



# Iowa

## Amtrak's Contributions to Iowa

Earnings supported by Amtrak in Iowa	Employment supported by Amtrak in Iowa	Value added* supported by Amtrak in Iowa
\$1,431,000	30	\$311,000

### 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

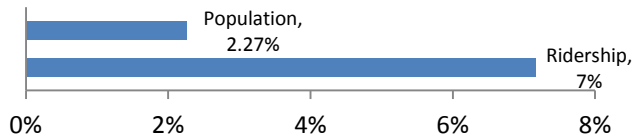
Routes:

**Southwest Chief, California Zephyr**



Source: Amtrak

### Population and Amtrak Ridership Growth 2011-2016



#### Burlington, IA (BRL)

The station was built in 1944 by the Chicago, Burlington and Quincy Railroad as a replacement for an earlier station destroyed by a fire the previous year. The depot was built in response to the boom in passenger growth during World War II. Now owned by the city, it serves Amtrak passengers and the local bus services. Burlington Station currently serves the *California Zephyr* route. In 2016, 9,242 passengers passed through the station and provided revenue valued at \$624,454.

### 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 are determined by multiplying the total number of passengers by the total number of miles traveled.

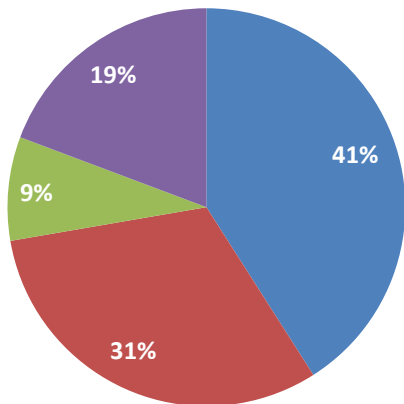
Iowa is served by 2 train routes and 6 stations. The *Southwest Chief* route takes passengers through Fort Madison and over the Mississippi River. The *California Zephyr* route takes passengers over the Missouri River and through Mt. Pleasant, home to the Iowa Wesleyan College, and Burlington. Osceola 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.

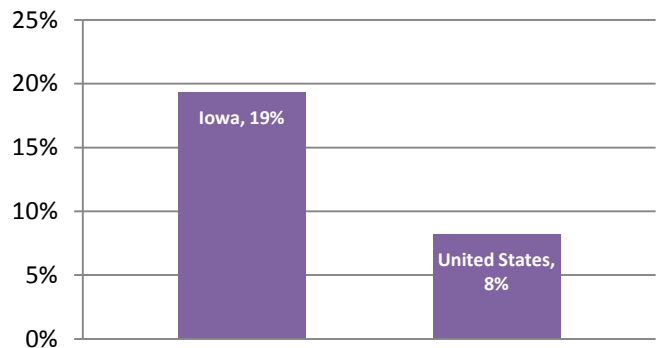
### Profile of Amtrak Customers

**Travel Mode Preference if Amtrak Unavailable**

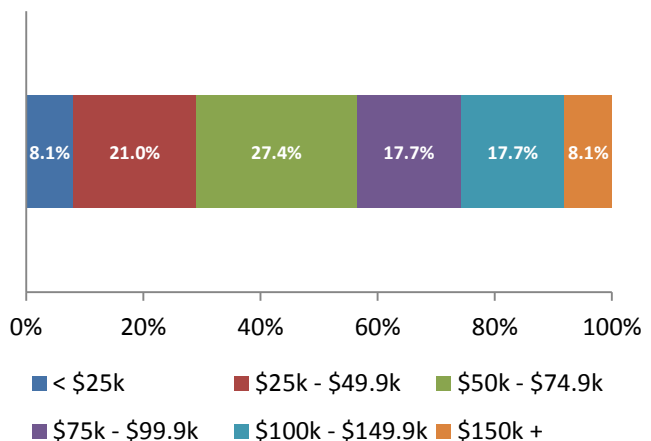


- Would drive if Amtrak unavailable
- Would fly if Amtrak unavailable
- Would use the bus if Amtrak unavailable
- Would not travel if Amtrak Unavailable

**Percent of Riders who Would Not Travel if Amtrak was Unavailable**



**Income Distribution of Amtrak Travelers in Iowa**



**Percent of population within 30 miles of a rail station served by Amtrak**

**14%**

Amtrak emissions data courtesy of Climate Registry Information System. Automobile emissions per mile data courtesy of EPA. Emissions damage costs courtesy of Corporate Average Fuel Economy for MY2017-MY2025 Passenger Cars and Light Trucks (August 2012), page 922. Vehicle injury and fatality statistics courtesy of TIGER Benefit-Cost Analysis (BCA) Resource Guide. Railroad passenger injury and fatality statistics courtesy of the Federal Railway Administration (FRA). Average vehicle operations cost per mile courtesy of AAA, Your Driving Costs, 2016. Station information and pictures courtesy of <http://www.greatamericanstations.com/>. Brochure prepared by AECOM.