



## Amtrak Fact Sheet, Fiscal Year 2007

# State of Delaware

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### Amtrak Service & Ridership

In Delaware, Amtrak is the link to major Atlantic Coast cities through the operation of approximately 90 trains daily, primarily *Acela Express*, and *Regional* trains. Also, Amtrak operates the following long-distance trains that stop at Wilmington:

- *Crescent* (daily New York-Atlanta-New Orleans)
- *Palmetto* (daily New York-Savannah)
- *Silver Meteor* (daily New York-Miami)
- *Silver Star* (daily New York-Tampa-Miami)
- *Cardinal* (tri-weekly New York-Washington-Cincinnati-Chicago)

Amtrak also operates the following shorter-distance trains through Delaware:

- The *Carolinian* (daily New York-Richmond-Charlotte)
- The *Vermont* (daily Washington-St. Albans)

During FY07 Amtrak served the following Delaware locations:

<u>City</u>	<u>Boardings+Alightings</u>
Newark	7,183
Wilmington*	704,387
<b>Total Delaware Station Usage:</b>	<b>711,570</b>

*\*Wilmington is the 11th busiest station in the national Amtrak System.*

### Procurement/Contracts

Amtrak expended \$5,835,838 for goods and services in Delaware in FY07. Most of this money was spent in the following locations:

<u>City</u>	<u>Amount</u>
New Castle	\$ 1,642,223
Wilmington	\$ 2,253,763

## **Employment**

At the end of FY07, Amtrak employed 973\* Delaware residents. Total wages of Amtrak employees living in Delaware were \$55,093,623 during FY07.

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

## **Commuter Services**

Amtrak provides SEPTA and the Delaware Transit Corporation (DTC) with access to Northeast Corridor tracks for their Philadelphia-Wilmington-Newark commuter operations.

The state and Amtrak are also reviewing a plan to develop an infrastructure improvement plan to accommodate increased commuter service between Wilmington and Newark, and possible future service south to Dover.

## **Major Facilities**

Delaware is home to Amtrak's Consolidated National Operations Center (CNOC), the high-tech, 50,000-square-foot facility from which Amtrak's national operations are controlled. The facility, in Wilmington opened in 1998.

Amtrak's High-Speed Rail Training Facility, also in Wilmington, is where engineers, conductors and on-board staff are trained for *Acela Express* service. This new facility features cutting edge technology and hands-on labs for training engineers, conductors and on-board staff. The training center houses a full-scale motion simulator that duplicates the experience of operating the new *Acela Express* trainset from inside the cab, an on-board service-training lab complete with seats, tables and food preparation areas, and nine classrooms. The facility opened in 1999.

Delaware is also home to two major maintenance and repair facilities that serve the entire Northeast Corridor -- the Wilmington Shops and the Bear Maintenance Facility. All Amfleet cars, as well as all electric locomotives used on the Northeast Corridor, are maintained, repaired, and overhauled at these two important facilities.

## **Station Investments**

Delaware DOT, which contracts with SEPTA to provide service to Wilmington and Newark, in prior years funded the upgrade of Track A between those two stations, and currently is working in partnership with Amtrak on a \$30-million project to renovate Wilmington station.