



This is our first newsletter. On a regular basis, we plan to provide you with up-to-date information on passenger rail in NC.

How does your station's annual passenger traffic compare with others in NC?

Rank	Station	Traffic [^]	Trains
1	Charlotte	174,175	Ca/Pi/Cr
2	Raleigh	154,561	Ca/Pi/SS
3	Greensboro	113,445	Ca/Pi/Cr
5	Cary	83,908	Ca/Pi/SS
4	Durham	74,998	Ca/Pi
6	Wilson	52,571	Ca/Pa
7	Rocky Mount	50,045	Ca/Pa/SS/SM
8	Fayetteville	49,000	Pa/SM
9	High Point	30,476	Ca/Pi
10	Burlington	22,820	Ca/Pi
11	Salisbury	21,024	Ca/Pi/Cr
12	Kannapolis	18,867	Ca/Pi
12	Selma	12,013	Ca/Pa
14	Southern Pines	7,100	SS
15	Hamlet	4,400	SS
16	Gastonia	1,300	Cr

[^] Calendar year 2018. Exact numbers for Piedmont (Pi) and Carolinian (Ca). Estimates for Crescent (Cr), Palmetto (Pa), Silver Star (SS) and Silver Meteor (SM)

Spotlight on PIEDMONT service

Trains 73, 74, 75, 76, 77, 78

Odd numbers from Raleigh to Charlotte
Even numbers from Charlotte to Raleigh

All rolling stock is owned and maintained by the NCDOT, operated by Amtrak over 173 miles of track owned by NC Railroad Company, leased to Norfolk Southern Railway. In addition to Raleigh and

Charlotte, Piedmont trains serve Cary, Durham, Burlington, Greensboro, High Point, Salisbury and Kannapolis. Operated in conjunction with CAROLINIAN service, these stations have four trains in each direction. Next month, the CAROLINIAN.

Spotlight on SALISBURY (SAL)

Top 10 City Pairs by Ridership, 2017

1. Charlotte, 2. Raleigh, 3. Washington DC
4. Durham, 5. Greensboro, 6. Cary,
7. High Point, 8. New York NY,
9. Kannapolis, 10. Philadelphia PA

Trains stopping at Salisbury are the day-time Carolinian and Piedmonts, and the night-time Crescent (New York-New Orleans.). The Salisbury Amtrak Station is in the historic Southern Railway Station, three blocks' walk from the center of Salisbury, the intersection of Innes and Main Streets. The downtown transit center is located one block west of the train station on Depot St, from which travel may be continued to Spencer (location of the NC Transportation Museum) and other destinations on three routes, weekdays and weekends. Next month: HIGH POINT

Spotlight on Connecting Bus Services

Amtrak Thruway bus service connects with the Carolinian (Trains 79 and 80) and Palmetto (Trains 89 and 90) at the Wilson Amtrak Station for connections to Greenville, New Bern, Havelock, Morehead City, Goldsboro, Kinston, Jacksonville and Wilmington. In addition, the NC By Train Connector (PART Route 5) meets all Piedmont and Carolinian trains daily.

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