



Amtrak Fact Sheet, Fiscal Year 2017

State of West Virginia

Amtrak Service & Ridership

Amtrak operates two National Network trains daily in West Virginia:

- The *Capitol Limited* (daily Washington-Martinsburg-Pittsburgh-Chicago)
- The *Cardinal* (tri-weekly New York-Washington-Charleston-Cincinnati-Chicago)

During FY17 Amtrak served the following West Virginia locations:

<u>City</u>	<u>Boardings + Alightings</u>
Alderson	449
Charleston	9,812
Harpers Ferry	8,267
Hinton	4,463
Huntington	6,925
Martinsburg	11,267
Montgomery	500
Prince	2,988
Thurmond	345
White Sulphur Springs	5,878
Total West Virginia Station Usage:	50,894

Procurement

Amtrak spent \$1,812,590 on goods and services in West Virginia in FY17. Much of this, \$1,501,948, was in Sutton.

Employment

At the end of FY17, Amtrak employed 41 West Virginia residents. Total wages of Amtrak employees living in West Virginia were \$3,342,368 during FY17.

#AmtrakCares Flood Relief

Amtrak employees held donation drives to gather relief supplies to be shipped to those devastated by historic flooding in southern West Virginia. The donation drives focused on back-to-school supplies. Approximately 10 pallets of supplies were gathered and shipped to White Sulphur Springs on the eastbound and westbound *Cardinal*, respectively, on July 27, 2016. These supplies were unloaded by the National Guard and then distributed by Neighbors Loving Neighbors.

Cardinal Conference

At the request of business and local interests on the Chicago-Indianapolis-Cincinnati-West Virginia-Washington portion of Amtrak's *Cardinal* route, Amtrak held an event called the *Cardinal* Conference on September 23, 2016, in Cincinnati. The intent of the conference was to build a coalition of communities, universities, and other public and private interests similar to grassroots coalitions like the Gulf Coast Working Group or on the *Southwest Chief* route. The purpose of such a coalition would be to seek improvements for the *Cardinal*, namely a push for daily service on that route, which currently operates only three times per week.

As a result of the *Cardinal* Conference, the West Virginia Legislature passed legislation authorizing their state to join a five-member-state 'commission' with a goal of improving the *Cardinal* service, namely the initiation of a daily train. The legislation was signed into law by Governor Jim Justice in April 2017.

