



Amtrak Fact Sheet, Fiscal Year 2005

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)
- The *Sunset Limited* (tri-weekly Orlando-New Orleans-Los Angeles)*

*All service in Louisiana that was suspended due to Hurricane Katrina has been restored, except for the *Sunset Limited* east of New Orleans, where the CSX mainline along the Gulf Coast sustained major damage.

During FY05 Amtrak served the following Louisiana locations:

| <u>City</u> | <u>Boardings + Alightings</u> |
|---------------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Hammond | 9,473 |
| Lafayette* | 2,039 |
| Lake Charles* | 1,497 |
| New Iberia* | 562 |
| New Orleans* | 147,955 |
| Schriever* | 407 |
| Slidell* | 4,550 |
| Total Louisiana Station Usage: | 166,483 |

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

Procurement/Contracts

Amtrak expended \$ 4,248,444 for goods and services in Louisiana in FY05. Most of this money was spent in Houma, \$3,796,367.

Employment

During fiscal year 2005, Amtrak employed 356 Louisiana residents. Total wages of Amtrak employees living in Louisiana were \$14,926,856 during this period.

Maintenance Facility

New Orleans is the home of a maintenance facility where approximately 56 Superliner cars used on the *City of New Orleans* and 40 locomotives undergo periodic and running maintenance. Also, engineering department personnel are assigned to this facility to perform signal and track work.