



Amtrak Fact Sheet Fiscal Year 2020 State of South Carolina

Amtrak Service & Ridership

At the end of FY 2020, Amtrak operated six trains per day in South Carolina, as part of the following routes¹:

- **Long Distance**

- Crescent* (daily New York-Washington-Charlottesville-Charlotte-Atlanta-Birmingham-New Orleans)

- Palmetto* (daily New York-Washington-Richmond-Charleston-Savannah)

- Silver Meteor* (daily New York-Washington-Richmond-Charleston-Savannah-Jacksonville-Miami)

- Silver Star* (daily New York-Washington-Richmond-Columbia-Savannah-Jacksonville-Tampa-Miami)

Stations Served

During FY 2020, Amtrak served the following locations in South Carolina.

City (Code)	Ridership
Camden (CAM)	1,934
Charleston (CHS)	37,227
Clemson (CSN)	2,259
Columbia (CLB)	17,145
Denmark (DNK)	1,887
Dillon (DIL)	3,435
Florence (FLO)	23,851
Greenville (GRV)	6,103
Kingstree (KTR)	6,101
Spartanburg (SPB)	2,310
Yemassee (YEM)	5,710
Total South Carolina Station Usage:	107,962

Amtrak maintains the Great American Stations website (<https://www.greatamericanstations.com/>), which includes detailed profiles of every Amtrak station. Information available includes a brief history of each station, a review of what organization or organizations are responsible for the various portions of each facility, a list of routes serving each station, contact information for the appropriate Amtrak representative for that station, and relevant local community links.

Host Railroads & On Time Performance

Amtrak relies heavily on the cooperation of other railroads to operate routes using tracks that Amtrak does not own or control. 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.

¹ Frequencies in the list following this note reflect the service levels prior to the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Listed below are the Amtrak services that operate in South Carolina with each service’s host railroads and customer on-time performance (OTP) in FY 2020:

Service	Host Railroad(s)	FY20 OTP
<i>Crescent</i>	Norfolk Southern	46.2%
<i>Palmetto</i>	CSX	70.6%
<i>Silver Meteor</i>	CSX, Florida Central Rail Corridor, Florida DOT	60.7%
<i>Silver Star</i>	CSX, Norfolk Southern, Florida Central Rail Corridor, Florida DOT	52.0%

Customer OTP measures what proportion of customers arrive at their destination on time. For *Acela* trains, the margin is within ten minutes of the schedule and the margin is 15 minutes for all other trains. Thus, if a train is 16 minutes late to its final stop, and all its riders are headed for that stop, then even if the train is on time at every intermediate stop, customer OTP would be 0%, reflecting the passengers’ experience.

Amtrak Guest Rewards

At the end of FY 2020, there were approximately 11.5 million members of Amtrak Guest Rewards (AGR), with 72,721 members listing an address in South Carolina. This is a 10.0% increase from FY 2019. For more information about AGR, please see: <https://www.amtrak.com/guestrewards/home>

Procurement

In FY 2020, Amtrak procured goods and services worth \$2.79 billion, and more than 98% of that figure was sourced from firms headquartered domestically. In South Carolina, Amtrak spent \$15,633,769, including the following communities where Amtrak sourced \$100,000 or more in goods and services:

City	Amount (\$)
Batesburg	478,293
Beaufort	572,060
Camden	326,870
Cayce West Columbia	523,114
Columbia	433,501
Conway	987,898
Darlington	3,031,762
Duncan	8,346,082
Greenville	165,970
Piedmont	393,274

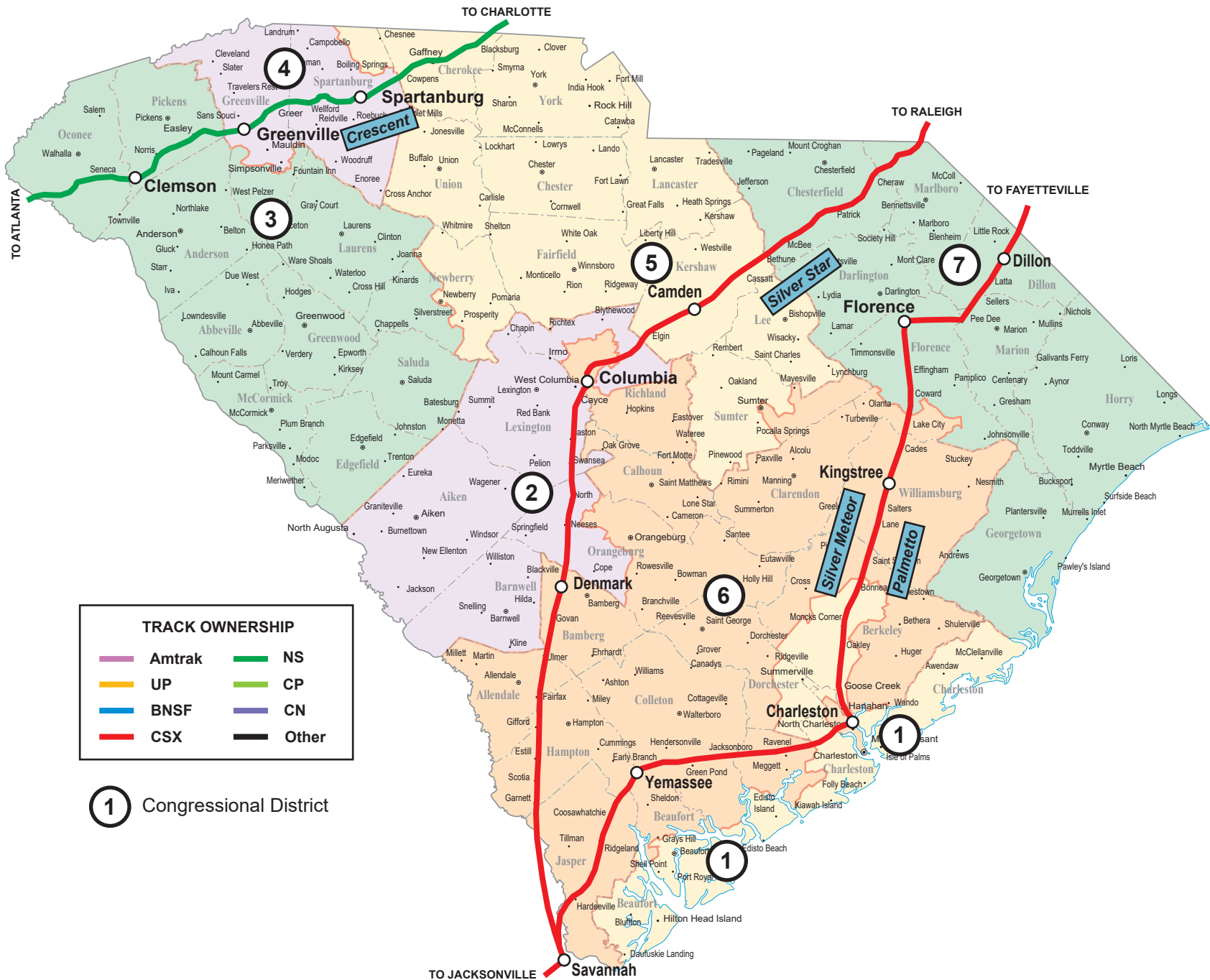
Employment & Wages

At the end of FY 2020, Amtrak employed 17,504 people, including 53 South Carolina residents. Total FY 2020 wages were \$1.67 billion, of which South Carolina residents earned \$5,384,516.

Additional Information

The FY 2020 edition of the Amtrak State Fact Sheets omits this portion, which is available in the FY 2019 edition and will return in the FY 2021 update.

AMTRAK ROUTES IN SOUTH CAROLINA



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

① Congressional District