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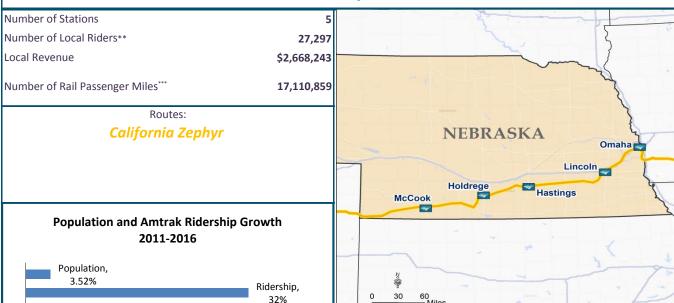
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# Nebraska

## **Amtrak's Contributions to Nebraska**

Earnings supported by Amtrak	Employment supported by	Value added* supported by Amtrak in
in Nebraska	Amtrak in Nebraska	Nebraska
\$5,311,000	100	\$3,003,000

## **State Snapshot**



#### Hastings, NE (HAS)

40%

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The town of Hastings was founded in 1872 at the junction of two railroads, and name for an officer of one of them. Hastings depot was designed by Thomas Rogers Kimball in 1902. The depot was built in the Spanish Colonial Revival style. It was renovated in 1966 and both the exterior and interior were again refurbished in 2000. The station currently serves the *California Zephyr* route. In 2016, 5,104 passengers passed through the station and provided revenue valued at \$453,405.

# **Amtrak's Effect on Tourism and Broader Economy**

Emission reductions from traveling by Amtrak trains vs. traveling by car: \$66,000

Cost savings from the lower risk of traveling by train vs. traveling by car: \$541,000

Source: Amtrak

Tourist spending generated from Amtrak passengers	\$243,000
Number of tourists that utilize Amtrak services	13,000
Percent of total riders that are tourists	49%
Federal taxes generated for Nebraska from tourist spending	\$19,000
State taxes generated for Nebraska from tourist spending	\$10,000
Local taxes generated for Nebraska 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).

<sup>\*</sup> 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.

<sup>\*\*</sup> Rail Passenger Mile - passenger rail miles are determined by multiplying the total number of passengers by the total number of miles traveled



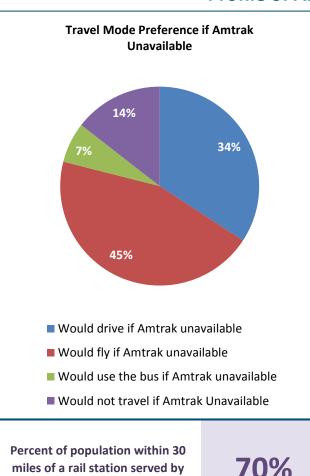
Nebraska is served by California Zephyr train route and 5 stations. Omaha is the state's busiest station.

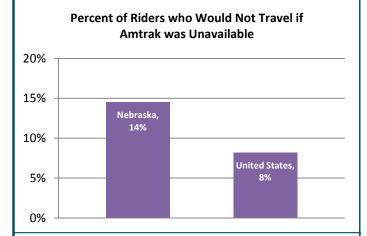
Despite minimal overall population growth, ridership in Nebraska is up 32 percent over the past five years. An estimated 70 percent of the population lives within 30 miles of an Amtrak station.

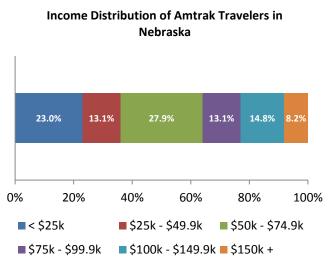
Among Amtrak riders in the state, 14 percent report that they would not have made the trip but for the availability of Amtrak service. The service provides important mobility and access needs for a number of residents. Moreover, the service is used by the full spectrum of income groups across the state's population.

Amtrak purchased \$3.4 million of goods and services from Nebraska's economy in FY16. In addition, 23 residents worked for the railroad, collectively earning nearly \$2.1 million during the same period.

### **Profile of Amtrak Customers**







Amtrak emissions data courtesy of Climate Registry Information System. Automobile emissions per mile data courtesy of EPA.

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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.