



Amtrak Fact Sheet State of Connecticut

Amtrak Service & Ridership

Amtrak operates approximately 46 trains daily in Connecticut. In addition to service on the coast and in the Connecticut Valley via *Acela Express* and *Regional* trains, Amtrak also operates one shorter-distance train, the *Vermont* (Washington, D.C.–New Haven–St. Albans, VT.).

During FY03 Amtrak served the following Connecticut locations:

<u>City</u>	<u>Ridership</u>
Berlin	15,351
Bridgeport	50,773
Hartford	127,760
Meriden	14,083
Mystic	14,217
New Haven*	501,064
New London	114,756
Old Saybrook	41,395
Stamford	272,349
Wallingford	4,770
Windsor	6,256
Windsor Locks	9,121
Total Connecticut Ridership:	1,171,895

**New Haven is the 17th busiest station in the national Amtrak System.*

Procurement/Contracts

Amtrak expended \$7,845,416 for goods and services in Connecticut in FY03. Most of this money was spent in the following locations:

<u>City</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Bloomfield	\$483,397
Danbury	\$2,217,787
Waterford	\$2,353,483

Employment

As of December 2003, Amtrak employed 641 Connecticut residents. Total wages of Amtrak employees living in Connecticut were \$25,991,340 in calendar year 2003.

Contract Commuter Services

Amtrak operates Connecticut's Shore Line East commuter service between New Haven and New London for the Connecticut Department of Transportation (CDOT). CDOT is studying the possible start of a new commuter service on the Amtrak-owned Springfield line. A report is expected to be complete in November 2004. CDOT is also planning to move forward over the next two years with construction of new platforms and additional parking at its Branford, Guilford, Madison, Clinton, and Westbrook stations.

Major Facilities

Amtrak owns and operates a rail yard in New Haven where routine maintenance and equipment repair takes place. Amtrak recently opened a new servicing facility in New Haven. Known as Parcel G, it handles both electric and diesel locomotives. Parcel G allowed Amtrak to vacate older facilities on property owned by CDOT.

Station Improvements

In November 2002, Amtrak completed construction of a center-island platform at Old Saybrook, together with an accessible pedestrian overpass. The additional platform serves both Amtrak and Shore Line East commuter rail passengers and eliminates the need for passengers to walk across tracks to access trains.

At New London, a new high-level platform was built to accommodate the new *Acela Express* trains, which require high-level platforms.

Selected Highlights

Ridership on Amtrak since May along the line between Springfield, Mass., and New Haven on the *Shuttle* trains are up 107 percent, to 31,000, after fares were reduced by up to 30 percent and five daily trains added to the schedule in late April.