



Amtrak Fact Sheet, Fiscal Year 2015

State of South Carolina

Amtrak Service & Ridership

Amtrak operates four National Network trains through South Carolina:

- The *Crescent* (daily New York-Atlanta-New Orleans via Greenville)
- The *Palmetto* (daily New York-Savannah via Charleston)
- The *Silver Meteor* (daily New York-Miami via Charleston)
- The *Silver Star* (daily New York-Tampa-Miami via Columbia)

During FY15 Amtrak served the following South Carolina locations:

<u>City</u>	<u>Boardings + Alightings</u>
Camden	3,563
Charleston	71,190
Clemson	4,977
Columbia	33,543
Denmark	3,823
Dillon	8,037
Florence	50,606
Greenville	11,913
Kingstree	13,849
Spartanburg	4,143
Yemassee	12,340
Total South Carolina Station Usage:	217,984

(down 3.4% from FY14)

Procurement/Contracts

Amtrak spent \$19,284,070 on services in South Carolina in FY15. Much of this was in the following locations:

<u>City</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Batesburg	\$ 2,861,393
Charleston	\$ 1,636,147

Darlington	\$	4,073,541
Duncan	\$	4,703,527
Greenville	\$	2,325,345

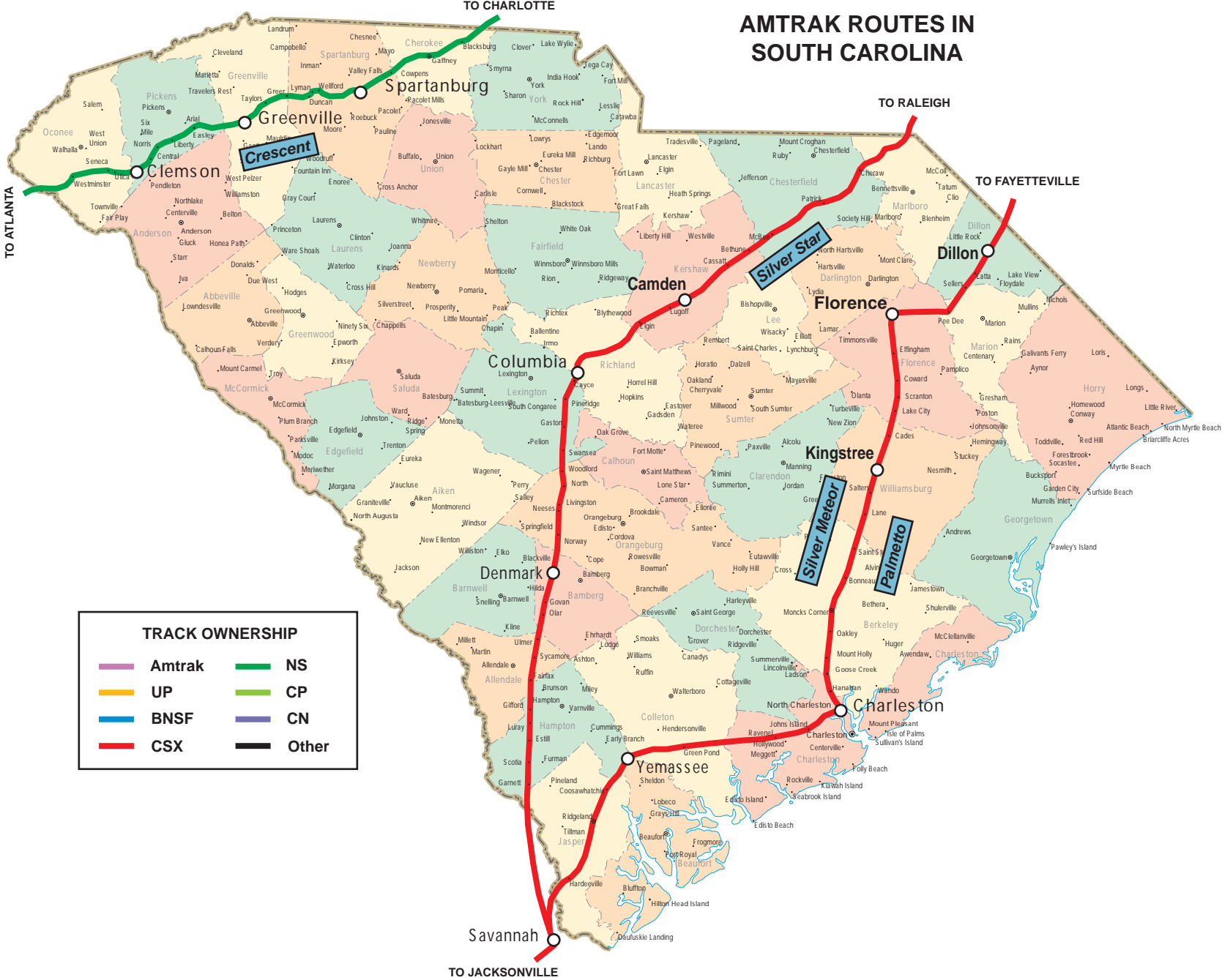
Employment

At the end of FY15, Amtrak employed 55 South Carolina residents. Total wages of Amtrak employees living in South Carolina were \$4,871,291 during FY15.

Stations

- **Charleston:** The Charleston Area Rapid Transit Authority (CARTA) is moving forward with a plan to acquire the existing North Charleston station from CSX Transportation, in order to replace it with a new intermodal facility at the same location. It would house Amtrak, intercity and local bus service, and taxis. The project is being managed by the CARTA. Construction is expected to begin in 2016. The existing station was built in 1956 by the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad and is now owned by CSX. It replaced the former Union Station in Charleston, which burned in 1947, and an earlier North (Charleston) Station.
- **Camden:** Amtrak invested \$2.48 million for ADA and state-of-good repair improvements in 2015 to restore the former Seaboard Air Line station, which was built in 1937. The Amtrak work included the station and canopy roofs, doors, windows, sidewalks, signage, waiting room, rest rooms, new exterior lighting, and resurfacing the parking lot. At the same time, the City resurfaced and street-scaped the driveway and installed new lighting leading to the parking lot.
- **Yemassee:** A British reality show filmed in the Town of Yemassee in 2011 resulted in a full cosmetic renovation of the former Atlantic Coast Line station, now owned by the Town and served by Amtrak. The Town completed a new ADA-compliant parking lot and sidewalks in summer 2014 and now seeks funding for restoration of the interior of the building, which was built around 1955.

AMTRAK ROUTES IN SOUTH CAROLINA



TRACK OWNERSHIP	
— Amtrak	— NS
— UP	— CP
— BNSF	— CN
— CSX	— Other