



Amtrak Fact Sheet, Fiscal Year 2006

State of Maine

Amtrak Service & Ridership

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

During FY06 Amtrak served the following Maine locations:

<u>City</u>	<u>Boardings + Alightings</u>
Old Orchard Beach	8,419
Portland	139,519
Saco-Biddeford	22,896
Wells	32,513
Total Maine Station Usage:	203,347

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 \$1,508,981 for goods and services in Maine in FY06, nearly all of it in South Portland.

Employment

During fiscal year 2006, Amtrak employed 28 Maine residents. Total wages of Amtrak employees living in Maine were \$1,633,229 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. Ridership on the *Downeaster* service increased by 22% in Fiscal 2006, to a record level of nearly 338,000 passengers.

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.