



Montana

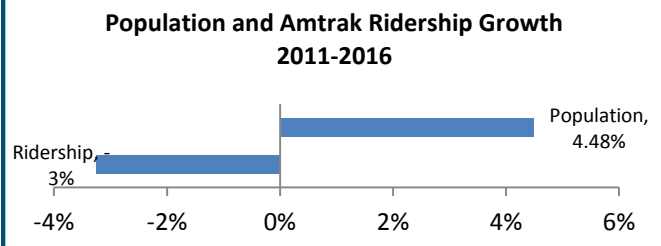
Amtrak's Contributions to Montana

Earnings supported by Amtrak in Montana	Employment supported by Amtrak in Montana	Value added* supported by Amtrak in Montana
\$7,787,000	150	\$120,000

State Snapshot

Number of Stations	12
Number of Local Riders**	61,811
Local Revenue	\$7,627,299
Number of Rail Passenger Miles***	45,657,775

Routes:
Empire Builder



Source: Amtrak



Whitefish, MT (WFH)

Whitefish Station was built in 1928 by the Great Northern Railway in an Alpine style similar to that of the resort hotels built by the railroad in Glacier Park during the same era. In the 1980s, the Burlington Northern Railroad vacated, due to a deteriorating structure. In 1990, the Stumptown Historical Society gained ownership and renovated the station with help from money donated by the Burlington National Railroad. Amtrak installed a new platform in 2011. Whitefish currently serves the *Empire Builder* route. In 2016, 54,842 passengers passed through the station and provided revenue valued at \$6,625,001.

Amtrak's Effect on Tourism and Broader Economy

Emission reductions from traveling by Amtrak trains vs. traveling by car:	\$223,000
Cost savings from the lower risk of traveling by train vs. traveling by car:	\$1,835,000
Tourist spending generated from Amtrak passengers	\$787,000
Number of tourists that utilize Amtrak services	31,000
Percent of total riders that are tourists	50%
Federal taxes generated for Montana from tourist spending	\$46,000
State taxes generated for Montana from tourist spending	\$19,000
Local taxes generated for Montana from tourist spending	\$9,000

* 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.

PROFILE

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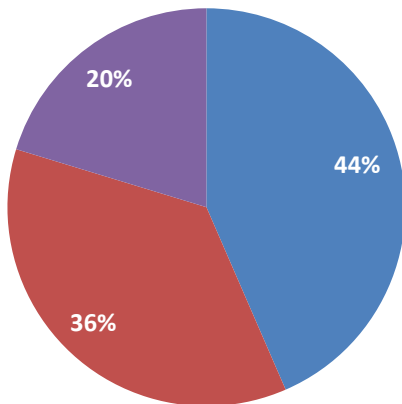
Montana is served by the *Empire Builder* route and 12 stations. The train serves as a tourist transitway, taking travelers past resorts like Whitefish, Glacier Park, Essex, Sleeping Buffalo Hot Springs, and many other nature destinations. Whitefish is the busiest station in the state.

An estimated 16 percent of the population of this largely rural state lives within 30 miles of an Amtrak station. Among Amtrak riders in the state, 20 percent or 1 in 5 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. This share is significantly higher than the national average.

43 Montana residents worked for Amtrak, collectively earning over \$4.1 million in wages and salaries in FY16. In addition, the railroad purchased over \$131,000 in goods and services from the state's economy during the same period.

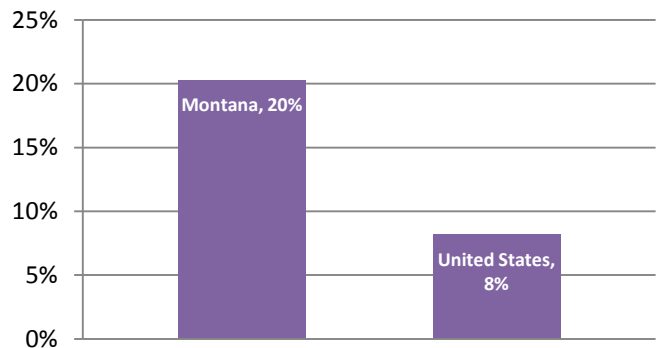
Profile of Amtrak Customers

Travel Mode Preference if Amtrak Unavailable

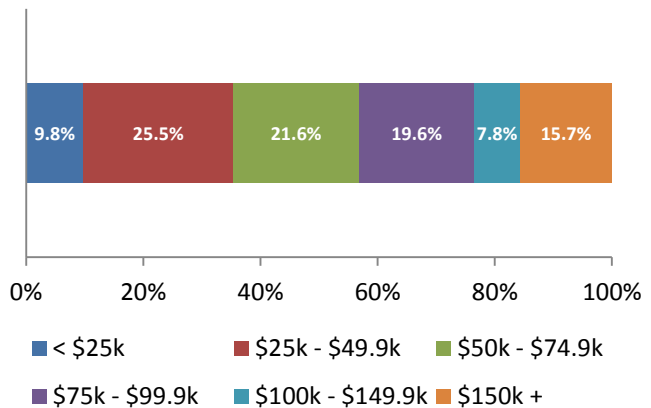


- Would drive if Amtrak unavailable
- Would fly if Amtrak unavailable
- Would use the bus if Amtrak unavailable
- Would not travel if Amtrak Unavailable

Percent of Riders who Would Not Travel if Amtrak was Unavailable



Income Distribution of Amtrak Travelers in Montana



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

16%

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.