



## Amtrak Fact Sheet, Fiscal Year 2007

# State of Connecticut

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### Amtrak Service & Ridership

Amtrak operates approximately 46 trains daily in Connecticut. These include *Acela Express*, *Regional*, and *Vermont* (Washington, D.C.-New Haven-St. Albans, Vt.) services along the coast, and *Vermont* and *Springfield Shuttle* services between New Haven, Hartford, and Springfield, Mass.

During FY07 Amtrak served the following Connecticut locations:

<u>City</u>	<u>Boardings + Alightings</u>
Berlin	22,570
Bridgeport	66,292
Hartford	150,088
Meriden	30,114
Mystic	17,423
New Haven*	640,281
New London	161,658
Old Saybrook	62,713
Stamford	339,932
Wallingford	13,187
Windsor	8,984
Windsor Locks	12,957
<b>Total Connecticut Station Usage:</b>	<b>1,528,199</b>

*\*New Haven is the 12th busiest station in the national Amtrak System.*

### Procurement/Contracts

Amtrak expended \$14,759,440 for goods and services in Connecticut in FY07. Much of this money was spent in the following locations:

<u>City</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Danbury	\$ 4,094,476
Newington	\$ 4,862,312
Southbury	\$ 1,803,466
Stamford	\$ 1,112,022

## **Employment**

At the end of FY07, Amtrak employed 497\* Connecticut residents. Total wages of Amtrak employees living in Connecticut were \$31,566,749\* during FY07.

*\*Due to a change in methodology, FY07 employment and wage figures are not directly comparable to those reported in prior years.*

## **Contract Commuter Services**

Amtrak operates Connecticut's Shore Line East commuter service between New Haven and New London for the Connecticut Department of Transportation (ConnDOT). The agreement to operate this service has been extended to June 30, 2008. A three-phase expansion plan starting in 2008 will include new weekend service and additional weekday service; service extensions to/from New London; and full bi-directional service with upgraded stations.

ConnDOT is studying future commuter service on Amtrak's Springfield line, including new stations and double tracking selected segments. Springfield line service could start in 2008 with full service by 2025. The state anticipates additional, peak and off-peak service to be added to New York (Penn Station and Grand Central Terminal) by 2030.

## **Major Facilities**

Amtrak owns and operates a rail yard in New Haven where routine maintenance and equipment repair takes place. It services both electric and diesel locomotives.

There are several moveable bridges along the Northeast Corridor in southeastern Connecticut. Three of these bridges—Thames, Niantic, and Connecticut River, built circa 1907-1919—need varying levels of repair or replacement to improve reliability and decrease the chance of a failure that will shut off either train or boat traffic. In recent years, both Thames and Niantic have been prone to operating failures and unreliability. Thames needed emergency repairs in 2004 to keep it in operation. Connecticut River has some serious structural deficiencies that need to be addressed, and a feasibility study is planned to determine whether to repair or replace the bridge.

During Fiscal 2005, Amtrak awarded a \$59.8-million contract to Cianbro Corporation of Pittsfield, Me., for the rehabilitation of the Thames River Bridge, located between New London and Groton. The entire project will cost \$76 million. This three-year project began in Fiscal 2006. In a 10-day process, the existing 1919 bascule lift portion of the bridge will be removed and a new vertical lift segment installed in its place. This will require a four-day closure of the railroad at New London in mid-June 2008.