



Amtrak Fact Sheet State of California

Amtrak Service & Ridership

Amtrak operates an average of 68 intercity trains and over 300 commuter trains per day in California. This includes the following long-distance trains through California:

- The *California Zephyr* (daily Emeryville or San Francisco Bay Area-Salt Lake City-Chicago)
- The *Coast Starlight* (daily Los Angeles-Seattle)
- The *Southwest Chief* (daily Los Angeles-Albuquerque-Chicago)
- The *Sunset Limited* (tri-weekly Los Angeles-New Orleans-Orlando)

Amtrak also operates the following high frequency state-supported trains:

- The *Capitols* (San Jose-Oakland-Sacramento-Auburn) 4 daily round trips San Jose-Oakland (6 on weekends), 12 round trips Oakland – Sacramento with one extending to Auburn
- The *Pacific Surfliner* (San Diego-Los Angeles-Santa Barbara-San Luis Obispo) 11 daily round trips (12 on weekends), 4 round trips to Santa Barbara with 1 extending to San Luis Obispo
- The *San Joaquins* (Bakersfield/Oakland; Bakersfield/Sacramento with motorcoach connections to Los Angeles) 4 daily round trips Bakersfield-Oakland, 2 daily round trips Bakersfield-Sacramento

During FY03 Amtrak served the following California locations:

City	Ridership
Anaheim	248,636
Antioch-Pittsburg	20,131
Auburn	36,473
Bakersfield	383,060
Barstow	2,621
Berkeley	63,564
Burbank	35,595
Camarillo	13,911
Carpinteria	13,221
Chatsworth	39,878
Chico	5,732
Colfax	3,125
Corcoran	23,831
Davis	302,038
Dunsmuir	4,187
Emeryville	486,770
Fremont-Centreville	25,238
Fresno	259,950
Fullerton	330,314
Glendale	46,984
Goleta	30,299

Great America	80,758
Grover Beach	11,652
Guadalupe	6,278
Hanford	146,113
Hayward	23,032
Irvine	350,955
Lodi	6,429
Lompac/Surf	5,653
Los Angeles*	1,245,160
Madera	13,202
Martinez	291,413
Merced	77,453
Modesto	73,494
Moorpark	8,137
Needles	12,180
Oakland	289,727
Oceanside	325,985
Ontario	3,226
Oxnard	81,327
Palm Springs	1,948
Paso Robles	8,455
Pomona	856
Redding	6,403
Richmond	170,460
Riverside	4,432
Rocklin	38,261
Roseville	51,613
Sacramento	850,390
Salinas	19,921
San Bernardino	11,455
San Clemente Pier	5,015
San Diego	740,125
San Jose	158,008
San Juan Capistrano	267,602
San Luis Obispo	66,635
Santa Ana	178,028
Santa Barbara	230,775
Simi Valley	45,013
Solana Beach	345,383
Stockton (Downtown)	16,161
Stockton (San Joaquin St.)	182,690
Suisun-Fairfield	101,055
Truckee	6,072
Turlock-Denair	13,888
Van Nuys	67,933
Ventura	31,736
Victorville	2,881
Wasco	14,370
Total California Ridership	9,065,296

**Los Angeles is the 6th busiest station in the national Amtrak System.*

Procurement/Contracts

Amtrak expended \$22,453,918 for goods and services in California in FY03. Most of this money was spent in the following locations:

<u>City</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Los Angeles	\$1,324,525
Pismo Beach	\$3,316,680
Sacramento	\$1,734,455
Santa Fe Springs	\$1,816,207
Visalia	\$1,345,556

Employment

As of December 2003, Amtrak employed 3,624 California residents. Total wages of Amtrak employees living in California were \$113,883,489 in calendar year 2003.

Amtrak Mayor's Advisory Council

Mayor Ron Oden of Palm Springs, **Mayor Harvey Hall** of Bakersfield, **Mayor Mike Kasperzak** of Mountain View, **Mayor Beverly O'Neill** of Long Beach, and **Mayor Dick Murphy** of San Diego are active members of Amtrak's national Mayors' Advisory Council. The council was formed in 1999 to strengthen and build public/private partnerships, to raise national and local levels of awareness regarding the importance of passenger rail -- as a tool for economic development, mobility and congestion relief, to inform mayors as to the local initiatives that benefit Amtrak, and to serve as an advisory board to Amtrak on passenger rail issues.

State-Assisted Services

The state of California provides capital and operating funds for three intercity corridors: the *Pacific Surfliner*, *Capitol Corridor* and *San Joaquins*. In addition, an extensive network of Thruway Motorcoach services links communities, which have no direct rail access, to the Amtrak California system. Amtrak's corridors in California are some of the busiest outside of the Northeast Corridor.

Contract Commuter Services

Amtrak operates three commuter train systems under contract to transit authorities in California which carry over 66,000 commuters on over 300 Amtrak-operated commuter trains daily.

Caltrain (San Francisco/San Jose/Gilroy)
76 weekday trains

Metrolink (Los Angeles/Orange/San Bernardino/Ventura/Riverside Counties)
137 weekday trains

Coaster (San Diego/Oceanside)
22 weekday trains

Major Facilities

California is home to a major Amtrak maintenance facility in Los Angeles. This includes a service & inspection, and a locomotive facility. The locomotive facility opened in 2000 and the service & inspection facility opened in May 2001 after an investment of over \$50 million, jointly funded by Amtrak and the State of California. This complex maintains and services approximately 50 locomotives and 244 passenger cars, most of which are part of Amtrak's bi-level Superliner fleet and Pacific Surfliner fleet.

Amtrak also performs equipment servicing and maintenance in Oakland. Amtrak leases space in an existing maintenance facility owned by the Union Pacific railroad. This complex maintains and services approximately 17 locomotives and 78 passenger cars, which are Amtrak California Car equipment. This facility also provides turnaround servicing for the California Zephyr equipment. A new facility is being constructed in Oakland. Amtrak is investing \$26.6 million to this location and Caltrans is investing \$37.7 million. The facility is expected to be open in the spring of 2005.

One of Amtrak's major reservations centers is located in Riverside, 70 miles southeast of Los Angeles. As of August 2003, this state-of-the-art 51,000 sq. feet facility had 623 employees.

Capital Projects

Since 1990, the state of California has invested over \$1.5 billion to upgrade track and signal systems; renovate stations and purchase passenger cars and locomotives. Amtrak has invested \$400 million in purchase of passenger cars and locomotives, upgrading and renovation of maintenance facilities and investments in technology.

Service Expansion

The California Passenger Rail System 20-Year Improvement Plan, unveiled March of 2001, calls for \$10.1 billion investment into passenger rail to increase mobility and provide more choices for travelers. It establishes goals for the state's existing and emerging rail corridors and proposes a statewide consensus vision enabling ridership to grow by 300 percent over the next 20 years, including:

- Hourly service between Los Angeles and San Diego, with a trip time of less than 2 hours, down from the current 2 hours and 45 minutes, and faster and more frequent service to Santa Barbara and San Luis Obispo.
- A total of 21 additional intercity roundtrips.
- The first downtown Los Angeles to downtown San Francisco service in 30 years.
- Improvements required to expand Metrolink service to the Antelope Valley, San Bernardino, and Riverside.

Selected Highlights

Amtrak's corridors in California all saw large ridership gains in FY2003, including:

The *Capitols* (San Jose-Oakland-Sacramento-Auburn): + 5.5%

The *Pacific Surfliner* (San Diego-Los Angeles-Santa Barbara-San Luis Obispo): +26.3%

The *San Joaquins* (Bakersfield-Oakland/Sacramento): +6.6%

California has the second highest ridership in the country, second only to the state of New York.