



Amtrak Fact Sheet, Fiscal Year 2017 Commonwealth of Virginia

Amtrak-Virginia partnership

- State grants support daily service from Washington to Lynchburg and Roanoke as an extension of Amtrak's *Northeast Regional* service
- State grants also support *Northeast Regional* services south from Washington to Richmond, Newport News, and Norfolk
- Over 360,000 Virginia residents are members of the Amtrak Guest Rewards frequent user program

Amtrak Service & Ridership

Amtrak operates over 20 trains daily in Virginia. These include the state-supported *Amtrak Virginia Regional* service to Lynchburg, Richmond, Newport News, and Norfolk as well as the following National Network trains:

- The *Auto Train* (daily Lorton, Va.- Sanford, Fla.)
- The *Cardinal* (tri-weekly New York-Washington, DC-Charlottesville-Cincinnati-Chicago)
- The *Crescent* (daily New York-Charlottesville-Atlanta-New Orleans)
- The *Palmetto* (daily New York-Richmond-Savannah)
- The *Silver Meteor* (daily New York-Richmond-Miami)
- The *Silver Star* (daily New York-Richmond-Tampa-Miami)

Amtrak also operates one other state-supported train through Virginia, the *Carolinian* (daily New York-Richmond-Charlotte).

During FY17 Amtrak served the following Virginia locations:

<u>City</u>	<u>Boardings + Alightings</u>
Alexandria	200,373
Ashland	30,892
Burke Centre	9,939
Charlottesville	145,140
Clifton Forge	2,339
Culpeper	15,498
Danville	6,575

Fredericksburg	119,065
Lorton (Auto Train)	228,943
Lynchburg	82,251
Manassas	28,619
Newport News	106,692
Norfolk	47,493
Petersburg	30,801
Quantico	24,036
Roanoke*	0
Richmond - Main Street	46,354
Richmond - Staples Mill	373,832
Staunton	6,487
Williamsburg	60,316
Woodbridge	16,712
Total Virginia Station Usage:	1,582,357
	(up 1.9% from FY16)

* Service began on October 31, 2017, during Fiscal 2018

Procurement

Amtrak spent \$118,997,279 on goods and services in Virginia in FY17. Most of this was in the following locations:

<u>City</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Arlington	\$ 18,498,514
Burke	\$ 2,481,019
Chesapeake	\$ 4,645,827
Fairfax	\$ 10,403,239
Falls Church	\$ 1,389,955
Herndon	\$ 13,055,837
McLean	\$ 21,674,526
Norfolk	\$ 2,959,831
Oakton	\$ 21,629,850
Reston	\$ 6,063,755
Tysons Corner	\$ 7,279,113
Virginia Beach	\$ 2,565,915

Employment

At the end of FY17, Amtrak employed 824 Virginia residents. Total wages of Amtrak employees living in Virginia were \$78,601,665 during FY17.

PRIIA Section 209 and State-Supported Services

The Passenger Rail Investment and Improvement Act of 2008 (P.L. 110-432) required, by October 2013, an equitable arrangement of cost sharing between Amtrak and state or public agency partners that provide funding for short-distance, intercity train services. During the 2013 regular session of the Virginia General Assembly, the previously authorized Intercity Passenger Rail Operating and Capital Fund (IPROC) was funded with a dedicated mechanism through legislation that called for restructuring the existing state sales tax. This fund is used by the Department of Rail and Public Transportation to support both the operation of the *Amtrak Virginia* services and qualifying intrastate capital needs for rail infrastructure. The IPROC legislation is the first known dedicated funding source to be created by a state to support intercity passenger rail operations and capital projects. Subsequently, agreements were reached with all parties, including Virginia, by the 2013 deadline, and the services continued to run without interruption.

State Partnerships

On December 12, 2012, Amtrak and the DRPT inaugurated service to Petersburg and Norfolk from Washington and Richmond. This new daily service brought Amtrak service back to Norfolk for the first time since 1977.

On October 31, 2017, the Lynchburg service was extended to Roanoke. Capital improvements were made to the Norfolk Southern route and a new station platform built in downtown Roanoke. This is Roanoke's first Amtrak service since 1979.

Auto Train

Amtrak's *Auto Train* service operates daily between Lorton, Virginia (outside of Washington, D.C.) and the *Auto Train* terminal off I-4 in Sanford, Florida. This unique service carries passengers and their vehicles on a 16½ hour overnight trip from Northern Virginia to Florida. Passengers ride in Superliner coaches and sleepers, while their vehicles are transported in auto carrier cars at the rear of the train and are delivered to them upon arrival at the Sanford terminal. During FY 2017, Amtrak's *Auto Train* carried 228,943 passengers and 123,772 vehicles.

Station/Facility Improvements

- **Norfolk:** During 2013, the City built a new, \$3.75-million station next to the platform that had been served by *Northeast Regional* trains and Newport News-Virginia Beach Thruway buses since December 2012. The station opened on December 2, 2013. The site is on the east edge of downtown, adjacent to a light rail stop and the ballpark.