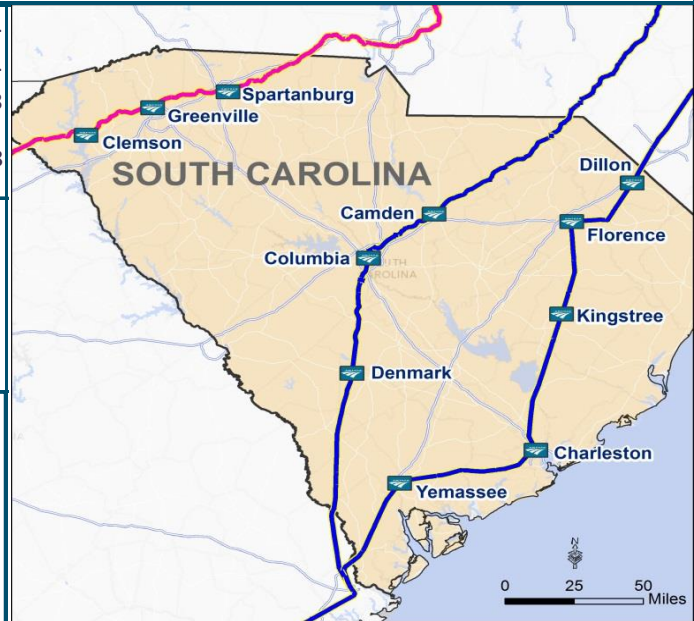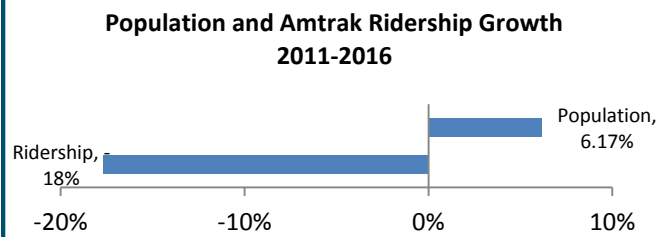# South Carolina

Amtrak's Contributions to South Carolina

Earnings supported by Amtrak in South Carolina	Employment supported by Amtrak in South Carolina	Value added* supported by Amtrak in South Carolina
$16,138,000	300	$16,176,000

State Snapshot

Number of Stations	11
Number of Local Riders**	97,911
Local Revenue	$8,824,748
Number of Rail Passenger Miles***	46,767,908

Routes:

Silver Service/Palmetto, Crescent

Population and Amtrak Ridership Growth 2011-2016

Source: Amtrak

Kingstree, SC (KTR)

The current Amtrak stop in Kingstree was built around 1909 by the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad. The station has been renovated several times and currently houses the Williamsburg (County) Hometown Chamber Offices as well as the Amtrak waiting room. The station currently serves the Palmetto and Silver Meteor routes. In 2016, 12,135 passengers passed through the station and provided revenue valued at $1,032,247.

Amtrak's Effect on Tourism and Broader Economy

Emission reductions from traveling by Amtrak trains vs. traveling by car:	$264,000
Cost savings from the lower risk of traveling by train vs. traveling by car:	$2,175,000
Tourist spending generated from Amtrak passengers	$484,000
Number of tourists that utilize Amtrak services	49,000
Percent of total riders that are tourists	50%
Federal taxes generated for South Carolina from tourist spending	$27,000
State taxes generated for South Carolina from tourist spending	$28,000
Local taxes generated for South Carolina from tourist spending	$15,000

* 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.
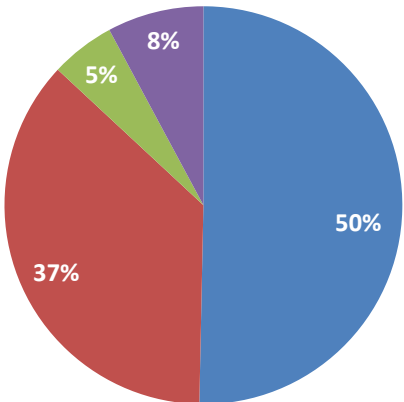
South Carolina is served by 4 train routes—the *Crescent* , the Palmetto, the Silver Meteor, and the Silver Star-- and 11 stations. The *Crescent* route takes passengers through Spartanburg, Greenville and Clemson. Charleston is the state's busiest station, followed by Florence. All trains that serve the state run daily.

An estimated 82 percent of the population lives within 30 miles of an Amtrak rail or bus station. Among Amtrak riders in the state, 8 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 $17 million of goods and services from the South Carolina economy in FY16. Also, 46 South Carolina residents worked for the railroad, collectively earning over $4.3 million in wages and salaries.
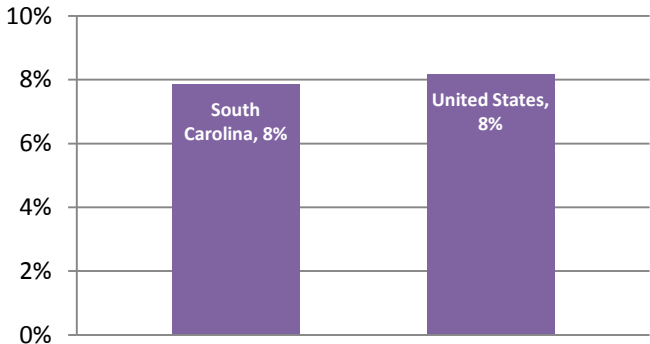
Profile of Amtrak Customers
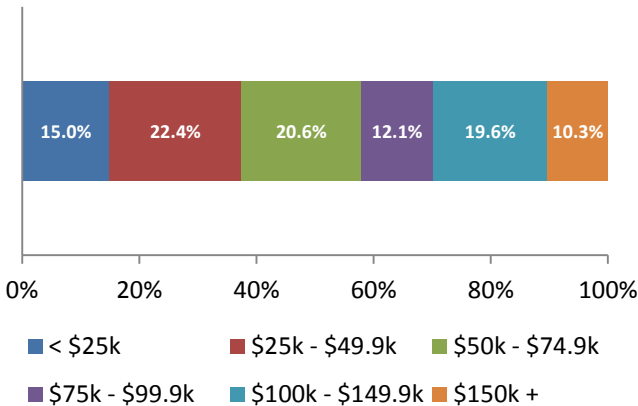
Travel Mode Preference if Amtrak Unavailable

- ■ 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 population within 30 miles of a rail station served by Amtrak	82%

Percent of Riders who Would Not Travel if Amtrak was Unavailable

Income Distribution of Amtrak Travelers in South Carolina

- ■ < $25k
- ■ $25k - $49.9k
- ■ $50k - $74.9k
- ■ $75k - $99.9k
- ■ $100k - $149.9k
- ■ $150k +