

# Amtrak Fact Sheet Fiscal Year 2022 State of New Jersey

#### **Amtrak Service & Ridership**

At the end of FY 2022, Amtrak operated over 80 trains per day in New Jersey, as part of the following routes:

## Long Distance

*Cardinal* (thrice weekly New York-Washington-Charlottesville-Charleston-Cincinnati-Indianapolis-Chicago)

**Crescent** (daily New York-Washington-Charlottesville-Charlotte-Atlanta-Birmingham-New Orleans) **Palmetto** (daily New York-Washington-Richmond-Charleston-Savannah)

Silver Meteor (daily New York-Washington-Richmond-Charleston-Savannah-Jacksonville-Miami)

Silver Star (daily New York-Washington-Richmond-Columbia-Savannah-Jacksonville-Tampa-Miami)

#### State Supported

**Carolinian** (daily New York-Washington-Richmond-Selma/Smithfield-Raleigh-Charlotte)

**Keystone** (daily New York-Trenton-Philadelphia-Paoli-Lancaster-Elizabethtown-Harrisburg)

Pennsylvanian (daily New York-Trenton-Philadelphia-Harrisburg-Pittsburgh)

**Vermonter** (daily Washington-Philadelphia-New York-New Haven-Berlin-Springfield-Essex Junction-St. Albans)

#### Northeast Corridor

**Acela** (daily Washington-Baltimore-Wilmington-Philadelphia-Newark-New York-New Haven-Providence-Boston)

**Northeast Regional** (daily Richmond-Washington-BWI-Baltimore-Wilmington-Philadelphia-Trenton-Newark-New York-New Haven-New London-Providence-Boston)

## **Stations Served**

During FY 2022, Amtrak trains served the following locations in New Jersey.

City (Code)	Ridership
Metropark (MET)	225,661
New Brunswick (NBK)	21,937
Newark (Penn Station) (NWK)	495,422
Newark Liberty Int'l. (EWR)	124,197
Princeton Junction (PJC)	51,957
Trenton (TRE)	254,694
Total New Jersey Station Usage:	1,173,868

Amtrak maintains the Great American Stations website (<a href="https://www.greatamericanstations.com/">https://www.greatamericanstations.com/</a>), which includes detailed profiles of every Amtrak station. Information available includes a brief history of each station, a review of what organization or organizations are responsible for the various portions of each

facility, a list of routes serving each station, contact information for the appropriate Amtrak representative for that station, and relevant local community links.

#### **Host Railroads & On Time Performance**

Amtrak relies heavily on the cooperation of other railroads to operate routes using tracks that Amtrak does not own or control. Host railroads are statutorily required to provide Amtrak trains "preference" over freight transportation. However, on time performance on most host railroads is poor and continues to decline largely due to hosts ignoring their statutory responsibilities.

Listed below are the Amtrak services that operate in New Jersey with each service's host railroads and customer on-time performance (OTP) in FY 2022:

Service	Host Railroad (s)	FY22 OTP	
Cardinal	CSX, Norfolk Southern, Buckingham Branch Railroad	48%	
Crescent	Norfolk Southern	53%	
Palmetto	CSX	68%	
Silver Meteor	CSX, Florida Central Rail Corridor, Florida DOT	44%	
Silver Star	CSX, Norfolk Southern, Florida Central Rail Corridor,	26%	
	Florida DOT	2070	
Carolinian	CSX, Norfolk Southern	62%	
Keystone	Amtrak	95%	
Pennsylvanian	Norfolk Southern, Amtrak	68%	
Vermonter	Massachusetts DOT, Metro-North, New England Central	81%	
Acela	Amtrak, Metro-North	82%	
Northeast Regional (spine)	Amtrak, Metro-North	84%	

Customer OTP measures what proportion of customers arrive at their destination on time. For *Acela* trains, the margin is within ten minutes of the schedule and the margin is 15 minutes for all other trains. Thus, if a train is 16 minutes late to its final stop, and all its riders are headed for that stop, then even if the train is on time at every intermediate stop, customer OTP would be 0%, reflecting the passengers' experience.

#### **Amtrak Guest Rewards**

At the end of FY 2022, there were approximately 14.4 million members of Amtrak Guest Rewards (AGR), with 530,073 members listing an address in New Jersey. For more information about AGR, please see: https://www.amtrak.com/guestrewards/home

#### **Procurement**

In FY 2022, Amtrak procured goods and services worth \$2.85 billion, and 99.0% of that figure was sourced from firms headquartered domestically. In New Jersey, Amtrak spent \$153,299,000, broken down in the following locations:

City	Amount (\$)
Basking Ridge	1,984,333
Bellmawr	4,326,964
Berlin	168,031
Bridgeport	1,205,081

Camden	101,770
Cherry Hill	265,848
Cinnaminson	1,793,028
Clifton	835,746
Collingswood	757,259
Cranford	7,546,214
East Brunswick	172,853
East Windsor	943,606
Edison	15,206,865
Ewing	198,725
Farmingdale	147,956
Florence	920,553
Florham Park	549,996
Freehold	621,775
Hackensack	2,955,978
Hainesport	258,280
Hammonton	1,111,982
Hightstown	114,750
Hillside	463,961
Iselin	730,776
Jersey City	791,544
, , Kenilworth	884,450
Lambertville	1,907,401
Maple Shade	163,774
Maplewood	422,783
Medford	135,000
Montclair	266,526
Moorestown	1,833,376
Morristown	246,668
Mount Laurel	5,373,613
Newark	17,194,590
Paramus	2,586,883
Parsippany	15,465,122
Paterson	23,927,195
Pedricktown	336,700
Pennsauken	726,209
Perth Amboy	331,153
Piscataway	3,128,582
Pitman .	143,000
Princeton	2,112,834
Rahway	2,429,666
Red Bank	178,947
Robbinsville	193,787
Roseland	160,479
Runnemede	1,456,336
Saddle Brook	1,050,530
Secaucus	223,470
Sicklerville	125,762
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174,978
139,589
1,232,595
1,515,527
200,439
257,490
2,696,425
962,829
387,724
479,650
565,646
406,018
14,983,950

#### **Employment & Wages**

At the end of FY 2022, Amtrak employed 18,689 people, including 1,703 New Jersey residents. Total FY 2022 wages were \$1.92 billion, of which New Jersey residents earned \$19,3723,158.

#### **Additional Information**

#### **Partnerships**

New Jersey Transit (NJT) operates more than 400 weekday trains (about half as many on weekends) on the Northeast Corridor (NEC). Under joint benefit and annual contribution agreements extending back to 1989, New Jersey has directly invested more than \$500 million in projects primarily designed to help achieve a state of good repair and enhance the reliability of existing services. Projects funded under the agreements include welded rail and concrete tie installation on all tracks in NJT service territory, renewal, and upgrades to major interlockings (such as County and Hudson), improvements to substations, catenary, and signals, and contributions to the New York Penn Station life safety and tunnels program.

#### **Station Improvements**

**Newark Penn Station**: Opened in 1935, it was designed as a high-capacity, multimodal facility. With funding from the Federal Transit Administration, NJT repaired and restored passenger platform 5, roof drainage systems, canopy roof, duct work, brick and tile walls, window, doors, signage, lighting, video surveillance, and passenger communications systems. The project improved the condition, appearance, and functionality of the platforms, at a cost of about \$25 million.

In October 2019, Governor Phil Murphy, Amtrak Board Chairman Tony Coscia, and NJ TRANSIT CEO Kevin Corbett announced start of construction work at four New Jersey train stations, a result of a joint commitment of NJ TRANSIT and Amtrak to improve the customer and travel experience throughout the state. The work took place throughout fall 2019 and early 2020. Specifics of the projects at each station include the following:

New Brunswick: Improvements to the elevator system; an extension of the eastbound platform for extra boarding capacity; significant rehabilitation of the station's exterior brick façade; installation of new lighting, windows, HVAC system, and escalator; and a paint refresh.

- **Elizabeth**: Upgrades include the addition of two new elevators; updating the existing two elevators; the addition of ADA-complaint ramps; and building new high-level platforms, which will also increase the platform area for passengers.
- Trenton Transit Center: Replacement of damaged timber boards that are located past the yellow warning strip on the platform to improve customer safety.
- Princeton Junction: General platform repairs to improve customer safety, including the refresh of platforms that have deteriorated for decades from exposure to weather and de-icing agents. This includes reinforcing the platform supports, patching concrete, repainting the yellow warning strip, and general repair of the stairs and handrails.

#### **New Jersey Northeast Corridor Improvements**

The Gateway Program is a series of rail infrastructure projects to improve and expand the most congested 10-mile section of the NEC – between New York City and Newark. Gateway will first add needed resiliency and ultimately create the capacity for an approximate doubling of passenger trains under the Hudson River into New York Penn Station.

**Portal North Bridge**: Currently in construction; NJ Transit procured contract; Notice to proceed issued April 2022. With a \$766.5 million funding commitment from the FTA, NJ TRANSIT – with support from Amtrak – began procurement and selected a contractor for the nearly 2.5-mile-long project that will replace the moveable 111-year-old Portal Bridge with a modern, higher clearance fixed span.

Bergen Loops, Sawtooth Bridges, Dock Bridge Rehabilitation, Harrison Fourth Track, and other New Jersey-based Gateway projects advanced in 2022. IIJA funding applications are progressing in FY 2023 to accelerate the projects from planning stages to delivery.

# **AMTRAK ROUTES IN NEW JERSEY**





