



Amtrak Fact Sheet Fiscal Year 2018

Commonwealth of Virginia

Amtrak Service & Ridership

Amtrak operates about 25 trains daily in Virginia. These include the following National Network trains:

- The **Auto Train** (daily Lorton, VA-Sanford, FL)
- 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 state-supported trains through Virginia:

- The **Northeast Regional** (daily Roanoke/Norfolk/Newport News/Richmond-Manassas/Fredricksburg-Alexandria-Washington-Philadelphia-New York-Boston)
- The **Carolinian** (daily New York-Washington-Richmond-Raleigh-Charlotte).

During FY18 Amtrak served the following Virginia locations:

City	Boardings & Alightings
Alexandria	188,961
Ashland	29,077
Burke Centre	7,497
Charlottesville	133,936
Clifton Forge	1,951
Culpeper	14,509
Danville	6,934
Fredericksburg	97,549
Lorton (Auto Train)	224,812
Lynchburg	58,160
Manassas	30,340
Newport News	99,920
Norfolk	47,243
Petersburg	31,563
Quantico	31,078
Roanoke*	51,698
Richmond - Main Street	48,384

Richmond - Staples Mill	346,642
Staunton	5,160
Williamsburg	57,212
Woodbridge	21,799
Total Virginia Station Usage:	1,534,425

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

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 Virginia with each service's host railroads and on-time performance (OTP) in FY18:

Service	Host Railroads	FY18 OTP
<i>Northeast Regional (Roanoke)</i>	Norfolk Southern and Metro North	73.9%
<i>Northeast Regional (Richmond/Newport News/Norfolk)</i>	CSX, Norfolk Southern, and Metro North	85.6%
<i>Auto Train</i>	CSX and Florida Central Rail Corridor	70.9%
<i>Cardinal</i>	CSX, Norfolk Southern, and Buckingham Branch Railroad	53.5%
<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%
<i>Carolinian</i>	CSX and Norfolk Southern	52.8%

"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 **402,153** members of the Amtrak Guest Rewards program in Virginia. This is a 11.5% increase from 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 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.