



# Amtrak Fact Sheet Fiscal Year 2019 *State of South Carolina*

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## 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 FY19 Amtrak served the following South Carolina locations:

<b>City</b>	<b>Boardings &amp; Alightings</b>
<a href="#">Camden</a>	3,436
<a href="#">Charleston</a>	59,930
<a href="#">Clemson*</a>	481
<a href="#">Columbia</a>	30,870
<a href="#">Denmark</a>	3,126
<a href="#">Dillon</a>	5,420
<a href="#">Florence</a>	39,726
<a href="#">Greenville</a>	12,397
<a href="#">Kingstree</a>	10,538
<a href="#">Spartanburg</a>	3,711
<a href="#">Yemassee</a>	9,428
<b>Total South Carolina Station Usage:</b>	<b>179,063</b>

*\*Closed 5/23/16 for adjacent highway project; reopened summer 2019.*

## 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 FY19:

<b>Service</b>	<b>Host Railroads</b>	<b>FY19 OTP</b>
<b><i>Auto Train</i></b>	CSX	<b>75.0%</b>
<b><i>Crescent</i></b>	Norfolk Southern	<b>28.7%</b>
<b><i>Palmetto</i></b>	CSX	<b>62.8%</b>
<b><i>Silver Meteor</i></b>	CSX, Florida Department of Transportation, and Florida Central Rail Corridor	<b>49.4%</b>
<b><i>Silver Star</i></b>	CSX, Norfolk Southern, Florida Department of Transportation, and Florida Central Rail Corridor	<b>35.8%</b>

"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 FY19, there were **66,144** members of the Amtrak Guest Rewards program in South Carolina. This is a 10% increase from FY18.

### **Procurement**

Amtrak spent \$20,715,537 on goods and services in South Carolina in FY19, including at:

<b><u>City</u></b>	<b><u>Amount</u></b>
Beaufort	\$ 2,069,489
Darlington	\$ 3,882,260
Duncan	\$ 12,185,689

### **Employment**

At the end of FY19, Amtrak employed 53 South Carolina residents. Total wages during FY19 of Amtrak employees living in South Carolina were \$4,910,308.

### **Stations**

**Charleston:** In September 2019, the Charleston Area Rapid Transit Authority (CARTA) dedicated the new intermodal facility. It is located next to the site of the former Atlantic Coast Line station (1956) used by Amtrak until the transition to the new facility. The intermodal center houses Amtrak, intercity and local bus service, and taxis.

**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 in 2016.

**Clemson:** In summer 2019, SCDOT completed a new ADA compliant, 400-foot platform replacing the former platform in conjunction with the railroad highway overpass project for College Avenue.

**Greenville:** Designs are underway for a new ADA compliant, 800-foot platform and paths of travel. Construction is expected to begin in the Fall of 2020.

# AMTRAK ROUTES IN SOUTH CAROLINA

