



Amtrak Fact Sheet, Fiscal Year 2016

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 FY16 Amtrak served the following South Carolina locations:

<u>City</u>	<u>Boardings + Alightings</u>
Camden	3,483
Charleston	63,880
Clemson*	3,127
Columbia	32,234
Denmark	3,486
Dillon	7,573
Florence	46,930
Greenville	11,935
Kingstree	12,135
Spartanburg	3,777
Yemassee	10,789
Total South Carolina Station Usage:	199,349

(down 8.5% from FY15)

**Closed 5/23/16 for adjacent highway project; expected to reopen late 2017.*

Procurement/Contracts

Amtrak spent \$16,961,324 on goods and services in FY16, much of it in:

<u>City</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Charleston	\$ 1,198,151
Darlington	\$ 3,013,285

Duncan	\$	5,984,324
Greenville	\$	2,194,542

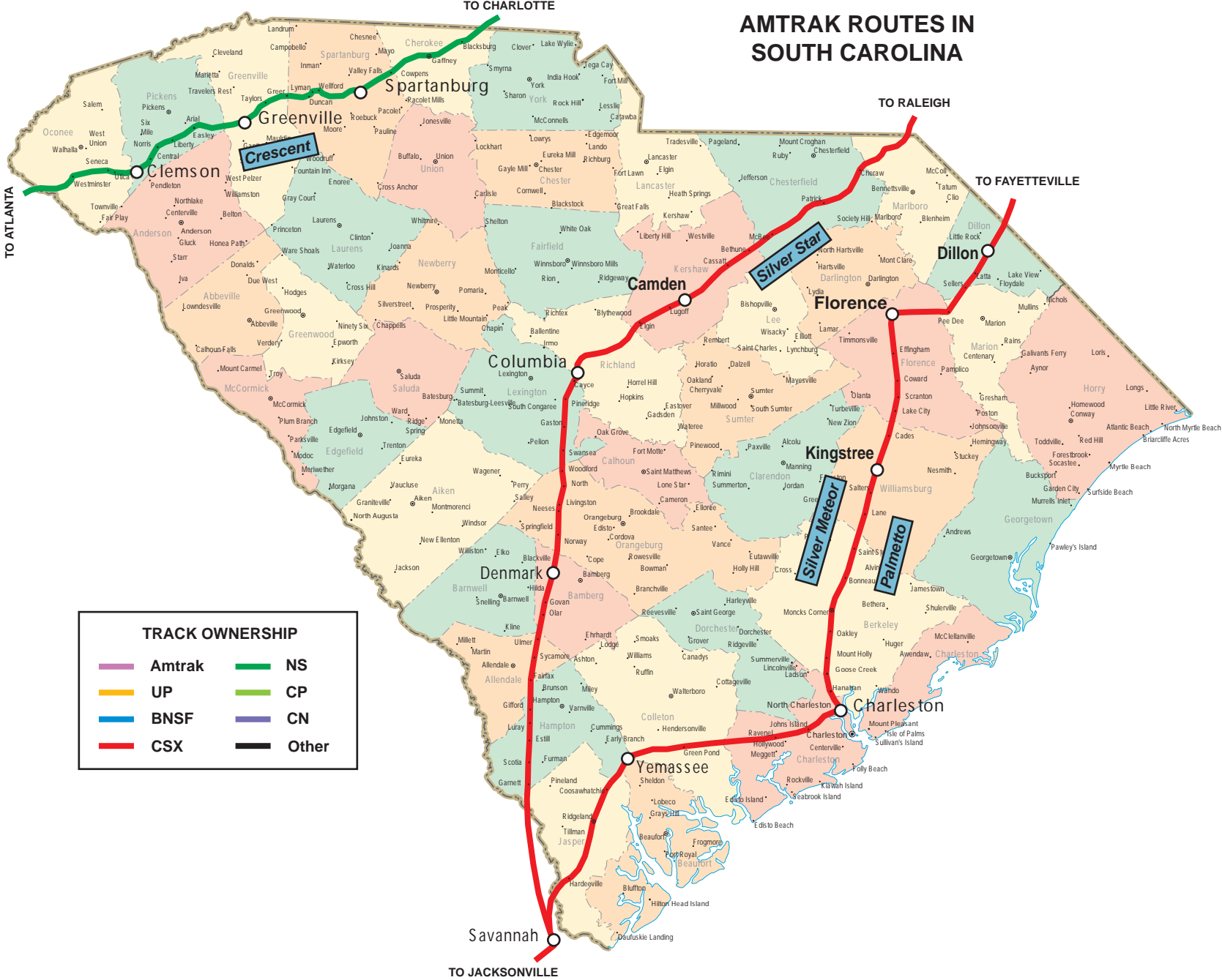
Employment

At the end of FY16, Amtrak employed 46 South Carolina residents. Total wages of Amtrak employees living in South Carolina were \$4,304,371 during FY16.

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 and is expected to be finished in fall 2017. 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. The station was rededicated on November 17, 2016.
- 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