



# Amtrak Fact Sheet State of Georgia

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## Amtrak Service & Ridership

Amtrak operates four long-distance trains through Georgia:

- The *Crescent* (daily New York-Atlanta-New Orleans)
- The *Palmetto* (daily New York-Savannah-Tampa-Miami via Columbia, S.C.)
- The *Silver Meteor* (New York-Savannah-Miami via Charleston, S.C.)
- The *Silver Star* (daily New York-Savannah-Miami via Columbia, S.C.)

During FY03 Amtrak served the following Georgia locations:

<u>City</u>	<u>Ridership</u>
Atlanta	91,891
Gainesville	4,717
Jesup	6,160
Savannah	41,248
Toccoa	2,434
<b>Total Georgia Ridership:</b>	<b>146,450</b>

## Procurement/Contracts

Amtrak expended \$4,283,597 for goods and services in Georgia in FY03. Most of this money was spent in Atlanta, \$3,211,317.

## Employment

As of December 2003, Amtrak employed 80 Georgia residents. Total wages of Amtrak employees living in Georgia were \$2,784,514 in calendar year 2003.

## Amtrak Mayor's Advisory Council

*Mayor C. Jack Ellis* of Macon, Georgia is an active member of Amtrak's national Mayor's 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.