



Amtrak Fact Sheet, Fiscal Year 2004

State of Maine

Amtrak Service & Ridership

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

During FY04 Amtrak served the following Maine locations:

<u>City</u>	<u>Ridership</u>
Old Orchard Beach	6,340
Portland	110,620
Saco-Biddeford	19,863
Wells	24,646
Total Maine Ridership:	161,469

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 \$972,711 for goods and services in Maine in FY04. Most of this money was spent in South Portland, \$972,551.

Employment

During fiscal year 2004, Amtrak employed 24 Maine residents. Total wages of Amtrak employees living in Maine were \$1,186,968 during this period.

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 very popular, with 250,000 passengers yearly riding the service.

Selected Highlights

The *Downeaster* achieved on-time performance of 91.7% in fiscal year 2004, making it one of the best performers of any Amtrak train in the national system.