



Amtrak Fact Sheet, Fiscal Year 2016

State of Mississippi

Amtrak Service & Ridership

Amtrak serves Mississippi with three National Network trains:

- The *City of New Orleans* (daily Chicago-New Orleans via Jackson)
- The *Crescent* (daily New Orleans-Atlanta-New York via Meridian)
- The *Sunset Limited* (tri-weekly Orlando-New Orleans-Los Angeles via Biloxi)*

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

During FY16 Amtrak served the following Mississippi locations*:

<u>City</u>	<u>Boardings + Alightings</u>
Brookhaven	4,252
Greenwood	15,053
Hattiesburg	9,552
Hazlehurst	1,574
Jackson	47,443
Laurel	3,575
McComb	5,665
Meridian	10,179
Picayune	2,458
Yazoo City	3,811
Total Mississippi Station Usage:	103,562

(down 3.3% from FY15)

*Service to Bay St. Louis, Biloxi, Gulfport, Pascagoula suspended 8/27/05.

Procurement/Contracts

Amtrak spent \$447,545 on goods and services in Mississippi in FY16, over half of it in Ridgeland.

Employment

At the end of FY16, Amtrak employed 69 Mississippi residents. Total wages of Amtrak employees living in Mississippi were \$5,402,684 during FY16.

Stations

Local officials gathered on October 7, 2016, to break ground on a new station facility at Marks, which is between Memphis and Greenwood on the *City of New Orleans* route. A platform and shelter are planned to be completed during 2017.

Connecting Service

In August 2014, Amtrak partnered with Greyhound to provide connecting motor coach service from Mobile, Biloxi, Gulfport, and Hattiesburg to New Orleans and Jackson to connect with the *City of New Orleans*.

Service Restoration Update

In 2015 Amtrak conducted a ridership and revenue study for the Southern Rail Commission that outlined potential options for restoring service between New Orleans the Gulf Coast and Florida. Subsequently, the FAST Act of 2015 required Amtrak and the FRA to perform an analysis that was developed from the option the Southern Rail Commission chose to pursue from the previous study. That option was a daily, long-distance service between New Orleans and Orlando (with through service from Chicago) and a daily corridor service between New Orleans and Mobile.

In February 2016, Amtrak, in partnership with the Southern Rail Commission, operated a two-day inspection train from New Orleans to Jacksonville. The train made stops at all of the previously served stops with significant fanfare and political support at each location.

The study is expected to be complete before the end of 2016. Negotiations currently are underway between all of the parties necessary to restore service between New Orleans and Florida.

AMTRAK ROUTES IN MISSISSIPPI



NOTE-Sunset Limited service suspended 8/27/05

TRACK OWNERSHIP	
	Amtrak
	NS
	UP
	CP
	BNSF
	CN
	CSX
	Other