



Amtrak Fact Sheet, Fiscal Year 2013 State of Florida

Florida and the *Auto Train*

- In Fiscal 2013, the *Auto Train* carried over 265,000 passengers, removing over 139,000 vehicles from highways connecting Florida with the Northeast
- This was the highest passenger count since Amtrak took over the service in 1983.

Amtrak Service & Ridership

Amtrak operates four long-distance trains through Florida:

- The *Auto Train* (daily Lorton, Va.-Sanford, Fla.)
- The *Silver Meteor* (New York-Orlando-Miami)
- The *Silver Star* (daily New York-Orlando-Tampa-Miami)
- The *Sunset Limited* (tri-weekly Los Angeles-Orlando via New Orleans, Pensacola and Jacksonville)*

*Sunset Limited *service suspended east of New Orleans.*

During FY13 Amtrak served the following Florida locations*:

<u>City</u>	<u>Boardings + Alightings</u>
Deerfield Beach	30,048
Deland	26,502
Delray Beach	13,280
Fort Lauderdale	53,955
Hollywood	34,869
Jacksonville	94,277
Kissimmee	44,906
Lakeland	22,829
Miami	84,293
Okeechobee	3,851
Orlando	160,442
Palatka	12,749
Sanford (Auto Train Station)	265,274

Sebring	17,111
Tampa	139,412
West Palm Beach	64,994
Winter Haven	22,025
Winter Park	30,142
Total Florida Station Usage:	1,120,959
	(down 3.4% from FY12)

*Rail service to Chipley, Crestview, Lake City, Madison, Pensacola, Tallahassee suspended 8/27/05.

Procurement/Contracts

Amtrak spent \$27,847,017 on goods and services in Florida in FY13. Most of this amount was in the following locations:

<u>City</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Doral	\$ 4,992,797
Hialeah	\$ 1,045,891
Jacksonville	\$ 11,706,379
Orlando	\$ 3,408,727
Punta Gorda	\$ 1,129,751
St. Petersburg	\$ 2,008,054

Employment

At the end of FY13, Amtrak employed 782 Florida residents. Total wages of Amtrak employees living in Florida were \$52,670,227 during FY13.

Major Facilities

Amtrak operates the Hialeah maintenance facility in Miami, which services and performs light overhauls for Viewliner, Amfleet, and Heritage cars for *Silver Service* trains. The new Hialeah facility opened on April 20, 2012. Also, the Sanford maintenance facility services the Superliner-equipped *Auto Train*.

Amtrak's Southern Division, which is responsible for Amtrak's operations in the Southeastern United States, is headquartered in Miami. Amtrak also has train and engine crew bases in Miami, Sanford and Jacksonville, an on-board service crew base in Hialeah, and contractor-operated commissaries in Hialeah and Sanford.

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 2013, Amtrak's *Auto Train* carried 265,274 passengers (0.4% increase over FY12) and 139,080 vehicles (4.6% increase over FY13).

On April 29, 2013, a program was initiated for priority vehicle offloading, for an additional fee, resulting in additional revenue without additional operating costs. On-board smoking was prohibited as of June 1, 2013, on the *Auto Train*, which was the last in the Amtrak system where it was permitted. In recent times, less than 3 percent of passengers used the amenity, and discontinuing it has resulted in reduced equipment maintenance expenses and a healthier and safer environment for passengers and on-board crews.

Station Improvements

- **Miami:** Florida DOT has begun construction on the \$1.5-billion Miami Intermodal Center, which is expected to open early in 2014. It is designed to bring Amtrak, Tri-Rail, Metro Rail, car rentals, and other transportation services together in one location, connected to Miami International Airport by people mover.
- **Okeechobee:** Amtrak has constructed a new shelter station, complete with 550-foot, ADA-compliant platform. Okeechobee is served once a day in each direction by the *Silver Star*.
- **Orlando:** A new, 1,200-foot, island platform is being constructed in conjunction with the new SunRail commuter operation. When complete, platforms will serve three tracks as opposed to the previous configuration serving two.
- **Winter Park:** A new station and dual platforms are being constructed in Winter Park to replace the aging and undersized former Atlantic Coast Line station that Amtrak has been using since 1971. This new facility is being constructed with federal and local funding in conjunction with the SunRail commuter operation.



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