



# Amtrak Fact Sheet State of Maine

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## Amtrak Service & Ridership

Amtrak operates one regional service in Maine, the *Downeaster* (4 daily round-trips Boston-Portland, ME).

During FY03 Amtrak served the following Maine locations:

<u>City</u>	<u>Ridership</u>
Old Orchard Beach	5,966
Portland	137,026
Saco-Biddeford	18,153
Wells	23,878
<b>Total Maine Ridership:</b>	<b>185,023</b>

## State Agreements

Amtrak operates the *Downeaster* under contract with the State of Maine's Northern New England Passenger Rail Authority (NNEPRA).

## Procurement/Contracts

Amtrak expended \$1,230,570 for goods and services in Maine in FY03. Most of this money was spent in South Portland, \$1,227,725.

## Employment

As of December 2003, Amtrak employed 36 Maine residents. Total wages of Amtrak employees living in Maine were \$1,299,329 in calendar year 2003.

## About the *Downeaster*

December 14, 2001 marked the inaugural run of the *Downeaster*, which restored passenger rail service between Boston and Portland after an absence of more than 35 years. The service features four daily roundtrip trains between Portland and Boston's North Station, with eight intermediate stops-Woburn, Haverhill, Exeter, Durham-UNH, Dover, Wells, Saco, and in season, Old Orchard Beach. The *Downeaster* has been a huge success, with over 250,000 passengers yearly riding the service.

## **Service Expansion**

Maine has plans to extend the *Downeaster* service to Freeport - the home of the L.L. Bean catalog company - and then on to Brunswick, ME by 2007.

### **Selected Highlights**

The *Downeaster* achieved on-time performance of 90.7% in fiscal year 2003, making it one of the best performers of any Amtrak train in the national system.