Brightline Florida

Monthly Revenue and Ridership Report

August 2026



Brightline Florida Passenger Rail Project

Brightline Florida owns and operates a high-speed passenger rail system connecting major populations in Florida. Our system runs a total of approximately 235 miles from Miami to Orlando, one of the largest and most congested travel corridors in the U.S. serving a total of six stations in the heart of downtown cities and major transit hubs, including the Orlando International Airport. We own or control our entire 235-mile rail system, including our track and systems, land, trains, stations, and maintenance facilities. We provide approximately hourly service between South Florida and Orlando from early morning to late evening. We believe our passenger rail system offers travel that is faster, safer, more eco-friendly, more reliable, less expensive, more productive and more enjoyable than travel by car or air.

Highlights

- August 2026 total ridership of 262,385 was up 4% from August 2025
- Total revenue of $17.0 million in August 2026 was up 1% from August 2025
- On-time performance was 90% for August

Other Updates

- On September 9, 2026, we introduced new fare options offering guests more flexibility and choice. The new FLEX fares cater to guests traveling to or from Orlando who value complete flexibility, such as business travelers, international guests, and those whose travel plans may change after booking. Guests can now choose to travel in SMART or PREMIUM service coaches with a range of fare flexibility regarding cancellation, modification, luggage and airport connections.
- In August, USDOT / FRA's National Railroad Partnership Program announced approximately $57.5 million for the Cocoa Multimodal Station and Rail Project, funding final design and construction of a new passenger station and associated corridor improvements in Brevard County. The project represents a significant milestone toward extending direct Brightline access to the Space Coast, with Brightline expected to operate the station upon completion.
- In August, USDOT / FRA's National Railroad Partnership Program announced approximately $78.9 million to the City of Stuart for the St. Lucie River Bridge Rehabilitation Project, supporting replacement of the existing 100-year-old rail bridge with a new double-track structure and marking a significant milestone in modernizing a critical corridor that serves both Brightline passenger service and freight rail operations.
- On May 21, 2026, Brightline Trains Florida LLC issued $22.2 million aggregate principal amount of notes due November 21, 2026, with an interest rate of 7.5% pursuant to a note purchase agreement. The proceeds of the notes offering were used to pay operating expenses, prefund an interest reserve, and pay costs of issuance. On June 17, 2026, Brightline Trains Florida LLC upsized the notes offering to an aggregate principal amount of approximately $43.1 million, at an issue price of 70%, pursuant to the first amendment to the note purchase agreement, a portion of the proceeds of which was used to redeem and replace the existing $22.2 million notes issued on May 21, 2026. On August 19, 2026, Brightline Trains Florida LLC upsized the notes offering with an additional approximately $14.3 million aggregate principal amount of notes at an issue price of 70%, pursuant to the third amendment to the note purchase agreement. On September 1, 2026, Brightline Trains Florida LLC issued an additional approximately $25.7 million aggregate principal amount of notes at an issue price of 70%, pursuant to the third amendment to the note purchase agreement.

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Commercial Overview

Revenue and Ridership

Brightline Florida
August 2026 Ridership and Revenue

(in millions of dollars, except ridership and average fare per passenger)

	Month End August 31			Year to Date August 31		
	2025	2026	% Δ	2025	2026	% Δ
Ridership						
Short Distance	95,476	95,250	*0%*	801,118	949,804	*19%*
Long Distance	156,949	167,135	*6%*	1,254,756	1,391,645	*11%*
Total	252,425	262,385	*4%*	2,055,874	2,341,449	*14%*
Total Train Departures						
Per Day	34	34	*2%*	34	36	*6%*
Per Month	1,049	1,065	*2%*	8,181	8,668	*6%*
Average Fare per Passenger						
Short Distance	$ 22.25	$ 21.89	*(2)%*	$ 27.23	$ 26.24	*(4)%*
Long Distance	$ 72.08	$ 67.70	*(6)%*	$ 72.92	$ 74.44	*2%*
Total	$ 53.23	$ 51.07	*(4)%*	$ 55.12	$ 54.89	*0%*
Ticket Revenue						
Short Distance	$ 2.1	$ 2.1	*(2)%*	$ 21.8	$ 24.9	*14%*
Long Distance	11.3	11.3	*0%*	91.5	103.6	*13%*
	13.4	13.4	*0%*	113.3	128.5	*13%*
Ancillary Revenue	3.4	3.6	*5%*	26.6	31.9	*20%*
Total Revenue	$ 16.9	$ 17.0	*1%*	$ 139.9	$ 160.4	*15%*

For August 2026, total ridership was 262,385, up 4% year-over-year, with average daily ridership of 8,464. Overall, August 2026 total revenue increased 1% compared to August 2025. Passenger-related ancillary revenue grew 8% year-over-year, driven partially by an increase in customer volume and partially by an increase in passenger-related ancillary revenue per passenger, which was $9.36 up 4% year-over-year. Compared to August 2025, ridership and revenue were adversely impacted by the shift in Labor Day weekend from primarily August in 2025 to entirely September in 2026, a decrease in long distance on-time performance (86% in August 2026 vs 98% in August 2025) due to incidents, and fewer events during 2026.

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Long Distance Ridership and Revenue

	August 2025	August 2026	% Δ
Ridership			
Premium	27,899	34,913	*25%*
Smart	129,050	132,222	*2%*
Total Long Distance	156,949	167,135	*6%*
Average Fare			
Premium	$ 111.70	$ 105.50	*(6)%*
Smart	$ 63.51	$ 57.72	*(9)%*
Total Long Distance	$ 72.08	$ 67.70	*(6)%*
Revenue (mm)			
Premium	$ 3.1	$ 3.7	*18%*
Smart	8.2	7.6	*(7)%*
Total Long Distance	$ 11.3	$ 11.3	*0%*

Long distance ticket revenue remained flat year-over-year driven by an increase in ridership of 6% compared to August 2025, offset by a 6% decrease in average fares. Premium class ticket revenue increased 18% primarily due to the increase in Premium ridership from additional capacity and promotions. Smart class ticket revenue decreased 7% primarily due to the 9% decrease in average Smart fare.

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Short Distance Ridership and Revenue

	August 2025	August 2026	% Δ
Ridership			
Premium	9,636	11,491	*19%*
Smart	85,840	83,759	*(2)%*
Total Short Distance	95,476	95,250	*0%*
Average Fare			
Premium	$ 54.05	$ 46.53	*(14)%*
Smart	$ 18.68	$ 18.51	*(1)%*
Total Short Distance	$ 22.25	$ 21.89	*(2)%*
Revenue (mm)			
Premium	$ 0.5	$ 0.5	*3%*
Smart	1.6	1.6	*(3)%*
Total Short Distance	$ 2.1	$ 2.1	*(2)%*

Short distance ticket revenue decreased 2% year-over-year in August 2026, primarily driven by a 2% decrease in average fares. We had 1,100 passholders at the end of August 2026 generating 23,000 rides for the month. Approximately 70% of these rides are with passholders who are on autorenewal. Historically, the commuter pass product generated ~30,000 – 40,000 rides a month from ~1,700 passholders. Notably, ridership on our most popular commuter trains has remained stable, despite the seasonal declines typically observed in summer months. We have also launched new passes across our pass portfolio to include additional stations.

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Customer Engagement and Distribution Channels

Repeat Ridership Composition

Brightline Rewards' membership grew to approximately 817,000 members with approximately 31,000 new members added in the month. In August, approximately 11,000 members redeemed points.

The composition of our ridership continues to be heavily weighted toward Florida residents. In August, Florida residents represented 88% of total ridership. Long distance repeat ridership of 103,449, comprised 62% of total long-distance ridership.

Distribution Channels

In August, third-party channels contributed approximately 9.9% of our total system bookings and 7.2% of our long distance bookings, with third-party channel volumes up 0.5% year-over-year. This year-over-year growth is attributed to a few factors, including the growth of the Student Program, our travel trade segment accelerating, and the expansion of our ability to market and sell tickets to customers outside the United States. Our corporate program, Brightline for Business, remains steady and healthy with 289 corporate agreements in place in the month of August. Corporate growth remains primarily concentrated in direct channels, as we continue to build towards full indirect enablement via the global distribution system ("GDS").

We believe third-party bookings remain modest due to Brightline's evolving capabilities across preferred third-party distribution channels, including the GDS. Following the successful launch of Amadeus in early May, we are focused on expanding awareness and adoption through our sales efforts and partners' network. Brightline is now globally available for booking through Amadeus, which we believe will support continued growth in third-party bookings across key travel and mobility segments, while also expanding connectivity to new distribution channels, including corporate travel management companies.

Other Initiatives

Stuart Station (Martin County): In March 2024, we announced plans for a new in-line Treasure Coast station in downtown Stuart. Construction (though not maintenance or operations) is expected to be 100% funded by sources other than Brightline. On November 12, 2024, the Martin County Commission unanimously approved up to $15 million toward the project and agreed to pursue grant funding for the remainder. Following the Department of Transportation's reissued Notice of Funding Opportunity ("NOFO") on October 3, 2025, our team worked with Martin County on its Federal-State Partnership for Intercity Passenger Rail Station Grant Program ("FSP") application, which was successfully submitted on February 5, 2026. In August 2026, USDOT / FRA's National Railroad Partnership Program Federal-State Partnership for Intercity Passenger Rail Station Grant Program ("FSP") did not select the FSP grant request for $69.3 million. We will continue to evaluate options and timing for future grants related to a Stuart station.

Cocoa Station (Brevard County): Also announced in March 2024, this station has advanced through several parallel efforts. On July 17, 2025, Brightline and the City of Cocoa signed an MOU establishing coordinated development of the project. Following the same October 3, 2025, NOFO reissuance, our team worked with the City of Cocoa and the Space Coast Transportation Planning Organization to submit an FSP application on February 4, 2026. Separately, the City has engaged a city planner and is working with the FRA to execute a CRISI grant to help fund design work. In August 2026, USDOT / FRA's National Railroad Partnership Program Federal-State Partnership for Intercity Passenger Rail Station Grant Program ("FSP") announced a grant of approximately $57.5 million.

Tampa Extension (Sunshine Corridor): Separately, our affiliate, Brightline Tampa LLC, is developing a project to extend the rail system from Orlando to Tampa. Brightline Trains Florida has the right to repurchase the rights to the project once fully permitted. Brightline Tampa is evaluating the potential to develop the project in phases, with the initial phase being from

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Orlando International Airport to South International Drive. This initial segment, "the Sunshine Corridor" is contemplated to include stations located at the Orange County Convention Center and South International Drive potentially occurring earlier than Tampa phase two, the segment connecting South International Drive to Tampa. On April 24, 2025, the Central Florida Commuter Rail Commission ("CFCRC") unanimously approved FDOT advancing the Sunshine Corridor PD&E (Preliminary Design & Environment Study). In support of this effort, the SunRail board approved a $6 million study in April 2025 to evaluate the Sunshine Corridor expansion, which would integrate Brightline service with SunRail and support federal funding applications. The project team responsible for leading the PD&E study has been engaged by FDOT and is currently working with the Brightline team on the initial efforts of the study. Additionally, the Hillsborough Transportation Planning Organization ("TPO") has launched a public survey to help inform planning for a Brightline station in downtown Tampa, focusing on accessibility, mobility needs, and connectivity improvements. The survey was concluded in December and the recommendation from the Hillsborough TPO is to approve the Brightline station study.

Financing

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Brightline continues to need additional liquidity to address operating requirements, as well as upcoming debt service payments. We have been in discussions with creditors for the potential incurrence of additional debt, debt amendments, refinancing transactions, and other strategic transactions to extend maturities and optimize value while providing additional liquidity and cash flow. Net proceeds of the potential additional debt would be expected to be used to provide liquidity for the company's ongoing operating requirements. The terms and conditions of our existing indebtedness include restrictive covenants that limit our ability to incur debt and we expect that we will need to obtain consent from certain holders of certain of our and our indirect parent entities' debt to incur the additional debt. Any such transaction will depend on a number of factors, including prevailing market conditions, liquidity requirements and contractual requirements (including compliance with the terms of our and our indirect parent entities' debt agreements), among other factors. There can be no assurances that we or our indirect parent entities will complete any such transaction on terms that are favorable, at our desired timing, or at all, or that such transactions will be sufficient to meet our or our indirect parent entities' needs. If we are unable to obtain additional financing or enter into amendments to extend certain of our debt maturities, we or our indirect parent entities may be required or compelled to pursue additional restructuring initiatives to preserve value and optionality, including possible out of court restructurings or in-court relief.

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