



Amtrak Fact Sheet, Fiscal Year 2014 Commonwealth of Virginia

Amtrak-Virginia partnership

- State grants support daily service from Washington to Lynchburg 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 251,000 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 *Amtrak Virginia Regional* service to Lynchburg, Richmond, Newport News, and Norfolk as well as the following long-distance 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 shorter-distance train through Virginia, the *Carolinian* (daily New York-Richmond-Charlotte).

During FY14 Amtrak served the following Virginia locations:

<u>City</u>	<u>Boardings + Alightings</u>
Alexandria	180,409
Ashland	27,977
Burke Centre	5,535
Charlottesville	132,410
Clifton Forge	2,432
Culpeper	14,257
Danville	7,741
Fredericksburg	111,999
Lorton (Auto Train)	274,445
Lynchburg	86,302
Manassas	29,104

Newport News	112,661
Norfolk	41,843
Petersburg	29,383
Quantico	36,976
Richmond - Main Street	40,834
Richmond - Staples Mill	358,615
Staunton	6,823
Williamsburg	61,074
Woodbridge	29,418
Total Virginia Station Usage:	1,590,238
	(down 1.1% from FY13)

Additionally, Amtrak estimates that well over one million of the 5 million Amtrak passengers using Washington Union Station reside in Northern Virginia.

Procurement/Contracts

Amtrak spent \$119,258,616 on goods and services in Virginia in FY14. Most of this was in the following locations:

<u>City</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Alexandria	\$ 2,364,097
Burke	\$ 7,626,293
Chantilly	\$ 3,422,179
Chesapeake	\$ 2,956,425
Fairfax	\$ 9,174,826
Herndon	\$ 6,029,038
McLean	\$ 27,625,967
Oakton	\$ 25,264,705
Reston	\$ 19,779,286
Virginia Beach	\$ 2,841,213

Employment

At the end of FY14, Amtrak employed 852 Virginia residents. Total wages of Amtrak employees living in Virginia were \$77,156,249 during FY14.

PRIIA Section 209 and State-Assisted 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 January 9, 2014, then-Governor Bob McDonnell announced plans to bring Amtrak service to Roanoke. Capital improvements have to be made to the Norfolk Southern route from Lynchburg and a new facility is needed in Roanoke. Plans call for the service to begin sometime in 2016.

Station/Facility Improvements

- **Clifton Forge:** Amtrak has endorsed a plan by the Town of Clifton Forge and the Chesapeake & Ohio Historical Society to move the station to a newly constructed C&O replica station located on the Society's museum grounds. When complete, it will be outfitted with an ADA accessible waiting room, restrooms and a new platform. The current station is in a CSX building in a yard area.
- **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.

AMTRAK ROUTES IN VIRGINIA

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

