



Amtrak Fact Sheet, Fiscal Year 2007

State of Maine

Amtrak Service & Ridership

Amtrak operates one regional service in Maine, the *Downeaster* (5 daily round-trips Boston-Portland).

During FY07 Amtrak served the following Maine locations:

<u>City</u>	<u>Boardings + Alightings</u>
Old Orchard Beach	8,873
Portland	137,720
Saco-Biddeford	23,391
Wells	34,522
Total Maine Station Usage:	204,506

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 \$1,360,409 for goods and services in Maine in FY07, nearly all of it in South Portland.

Employment

At the end of FY07, Amtrak employed 26* Maine residents. Total wages of Amtrak employees living in Maine were \$1,405,409* during FY07.

**Due to a change in methodology, FY07 employment and wage figures are not directly comparable to those reported in prior years.*

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 7% in Fiscal 2007, to a record level of over 361,000 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.