



Amtrak Fact Sheet, Fiscal Year 2005 State of Massachusetts

Amtrak Service & Ridership

Amtrak operates approximately 56 trains daily in Massachusetts, including *Acela Express* and *Regional* trains on the Northeast Corridor.

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

- The *Downeaster* (4 daily round trips Boston-Portland)
- The *Vermont* (daily Washington, D.C.-St. Albans, Vt.)
- The *Lake Shore Limited* (daily Boston-Springfield-Albany, with direct connection at Albany to Cleveland and Chicago).

During FY05 Amtrak served the following Massachusetts locations:

<u>City</u>	<u>Boardings + Alightings</u>
Amherst	9,411
Boston-Back Bay	284,614
Boston-North Station	236,806
Boston-South Station*	971,196
Framingham	1,946
Haverhill	15,248
Pittsfield	4,743
Route 128 (Boston)	308,346
Springfield	108,686
Woburn	9,337
Worcester	6,235
Total Massachusetts Station Usage:	1,956,568

*Boston South Station is the 8th busiest station in the national Amtrak System.

Procurement/Contracts

Amtrak expended \$9,254,897 for goods and services in Massachusetts in FY05. Much of this money was spent in the following locations:

<u>City</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Braintree	\$ 1,461,187
Westfield	\$ 3,552,554

Employment

During fiscal year 2005, Amtrak employed 915 Massachusetts residents. Total wages of Amtrak employees living in Massachusetts were \$46,933,270 during this period.

Other State Features

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

Major Facilities

Amtrak maintains equipment at Southampton Yard in Boston, which is also the location of one of three of Amtrak's high-speed rail maintenance facilities dedicated to Amtrak's *Acela Express* high-speed trainsets.

Station Improvements

In January 2005, Amtrak began using a new intermodal facility in Pittsfield, which was built by the Berkshire Regional Transit Authority.

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.

Selected *Downeaster* 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.