Nebraska

Amtrak's Contributions to Nebraska

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State Snapshot

- Number of Stations: 5
- Number of Local Riders**: 26,497
- Local Revenue: $2,594,828
- Number of Rail Passenger Miles***: 16,353,088

Routes: California Zephyr


- Population, 4.61%
- Ridership, 24%

Hastings, NE (HAS)
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 2015, 5,433 passengers passed through the station and provided revenue valued at $474,124.

Amtrak's Effect on Tourism and Broader Economy

- Emission reductions from traveling by Amtrak trains vs. traveling by car: $30,000
- Cost savings from the lower risk of traveling by train vs. traveling by car: $431,000

| Tourist spending generated from Amtrak passengers | $234,000
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| Number of tourists that utilize Amtrak services | 13,000
| Percent of total riders that are tourists       | 48%
| 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).

** 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.
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 24 percent over the past six years. An estimated 69 percent of the population lives within 30 miles of an Amtrak station.

Among Amtrak riders in the state, 15 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 $3.5 million of goods and services from Nebraska’s economy in FY15. In addition, 19 residents worked for the railroad, collectively earning nearly $1.9 million during the same period.

Profile of Amtrak Customers

Travel Mode Preference if Amtrak Unavailable

- Would drive if Amtrak unavailable: 45%
- Would fly if Amtrak unavailable: 7%
- Would use the bus if Amtrak unavailable: 14%
- Would not travel if Amtrak Unavailable: 34%

Percent of Riders who Would Not Travel if Amtrak was Unavailable

- Nebraska, 14%
- United States, 8%

Income Distribution of Amtrak Travelers in Nebraska

- $< 25k: 23.0%
- $25k - $49.9k: 13.1%
- $50k - $74.9k: 27.9%
- $75k - $99.9k: 13.1%
- $100k - $149.9k: 14.8%
- $150k +: 8.2%


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