



## Amtrak Fact Sheet State of Massachusetts

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### Amtrak Service & Ridership

Amtrak operates approximately 56 trains daily in Massachusetts. In addition to the *Acela Express*, *Regional*, and *Metroliner* trains on the Northeast Corridor, Amtrak serves the state with one long distance train, the *Lake Shore Limited* (Boston-Albany-Cleveland-Chicago).

Amtrak also operates the following shorter-distance trains through Massachusetts:

- The *Downeaster* (4 daily round trips Boston-Portland, ME)
- The *Vermont* (daily Washington, D.C.-St. Albans, VT)

During FY03 Amtrak served the following Massachusetts locations:

<u>City</u>	<u>Ridership</u>
Amherst	9,501
Boston-Back Bay	245,425
Boston-North Station	223,843
Boston-South Station*	952,947
Framingham	3,268
Haverhill	11,437
Pittsfield	3,108
Route 128 (Boston)	308,233
Springfield	114,501
Woburn, MA	6,489
Worcester	15,145
<b>Total Massachusetts Ridership:</b>	<b>1,893,897</b>

\*Boston South Station is the 8<sup>th</sup> busiest station in the national Amtrak System.

## **Procurement/Contracts**

Amtrak expended \$16,895,277 for goods and services in Massachusetts in FY03. Most of this money was spent in the following locations:

<u>City</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Boston	\$733,711
Braintree	\$3,567,690
Burlington	\$1,545,522
Chelsea	\$1,579,323
Milbury	\$2,806,644
Westfield	\$1,156,999

## **Employment**

As of December 2003, Amtrak employed 2401 Massachusetts residents. Total wages of Amtrak employees living in Massachusetts were \$76,512,407 in calendar year 2003.

## **Other State Features**

Amtrak operates and maintains the 37.9-mile MBTA-owned Attleboro Line, between Boston and the Rhode Island state line for high-speed service.

Amtrak and the MBTA completed a major intermodal transportation center at Route 128, which features a 2,800 car parking facility, a modern high-speed rail and commuter station, and improved accessibility to new high-level platforms. With the advent of high-speed rail service, Route 128 has become a major Northeast Corridor destination.

## **Major Facilities**

Construction and improvements have been completed at Southampton Yard, the location of one of three of Amtrak's high-speed rail maintenance facilities built to handle the needs of Amtrak's Acela Express high-speed trainsets.

## **Station Improvements**

Amtrak completed renovations of its first class lounge at Boston's South Station. The lounge offers modern comforts overlooking South Station's busy concourse for first-class passengers.

Worcester completed renovations of its historic station, where Amtrak has relocated its ticket office.

## **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 riding each year.

## **Amtrak Mayor's Advisory Council**

*Mayor Thomas Menino* of Boston, Massachusetts is an active member of Amtrak's national Mayor's Advisory Council. The 19 member council was formed in 1999 to strengthen and build public/private partnerships, to raise national and local levels of awareness regarding the importance of passenger rail -- as a tool for economic development, mobility and congestion relief, to inform mayors as to the local initiatives that benefit Amtrak, and to serve as an advisory board to Amtrak on passenger rail issues.