



# Rhode Island

## Amtrak's Contributions to Rhode Island

Earnings supported by Amtrak in Rhode Island	Employment supported by Amtrak in Rhode Island	Value added* supported by Amtrak in Rhode Island
\$64,717,000	1,360	\$1,830,000

### State Snapshot

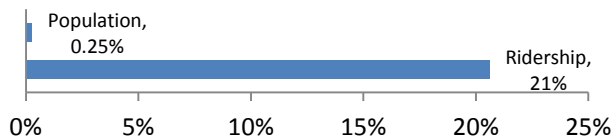
Number of Stations	3
Number of Local Riders**	441,112
Local Revenue	\$33,266,624
Number of Rail Passenger Miles***	65,317,476

Routes:  
**Northeast Regional, Acela**



Source: Amtrak

### Population and Amtrak Ridership Growth 2009-2015



#### Kingston, RI (KIN)

Kingston station has served the region since 1875, when it was built by the New York, Providence, and Boston Railroad. Amtrak gained control of the Northeast Corridor through Kingston in 1976. The station has received federal funding from the Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act, the Federal Highway Administration, and the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 for refurbishment of the station through the 1990s and 2000s. The station is served by *Northeast Regional* trains. In 2015, 157,547 passengers passed through the station and provided revenue valued at \$10,125,982.

### Amtrak's Effect on Tourism and Broader Economy

Emission reductions from traveling by Amtrak trains vs. traveling by car:	\$160,000
Cost savings from the lower risk of traveling by train vs. traveling by car:	\$2,306,000
Tourist spending generated from Amtrak passengers	\$807,000
Number of tourists that utilize Amtrak services	210,000
Percent of total riders that are tourists	48%
Federal taxes generated for Rhode Island from tourist spending	\$67,000
State taxes generated for Rhode Island from tourist spending	\$27,000
Local taxes generated for Rhode Island from tourist spending	\$10,000

\* Value Added - enhancement a company or business gives its product or service before providing it to customers (value of the final outputs from Amtrak minus the value of the inputs such as raw materials).

\*\* Local riders are defined as riders that boarded or alighted an Amtrak train in the state. May include out of state passengers transferring trains in the state.

\*\*\* Rail Passenger Mile - passenger rail miles are determined by multiplying the total number of passengers by the total number of miles traveled.

**PROFILE**

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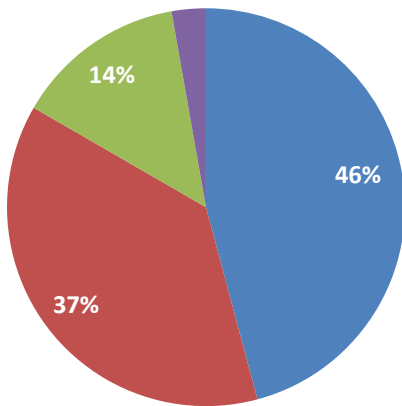
Rhode Island is served by the *Northeast Regional* and *Acela Express*, which stop at 3 stations. Providence is the state's busiest station. Despite having minimal population growth, ridership in Rhode Island is up 21 percent over the past six years. Given the state's small size, 100 percent of the state's population lives within 30 miles of an Amtrak station.

Among Amtrak riders in the state, 2 percent report that they would not have made the trip but for the availability of Amtrak service. The service provides important mobility and access needs for a number of residents. Moreover, the service is used by the full spectrum of income groups across the state's population.

Amtrak purchased \$2.1 million on goods and services from the Rhode Island economy in FY15. The railroad employed 338 Rhode Islanders who collectively earned over \$26 million in wages and salaries.

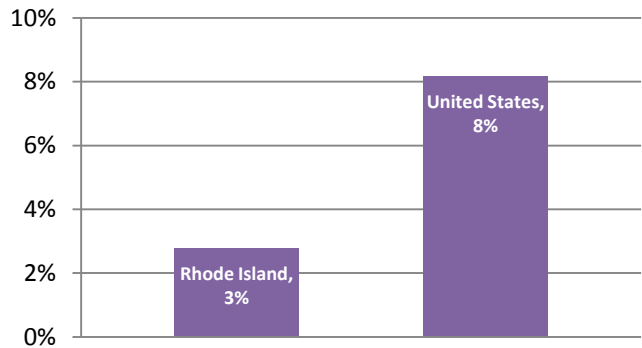
### Profile of Amtrak Customers

**Travel Mode Preference if Amtrak Unavailable**

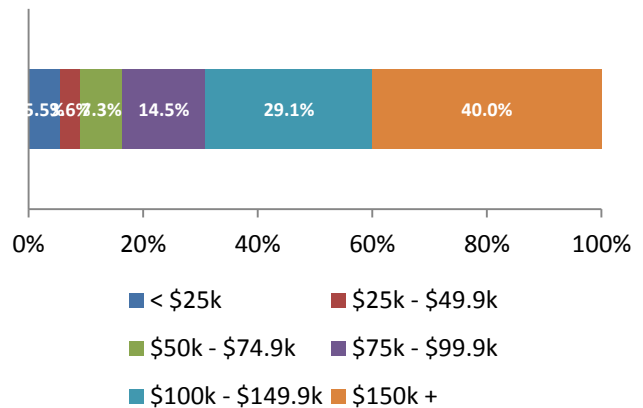


- Would drive if Amtrak unavailable
- Would fly if Amtrak unavailable
- Would use the bus if Amtrak unavailable
- Would not travel if Amtrak Unavailable

**Percent of Riders who Would Not Travel if Amtrak was Unavailable**



**Income Distribution of Amtrak Travelers in Rhode Island**



Percent of population within 30 miles of a rail or bus station served by Amtrak

**100%**

Amtrak emissions data courtesy of Climate Registry Information System. Automobile emissions per mile data courtesy of EPA. Emissions damage costs courtesy of Corporate Average Fuel Economy for MY2017-MY2025 Passenger Cars and Light Trucks (August 2012), page 922. Vehicle injury and fatality statistics courtesy of TIGER BENEFIT-COST ANALYSIS (BCA) RESOURCE GUIDE. Railroad passenger injury and fatality statistics courtesy of the Federal Railway Administration (FRA). Average vehicle operations cost per mile courtesy of AAA, Your Driving Costs, 2013.

Station information and pictures courtesy of <http://www.greatamericanstations.com/>. Brochure prepared by AECOM.