



# Amtrak Fact Sheet Fiscal Year 2019 *State of Idaho*

## Amtrak Service & Ridership

Amtrak operates one National Network train through Idaho,

- The **Empire Builder** (daily Chicago-Minneapolis-Fargo-Whitefish-Sandpoint-Spokane-Seattle/Portland)

During FY19 Amtrak served the following Idaho location:

<u>City</u>	<u>Boardings &amp; Alightings</u>
<a href="#"><u>Sandpoint</u></a>	6,726

## Host Railroads & On Time Performance

Amtrak relies heavily on the cooperation of other railroads in order to operate routes using tracks that are not owned or controlled by Amtrak. Host railroads are statutorily required to provide Amtrak trains “preference” over freight transportation. However, on time performance on most host railroads is poor and continues to decline largely due to hosts ignoring their statutory responsibilities.

Listed below is the Amtrak service that operates in Idaho with host railroads and on-time performance (OTP) in FY19:

Service	Host Railroads	FY19 OTP
<b>Empire Builder</b>	BNSF, Canadian Pacific, and Metra	<b>46.1%</b>

“On-time performance” represents the percentage of stations at which the train arrives within 15 minutes of the scheduled arrival time.

## Amtrak Guest Rewards

At the end of FY19, there were **12,116** members of the Amtrak Guest Rewards program in Idaho. This is a 13% increase from FY18.

## **Employment**

At the end of FY19, Amtrak employed 3 Idaho residents. Total wages during FY19 of Amtrak employees living in Idaho were \$249,337.

## **Stations**

Amtrak completed renovations and upgrades to the station at Sandpoint, using state funds that were made available as part of the Sand Creek Byway project. The project was a recipient of an "Excellence in Historic Preservation" award at the 38th annual Orchids and Onions Awards Ceremony that is held by Preservation Idaho, the state's historic preservation council. The station's passenger lobby reopened in 2015.

