



Amtrak Fact Sheet, Fiscal Year 2005

State of Maine

Amtrak Service & Ridership

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

During FY05 Amtrak served the following Maine locations:

<u>City</u>	<u>Boardings + Alightings</u>
Old Orchard Beach	7,981
Portland	114,942
Saco-Biddeford	21,584
Wells	28,452
Total Maine Station Usage:	172,959

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 \$62,918,063 for goods and services in Maine in FY05. Most of this money was spent in the following locations:

<u>City</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Pittsfield	\$ 59,799,399
South Portland	\$ 3,098,037

The Pittsfield figure results from a contract with Cianbro Corporation for the rehabilitation of the Thames River Bridge, located on the Northeast Corridor between New London and Groton, Conn.

Employment

During fiscal year 2005, Amtrak employed 25 Maine residents. Total wages of Amtrak employees living in Maine were \$1,491,561 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 over 250,000 passengers yearly riding the service.

Most trains make the entire trip in 2 hours, 30 minutes since a 10-15 minute schedule reduction that took effect on April 25, 2005. This was made possible by track work and speed increases in 2004.

Selected Highlights

The *Downeaster* achieved on-time performance of 88.5% in Fiscal 2005, making it the second-best performer of any Amtrak route in the national system.

Ridership on the *Downeaster* increased by 10% in Fiscal 2005, to a record level of nearly 275,000 passengers.