## North Dakota

### Amtrak's Contributions to North Dakota

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<th>Earnings supported by Amtrak in North Dakota</th>
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<td>$2,488,000</td>
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### State Snapshot

- Number of Stations: 7
- Number of Local Riders**: 53,082
- Local Revenue: $5,345,909
- Number of Rail Passenger Miles***: 35,558,733

### Routes:

#### Empire Builder

### Population and Amtrak Ridership Growth

#### 2011-2016

- Ridership, -2%
- Population, 10.57%

### 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 2016, 29,829 passengers passed through the station and provided revenue valued at $2,988,551.

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

- Emission reductions from traveling by Amtrak trains vs. traveling by car: $214,000
- Cost savings from the lower risk of traveling by train vs. traveling by car: $1,763,000

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<th>Tourist spending generated from Amtrak passengers</th>
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<td>Number of tourists that utilize Amtrak services</td>
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<td>Percent of total riders that are tourists</td>
<td>52%</td>
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<td>Federal taxes generated for North Dakota from tourist spending</td>
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* 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.
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.

52 percent of the state’s population lives within 30 miles of an Amtrak station.

Among Amtrak riders in the state, 8 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 $2.9 million of goods and services from the North Dakota economy in FY16. In addition, 10 state residents worked for the railroad, collectively earning over $770,000 in wages and salaries.