



Amtrak Fact Sheet, Fiscal Year 2005

State of Florida

Amtrak Service & Ridership

Amtrak operates four long-distance trains through Florida:

- The *Auto Train* (daily Lorton, Va.-Sanford, Fla.)
- The *Silver Meteor* (New York-Orlando-Miami)
- The *Silver Star* (daily New York-Orlando-Tampa-Miami)
- The *Sunset Limited* (tri-weekly Los Angeles-Orlando via New Orleans, Pensacola and Jacksonville)*

*Sunset Limited *service suspended east of New Orleans due to Hurricane Katrina damage.*

During FY05 Amtrak served the following Florida locations:

<u>City</u>	<u>Boardings + Alightings</u>
Chipley***	1,424
Crestview***	1,212
Dade City*	170
Deerfield Beach	22,375
Deland	19,237
Delray Beach	7,854
Fort Lauderdale	41,105
Hollywood	28,087
Jacksonville	64,089
Kissimmee	30,734
Lake City***	606
Lakeland	12,856
Madison***	362
Miami	68,545
Ocala*	671
Okeechobee	3,129
Orlando	143,852
Palatka	11,180

Pensacola***	3,254
Sanford**	9,174
Sanford (Auto-Train Station)	204,698
Sebring	15,130
Tallahassee***	2,488
Tampa	53,824
Waldo*	297
West Palm Beach	47,908
Wildwood*	205
Winter Haven	23,597
Winter Park	23,177
Total Florida Station Usage:	841,240

* Rail service ended 10/31/04 with conversion of New York-Tampa-Miami Palmetto to a New York-Savannah service. Stations are still served by Thruway bus connecting with Silver Star.

** Service ended 8/1/05.

*** Rail service suspended 8/27/05 due to Hurricane Katrina.

Train service to Dade City, Ocala, Waldo and Wildwood ended on October 31, 2004, with conversion of the New York-Tampa-Miami *Palmetto* to a New York-Savannah service. These stations are now served during daylight hours by an Amtrak Thruway bus that connects with the *Silver Star* in Jacksonville and also provides direct service to Gainesville. Due to deterioration of the Sanford main line station, which Amtrak does not own, Amtrak has also ceased stopping regular trains at Sanford as of August 1, 2005. Sanford continues to be served by the *Auto Train*, which uses a separate terminal.

Procurement/Contracts

Amtrak expended \$25,749,989 for goods and services in Florida in FY05. Much of this money was spent in the following locations:

<u>City</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Fort Lauderdale	\$ 1,056,021
Hialeah	\$ 3,020,445
Jacksonville	\$ 11,178,964
Miami	\$ 1,216,697
Orlando	\$ 7,241,923

Employment

During fiscal year 2005, Amtrak employed 947 Florida residents. Total wages of Amtrak employees living in Florida were \$46,538,038 during this period.

Major Facilities

Amtrak operates the Hialeah maintenance facility in Miami, which services and performs light overhauls for Viewliner, Amfleet, and Heritage cars for *Silver Service* trains, as well as the Sanford maintenance facility which services the Superliner-equipped *Auto Train* and *Sunset Limited*.

Amtrak's Southern Division, which is responsible for Amtrak's operations in the Southeastern United States, is headquartered in Jacksonville. Amtrak also has train and engine crew bases in Miami, Sanford and Jacksonville, an on-board service crew base in Hialeah, and contractor-operated commissaries in Hialeah and Sanford.

Auto Train

Amtrak's *Auto Train* service operates daily between Lorton, Virginia (outside of Washington, D.C.) and the *Auto Train* terminal off I-4 in Sanford, Florida. This unique service carries passengers and their vehicles on a 16½ hour overnight trip from Northern Virginia to Florida. Passengers ride in Superliner coaches and sleepers, while their vehicles are transported in auto carrier cars at the rear of the train and are delivered to them upon arrival at the Sanford terminal. During FY 2005, Amtrak's *Auto Train* carried 204,698 passengers and 103,326 vehicles.

Amtrak has recently acquired new auto carrier cars to replace the up to 50-year old auto carriers previously operated. The new auto carriers increase the maximum number of sedans that can be carried on each train from 187 to 250, and the maximum number of minivans and SUVs from 29 to 120. Amtrak's capital plan (which is subject to federal funding levels) includes additional capital investments to overhaul Superliner cars and P-42 diesel locomotives used on the *Auto Train*, and \$2.5 million to repair hurricane damage, replace hydraulic ramps, and expand the passenger waiting area at the Sanford terminal.