



Amtrak Fact Sheet, Fiscal Year 2008

State of Ohio

Amtrak Service & Ridership

Amtrak serves Ohio with three long-distance trains:

- The *Capitol Limited* (daily Chicago-Cleveland-Pittsburgh-Washington, D.C.)
- The *Cardinal* (tri-weekly Chicago-Cincinnati-Washington, D.C.-New York)
- The *Lake Shore Limited* (daily Chicago-Cleveland-Buffalo-Boston/New York)

During FY08 Amtrak served the following Ohio locations:

<u>City</u>	<u>Boardings + Alightings</u>
Alliance	3,720
Bryan	5,507
Cincinnati	15,067
Cleveland	36,977
Elyria	3,426
Sandusky	5,832
Toledo	50,490
Total Ohio Station Usage:	121,019

Procurement/Contracts

Amtrak expended \$12,648,314 for goods and services in Ohio in FY08. Much of this money was spent in the following locations:

<u>City</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Cleveland	\$ 4,650,224
Sunbury	\$ 2,074,716

Employment

At the end of FY08, Amtrak employed 56 Ohio residents. Total wages of Amtrak employees living in Ohio were \$3,943,473 during FY08.

Expansion Planning

Governor Strickland, during 2008, asked Amtrak to study the feasibility of establishing passenger rail service along a corridor connecting Cleveland to Columbus, Dayton, and Cincinnati. Service along this route ended in 1971. The multi-phased study will examine several freight rail routes to determine compatibility with existing traffic, any necessary capital improvements, potential service schedules, ridership, revenue and state operating contribution. This study is the first step in the State's planned for "Ohio Hub" network of higher-speed, frequent trains connecting the principal business and population centers in the State with those in adjoining states and Canada.

Station Development

Amtrak is working with Lorain County and the Norfolk Southern Railroad to redevelop the historic New York Central depot as an intermodal transportation center for the City of Elyria. The renovated facility would service as a stop for Amtrak trains, local transit, and intercity bus service. Amtrak provides engineering consulting services free of charge to communities developing new or improved rail passenger facilities.

New information kiosks that provide information about train schedules, ticketing, safety, and security, while also providing an enhanced level of Amtrak brand visibility, were installed at the Alliance, Elyria, and Sandusky stations.