New Mexico

Amtrak’s Contributions to New Mexico

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State Snapshot

Number of Stations: 7
Number of Local Riders**: 65,677
Local Revenue: $6,498,120
Number of Rail Passenger Miles***: 51,539,099

Routes: *Texas Eagle (thru cars), Sunset Limited, Southwest Chief*


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Source: Amtrak

Albuquerque, NM (ABQ)
The Alvarado Transportation Center is the current Amtrak stop in the city. The intermodal transportation facility opened in 2002 and replaced the earlier station, built in 1902 and destroyed by a fire in 1993. The current station stands on the same location as Albuquerque’s original Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe station and Harvey House hotel. It serves the *Southwest Chief* route. In 2015, 79,078 passengers passed through the station and provided revenue valued at $7,840,518.

Amtrak’s Effect on Tourism and Broader Economy

| Emission reductions from traveling by Amtrak trains vs. traveling by car: $98,000 |
| Cost savings from the lower risk of traveling by train vs. traveling by car: $1,418,000 |
| Tourist spending generated from Amtrak passengers: $723,000 |
| Number of tourists that utilize Amtrak services: 33,000 |
| Percent of total riders that are tourists: 50% |
| Federal taxes generated for New Mexico from tourist spending: $36,000 |
| State taxes generated for New Mexico from tourist spending: $44,000 |
| Local taxes generated for New Mexico from tourist spending: $10,000 |

* 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.
New Mexico is served by 3 train routes— the *Southwest Chief*, the *Sunset Limited*, and the Texas Eagle—and 7 stations. Albuquerque is the state’s busiest station. Ridership in New Mexico is up 17 percent over the past six years. Just over half of the state’s population (55 percent) lives within 30 miles of an Amtrak station.

Among Amtrak riders in the state, nearly 1 in 4 (23 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 employs 52 New Mexicans who collectively earned over $5.2 million in wages and salaries in FY15.

Profile of Amtrak Customers

- **Travel Mode Preference if Amtrak Unavailable**
  - 36% Would drive if Amtrak unavailable
  - 41% Would fly if Amtrak unavailable
  - 6% Would use the bus if Amtrak unavailable
  - 17% Would not travel if Amtrak Unavailable

- **Percent of Riders who Would Not Travel if Amtrak was Unavailable**
  - New Mexico, 17%
  - United States, 8%

- **Income Distribution of Amtrak Travelers in New Mexico**
  - < $25k: 16.9%
  - $25k - $49.9k: 26.0%
  - $50k - $74.9k: 19.5%
  - $75k - $99.9k: 14.3%
  - $100k - $149.9k: 16.9%
  - $150k +: 6.5%

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