

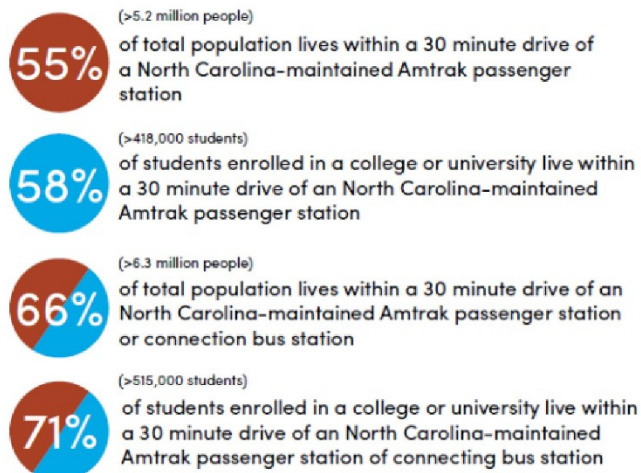


This is the third newsletter for 2019. Originally planned to be published monthly, getting one out has proven more difficult than anticipated, but we'll try our best to return to a monthly schedule in August.

The big news this month is **CSX's track rehabilitation** north of Rocky Mount which will affect *Carolinian*, *Silver Star* and *Palmetto* train schedules between July 21 and September 19, 2019. For full details, navigate to Service Alerts on our website: <https://www.ncontrack.org>.

### ITRE's 2015 Passenger Rail Economic Benefits Study

While four years old, a few study findings are useful to better understand the contribution that passenger rail can provide to North Carolina's economy and train riders. For example, did you realize that?



Also, in 2015, annual passenger benefits were estimated to be \$47.4 million, and the total business-related contribution was \$111.6 million annually

Benefits for Passenger Rail Customers

	Piedmont	Carolinian	Total Benefit
Transportation Cost Savings	\$7.8 million	\$36.9 million	\$44.7 million
Affordable Mobility Benefits	\$0.5 million	\$2.2 million	\$2.7 million
<b>Total Passenger Benefits</b>	<b>\$8.3 million</b>	<b>\$39.1 million</b>	<b>\$47.4 million</b>

Source: ITRE, NCDOT

Expenditure-Related Economic Contribution

Systems	Piedmont	Carolinian	Total Impact
Business Output	\$25.9 million	\$35.0 million	\$60.9 million
Gross State Product	\$12.6 million	\$18.0 million	\$30.6 million
Wage Income	\$8.1 million	\$12.0 million	\$20.1 million
Jobs	170	260	430

Source: ITRE, NCDOT, TREDIS

To read the full report, you may download a full copy from the home page of our website at: <https://www.ncontrack.org>.

### Statewide Passenger Train Statistics for January, February and March 2019.

#### Changes from 2018 to 2019

Service	Passengers	Revenue	Trains
Carolinian	- 1 %	+ 1 %	0 %
Piedmont	+ 42 %	+ 44 %	+ 51 %
Combined	+ 16 %	+ 9 %	+ 34 %

For complete details behind these numbers, you may download the three monthly reports at: <https://www.ncontrack.org/traffic.html>

### City Pairs with Highest Ridership (March 2019)

Rank	Carolinian	Piedmont
1	Raleigh-Washington	Charlotte-Raleigh
2	Charlotte-Raleigh	Charlotte-Cary
3	Durham-Washington	Charlotte-Durham
4	Greensboro-Washington	Charlotte-Greensboro
5	Charlotte-Durham	Greensboro-Raleigh
6	New York-Raleigh	Durham-Greensboro
7	Cary-Washington	Cary-Greensboro
8	Washington-Wilson	Charlotte-High Point
9	Charlotte-Washington	Durham-Raleigh
10	Charlotte-New York	Burlington-Charlotte

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