal grant of \$48.7 million to fund phase 1 of the rehabilitation project of the 1927 historic Union Station. Since 2000, the City has obtained more than \$46 million from the Federal Transit Administration's bus grant programs. In October 2014, Governor Deval Patrick announced a MassWorks grant of \$4.2 million to advance the Union Station Regional Intermodal Transportation Center project. This \$84.5-million project will integrate multiple transit modes into one convenient, functional, and attractive terminal complex that also will include space for third-party tenants. Preliminary construction has begun and completion is scheduled for fall 2016.

Future features include complete renovation of the terminal building and central concourse to support rail and intercity and local bus services; renovation and reopening of the passenger tunnel that connects the terminal building to train platforms and adjacent downtown area; demolition of an old baggage building and construction of a 26-bay bus terminal and 377-space parking garage; 64,000 square feet of leasable commercial space on the upper floors of the terminal building.

AMTRAK ROUTES IN MASSACHUSETTS

