



# North Dakota

## Amtrak's Contributions to North Dakota

Earnings supported by Amtrak in North Dakota	Employment supported by Amtrak in North Dakota	Value added* supported by Amtrak in North Dakota
\$3,198,000	70	\$3,196,000

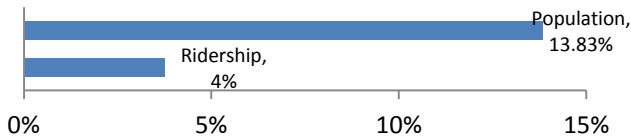
### State Snapshot

Number of Stations	7
Number of Local Riders**	59,772
Local Revenue	\$6,134,567
Number of Rail Passenger Miles***	39,795,118

Routes:  
**Empire Builder**



#### Population and Amtrak Ridership Growth 2009-2015



Source: Amtrak



#### Minot, ND (MOT)

Originally built by the Great Northern Railway in 1905, the station currently serves as the Amtrak stop for Minot. The station was originally renovated in the early 1970s and was later renovated in 2003 by the volunteer-led Amtrak Depot Restoration Committee. Funding for the renovations has been a joint effort from federal programs like the American Recovery and Reinvestment act and the city of Minot. Minot currently serves the *Empire Builder* route. In 2015, 32,108 passengers passed through the station and provided revenue valued at \$3,319,162.

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

Emission reductions from traveling by Amtrak trains vs. traveling by car:	\$114,000
Cost savings from the lower risk of traveling by train vs. traveling by car:	\$1,644,000
Tourist spending generated from Amtrak passengers	\$322,000
Number of tourists that utilize Amtrak services	31,000
Percent of total riders that are tourists	52%
Federal taxes generated for North Dakota from tourist spending	\$16,000
State taxes generated for North Dakota from tourist spending	\$14,000
Local taxes generated for North Dakota from tourist spending	\$20,000

\* 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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North Dakota is served by the *Empire Builder* route and 7 stations. The *Empire Builder* takes travelers through across the state, crossing the Gassman Coulee on a high-level steel trestle, and past Devil's Lake. Williston is the busiest station.

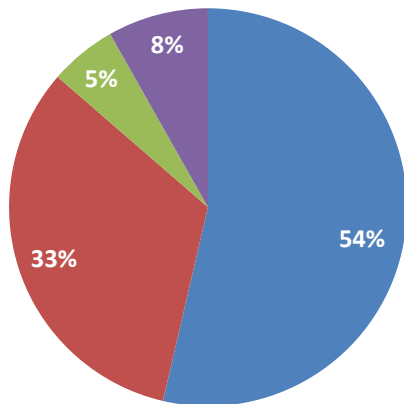
Ridership in North Dakota is up 4 percent over the past six years. Just over half of the state's population (51 percent) lives within 30 miles of an Amtrak station.

Among Amtrak riders in the state, 7 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 nearly \$3.9 million of goods and services from the North Dakota economy in FY15. In addition, 11 state residents worked for the railroad, collectively earning over \$880,000 in wages and salaries.

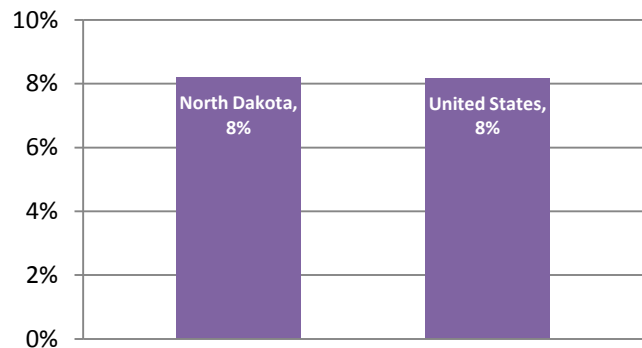
## Profile of Amtrak Customers

**Travel Mode Preference if Amtrak Unavailable**

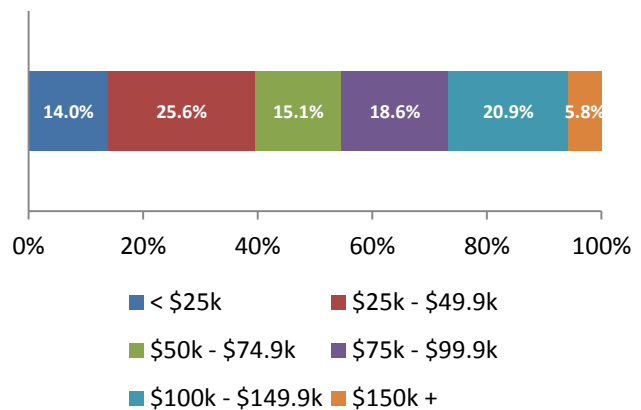


- Would drive if Amtrak unavailable
- Would fly if Amtrak unavailable
- Would use the bus if Amtrak unavailable
- Would not travel if Amtrak Unavailable

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



**Income Distribution of Amtrak Travelers in North Dakota**



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

**51%**

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, 2013.

Station information and pictures courtesy of <http://www.greatamericanstations.com/>. Brochure prepared by AECOM.