



Amtrak Fact Sheet Fiscal Year 2018 *State of South Carolina*

Amtrak Service & Ridership

Amtrak operates five National Network trains through South Carolina:

- The **Auto Train** (daily Lorton-Sanford)*
- 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)

**The Auto Train does not discharge passengers in South Carolina. It does stop in Florence for a crew change and servicing.*

During FY18 Amtrak served the following South Carolina locations:

City	Boardings & Alightings
Camden	3,161
Charleston	61,710
Clemson*	0
Columbia	29,805
Denmark	3,230
Dillon	5,841
Florence	40,465
Greenville	12,172
Kingstree	10,450
Spartanburg	3,870
Yemassee	9,740
Total South Carolina Station Usage:	180,444

**Closed 5/23/16 for adjacent highway project; Amtrak expects to resume service when the project is complete.*

Host Railroads & On Time Performance

Amtrak relies heavily on the cooperation of other railroads in order to operate routes using tracks that are not owned or controlled by Amtrak. Host railroads are statutorily required to provide Amtrak trains "preference" over freight transportation. However, on time performance on most host railroads is poor and continues to decline largely due to hosts ignoring their statutory responsibilities.

Listed below are the Amtrak services that operate in South Carolina with each service's host railroads and on-time performance (OTP) in FY18:

Service	Host Railroads	FY18 OTP
<i>Auto Train</i>	CSX	70.9%
<i>Crescent</i>	Norfolk Southern	31.3%
<i>Palmetto</i>	CSX	57.9%
<i>Silver Meteor</i>	CSX, Florida Department of Transportation, and Florida Central Rail Corridor	43.6%
<i>Silver Star</i>	CSX, Norfolk Southern, Florida Department of Transportation, and Florida Central Rail Corridor	37.6%

"On-time performance" represents the percentage of stations at which the train arrives within 15 minutes of the scheduled arrival time.

Amtrak Guest Rewards

At the end of FY18, there were **59,912** members of the Amtrak Guest Rewards program in South Carolina. This is a 12.2% increase from FY17.

Stations

Charleston: The Charleston Area Rapid Transit Authority (CARTA) has begun construction on a new intermodal facility, located next to the current station owned by CSX and used by Amtrak. It will house Amtrak, intercity and local bus service, and taxis. The project is being managed by the CARTA and is expected to be finished by the end of 2018. 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.