Tennessee

Amtrak's Contributions to Tennessee

Earnings supported by Amtrak in Tennessee	Employment supported by Amtrak in Tennessee	Value added* supported by Amtrak in Tennessee
$4,862,000	100	$5,497,000

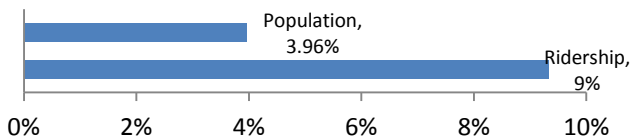## State Snapshot

Number of Stations	2
Number of Local Riders**	37,334
Local Revenue	$3,012,016
Number of Rail Passenger Miles***	15,677,771

Routes:

City of New Orleans

Population and Amtrak Ridership Growth 2011-2016

Population, 3.96%

Ridership, 9%

Source: Amtrak

Memphis, TN (MEM)

Central Station was built in 1914 by the Illinois Central Railroad. After acquiring ownership in 1998, the Memphis Area Transportation Authority (MATA) initiated a $23.2 million campaign to completely renovate and restore the station as a premier transportation, commercial, and residential center. The work was completed in 1999. Federal contribution amounted to $17 million and the remainder came from private sources. The station serves the *City of New Orleans* route. It contains apartments, commercial space, a police precinct, and has a heritage streetcar stop outside. In 2016, 72,127 passengers passed through the station and provided revenue valued at $5,778,873.

Amtrak's Effect on Tourism and Broader Economy

Emission reductions from traveling by Amtrak trains vs. traveling by car:	$97,000
Cost savings from the lower risk of traveling by train vs. traveling by car:	$799,000
Tourist spending generated from Amtrak passengers	$78,000
Number of tourists that utilize Amtrak services	14,000
Percent of total riders that are tourists	39%
Federal taxes generated for Tennessee from tourist spending	$6,000
State taxes generated for Tennessee from tourist spending	$4,000
Local taxes generated for Tennessee from tourist spending	$2,000

* 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.

Tennessee is served by the *City of New Orleans* train route and 2 stations. Memphis is the state's busiest station. Amtrak and Memphis Area Transit Authority recently partnered on an improvement project at Memphis's Central Station which renovated the floors in the waiting room.
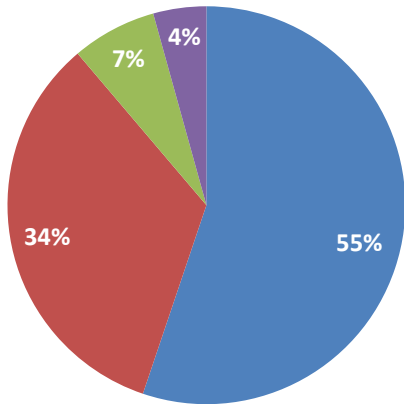
Ridership in Tennessee is up 9 percent over the past five years, underscoring the popularity of Amtrak's services.

An estimated 18 percent of the population lives within 30 miles of an Amtrak rail or bus station. Among Amtrak riders in the state, 4 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 $5.5 million of goods and services from the Tennessee economy in FY16. In addition, 14 Tennessee residents worked for the railroad, collectively earning over $1.1 million in wages and salaries.
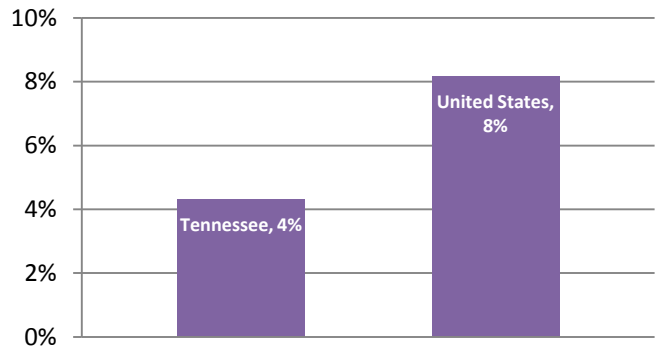
Profile of Amtrak Customers

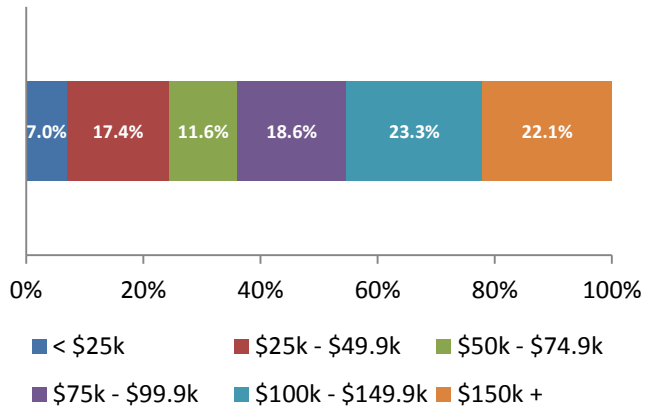### Travel Mode Preference if Amtrak Unavailable

- 55%
- 34%
- 7%
- 4%

■ 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

Tennessee, 4%

United States, 8%

Income Distribution of Amtrak Travelers in Tennessee

| 7.0% | 17.4% | 11.6% | 18.6% | 23.3% | 22.1% |

■ < $25k   ■ $25k - $49.9k   ■ $50k - $74.9k

■ $75k - $99.9k   ■ $100k - $149.9k   ■ $150k +

| Percent of population within 30 miles of a rail station served by Amtrak | **18%** |