Amtrak’s Contributions to Iowa

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State Snapshot

- Number of Stations: 6
- Number of Local Riders**: 30,624
- Local Revenue: $2,631,666
- Number of Rail Passenger Miles***: 17,267,073

Routes:

- **Southwest Chief**, **California Zephyr**

Population and Amtrak Ridership Growth 2011-2016

- Population growth: 2.27%
- Ridership growth: 7%

Amtrak’s Effect on Tourism and Broader Economy

- Emission reductions from traveling by Amtrak trains vs. traveling by car: $79,000
- Cost savings from the lower risk of traveling by train vs. traveling by car: $654,000
- Tourist spending generated from Amtrak passengers: $381,000
- Number of tourists that utilize Amtrak services: 16,000
- Percent of total riders that are tourists: 51%
- Federal taxes generated for Iowa from tourist spending: $21,000
- State taxes generated for Iowa from tourist spending: $22,000
- Local taxes generated for Iowa from tourist spending: $5,000

* Value Added* - enhancement a company or business gives its product or service before providing it to customers (value of the final outputs from Amtrak minus the value of the inputs such as raw materials).
** Local riders are defined as riders that boarded or alighted an Amtrak train in the state. May include out of state passengers transferring trains in the state.
*** Rail Passenger Mile - passenger rail miles determined by multiplying the total number of passengers by the total number of miles traveled.
Iowa is served by 2 train routes and 6 stations. The *Southwest Chief* route takes passengers through Fort Madison and over the Mississippi River. The *California Zephyr* route takes passengers over the Missouri River and through Mt. Pleasant, home to the Iowa Wesleyan College, and Burlington. Osceola is the state’s busiest station. An estimated 14 percent of the population lives within 30 miles of an Amtrak station.

Among Amtrak riders in the state, 19 percent report that they would not have made the trip but for the availability of Amtrak service. The service provides important mobility and access needs for a number of residents. Moreover, the service is used by the full spectrum of income groups across the state’s population.

Amtrak spent over $359,000 on goods and services in Iowa in FY16 and employed 8 Iowa residents.