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AMTRAK: RECORD-BREAKING RIDERSHIP IN JULY Sets all-time record for most passengers in one month

WASHINGTON – Record numbers of passengers continue to choose [Amtrak](#) for their travel needs making July the best single ridership month ever in its history.

“Amtrak is delivering record ridership across the country and serving as an economic engine to help local communities grow and prosper,” said President and CEO Joe Boardman.

Year-over-year ridership in July grew 4.8 percent to more than 2.9 million passengers, an all-time record for most passengers in one month. Northeast Corridor services, state-supported and other short-distance routes, and long-distance trains all showed gains for July.

State-supported routes continue to lead the way in ridership growth. Under federal law, beginning October 1, 2013, 19 states will take greater control of routes less than 750 miles, but first must reach new operating and capital cost-sharing agreements with Amtrak to ensure the corridor services continue to operate beyond the deadline. Currently, Amtrak has agreements with three states.

Thus far in FY 2013 (October – July), ridership is up 1.1 percent versus the prior year, with strong ticket sales forecasted for the final two months of the fiscal year. In addition, Amtrak set individual monthly records in October, December, January, March, May, June and July. Amtrak is on pace to meet or exceed last year’s annual ridership record of 31.2 million passengers.

Boardman explained Amtrak is a vital part of the national transportation network and provides mobility, connectivity, economic development and jobs. Since 2010, for every dollar of federal investment, America’s Railroad® has returned nearly \$3 back into the economy, he said.

About Amtrak®

Amtrak is America’s Railroad®, the nation’s intercity passenger rail service and its high-speed rail operator. A record 31.2 million passengers traveled on Amtrak in FY 2012 on more than 300 daily trains – at speeds up to 150 mph (241 kph) – that connect 46 states, the District of Columbia and three Canadian Provinces. Amtrak operates intercity trains in partnership with 15 states and contracts with 13 commuter rail agencies to provide a variety of services. Enjoy the journey® at [Amtrak.com](#) or call 800-USA-RAIL for schedules, fares and more information. Join us on [facebook.com/Amtrak](#) and follow us at [twitter.com/Amtrak](#).

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Amtrak Ridership

	July FY13			October-July FY13		
	Ridership			Ridership		
	FY13	FY12	% change vs. FY12	FY13	FY12	% change vs. FY12
Northeast Corridor						
<i>Acela Express</i>	276,477	265,329	+4.2	2,790,151	2,845,316	-1.9
<i>Northeast Regional</i>	687,331	673,613	+2.0	6,763,524	6,687,423	+1.1
<i>Special Trains</i>	800	660	+21.2	8,002	12,632	-36.7
Subtotal	964,608	939,602	+2.7	9,561,677	9,545,371	+0.2
State Supported and Other Short Distance Corridors						
<i>Ethan Allen</i>	5,816	6,012	-3.3	43,270	43,535	-0.6
<i>Vermont</i>	8,296	8,017	+3.5	69,249	67,494	+2.6
<i>Albany-Niagara Falls-Toronto</i>	41,536	41,195	+0.8	331,747	332,888	-0.3
<i>Downeaster Service</i>	55,085	53,740	+2.5	451,448	435,513	+3.7
<i>Shuttles (New Haven-Springfield)</i>	34,073	32,500	+4.8	329,055	320,629	+2.6
<i>Keystone Service</i>	123,874	118,600	+4.4	1,227,172	1,181,742	+3.8
<i>Empire Service (New York City-Albany)</i>	99,801	92,624	+7.7	894,616	884,248	+1.2
<i>Lincoln Service (Chicago-St. Louis)</i>	66,461	38,357	+73.3	555,822	510,276	+8.9
<i>Hiawatha Service</i>	79,423	75,573	+5.1	675,178	694,560	-2.8
<i>Wolverine Service</i>	51,120	48,589	+5.2	421,271	397,950	+5.9
<i>Illini/Saluki (Chicago-Carbondale)</i>	30,177	31,111	-3.0	285,287	269,363	+5.9
<i>Illinois Zephyr/Carl Sandburg (Chicago-Quincy)</i>	21,723	21,930	-0.9	190,818	192,656	-1.0
<i>Heartland Flyer</i>	9,317	10,028	-7.1	68,648	75,327	-8.9
<i>Pacific Surfliner Service</i>	271,517	265,873	+2.1	2,219,610	2,164,843	+2.5
<i>Amtrak Cascades Service</i>	85,565	82,387	+3.9	653,908	688,950	-5.1
<i>Capitol Corridor Service</i>	140,533	137,347	+2.3	1,425,168	1,467,217	-2.9
<i>San Joaquin Service</i>	117,348	104,790	+12.0	1,014,138	950,298	+6.7
<i>Adirondack</i>	16,341	15,778	+3.6	104,496	104,311	+0.2
<i>Blue Water</i>	20,739	18,220	+13.8	155,892	157,002	-0.7
<i>Washington-Lynchburg</i>	18,252	15,916	+14.7	157,278	155,508	+1.1
<i>Washington-Newport News</i>	54,387	59,117	-8.0	485,846	513,616	-5.4
<i>Washington-Norfolk</i>	15,301	-	-	102,193	-	-
<i>Hoosier State</i>	4,135	3,780	+9.4	31,129	30,845	+0.9
<i>Missouri River Runner (Kansas City-St. Louis)</i>	20,286	18,997	+6.8	166,400	164,335	+1.3
<i>Pennsylvanian</i>	20,960	19,595	+7.0	181,402	176,191	+3.0
<i>Pere Marquette</i>	11,409	11,379	+0.3	86,754	91,250	-4.9
<i>Carolinian</i>	29,993	28,878	+3.9	265,269	254,157	+4.4
<i>Piedmont Service</i>	13,618	13,294	+2.4	142,322	135,240	+5.2
<i>Special Trains</i>	0	3	-100.0	25,950	30,244	-14.2
Subtotal	1,467,086	1,373,630	+6.8	12,761,336	12,490,188	+2.2
Long Distance						
<i>Silver Star</i>	39,212	37,391	+4.9	346,383	361,583	-4.2
<i>Cardinal</i>	11,198	9,387	+19.3	93,452	95,233	-1.9
<i>Silver Meteor</i>	37,112	36,339	+2.1	312,466	314,874	-0.8
<i>Empire Builder</i>	54,252	52,699	+2.9	442,446	450,407	-1.8
<i>Capitol Ltd.</i>	23,195	21,638	+7.2	187,870	187,026	+0.5
<i>California Zephyr</i>	39,591	39,090	+1.3	313,590	309,051	+1.5
<i>Southwest Chief</i>	35,488	35,547	-0.2	297,596	296,725	+0.3
<i>City of New Orleans</i>	24,778	23,726	+4.4	216,074	215,701	+0.2
<i>Texas Eagle</i>	35,655	33,555	+6.3	285,120	286,123	-0.4
<i>Sunset Limited</i>	9,851	9,833	+0.2	86,887	86,119	+0.9
<i>Coast Starlight</i>	48,257	48,897	-1.3	392,687	368,854	+6.5
<i>Lake Shore Limited</i>	40,061	38,885	+3.0	323,752	331,655	-2.4
<i>Palmetto</i>	21,144	19,576	+8.0	170,857	164,237	+4.0
<i>Crescent</i>	30,253	29,311	+3.2	253,044	258,760	-2.2
<i>Auto Train</i>	26,453	26,067	+1.5	222,576	221,975	+0.3
Subtotal	476,500	461,941	+3.2	3,944,800	3,948,323	-0.1
Amtrak Total	2,908,194	2,775,173	+4.8	26,267,813	25,983,882	+1.1

NOTE: Ridership to some locations south and west of Chicago is on both state-supported and national system Amtrak trains, as reported above.

Combined ridership of all Amtrak trains on these corridors is as follows for Oct. 12 - July 13: Chicago-St. Louis, 626,908 (up 9% from Oct. 12 - July 13);

Chicago-Carbondale, 328,567 (up 6% from Oct. 12 - July 13) and Chicago-Quincy 218,293 (down 1% from Oct. 12 - July 13).