



Amtrak Fact Sheet State of Louisiana

Amtrak Service & Ridership

Amtrak operates three long-distance trains through Louisiana:

- The *Crescent* (daily New Orleans-Atlanta-New York)
- The *City of New Orleans* (daily Chicago-Memphis-New Orleans via Hammond, Louisiana)
- The *Sunset Limited* (tri-weekly Orlando-New Orleans-Los Angeles)

During FY03 Amtrak served the following Louisiana locations:

<u>City</u>	<u>Ridership</u>
Hammond	8,781
Lafayette	2,136
Lake Charles	2,015
New Iberia	603
New Orleans	164,058
Schriever	337
Slidell	4,089
Total Louisiana Ridership:	182,019

Procurement/Contracts

Amtrak expended \$2,053,916 for goods and services in Louisiana in FY03. Most of this money was spent in Houma, \$1,447,002.

Employment

As of December 2003, Amtrak employed 346 Louisiana residents. Total wages of Amtrak employees living in Louisiana were \$10,617,996 in calendar year 2003.

Maintenance Facility

New Orleans south facility maintains approximately 40 P42 and P32 locomotives by providing “running” and “periodical” maintenance. Wreck damage is also another function of the facility. The facility also provides running repair facilities for equipment on the *City of New Orleans* and the *Crescent*, including periodical repair, which is every 92 days for cars and 90 days for locomotives. Also, engineering department personnel are assigned to this facility to perform signal and track work.