



Amtrak Fact Sheet Fiscal Year 2022 State of Idaho

Amtrak Service & Ridership

At the end of FY 2022, Amtrak operated two trains per day in Idaho, as part of the following routes:

- **Long Distance**
Empire Builder (daily Chicago-St. Paul-Seattle/Portland)

Stations Served

During FY 2022, Amtrak trains served the following locations in Idaho.

| City (Code) | Ridership |
|-----------------------------------|--------------|
| Sandpoint (SPT) | 4,537 |
| Total Idaho Station Usage: | 4,537 |

Amtrak maintains the Great American Stations website (<https://www.greatamericanstations.com/>), which includes detailed profiles of every Amtrak station. Information available includes a brief history of each station, a review of what organization or organizations are responsible for the various portions of each facility, a list of routes serving each station, contact information for the appropriate Amtrak representative for that station, and relevant local community links.

Host Railroads & On Time Performance

Amtrak relies heavily on the cooperation of other railroads to operate routes using tracks that Amtrak does not own or control. 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 are the Amtrak services that operate in Idaho with each service’s host railroads and customer on-time performance (OTP) in FY 2022:

| Service | Host Railroad (s) | FY22 OTP |
|-----------------------|-------------------------------|----------|
| <i>Empire Builder</i> | BNSF, Canadian Pacific, Metra | 48% |

Customer OTP measures what proportion of customers arrive at their destination on time. For *Acela* trains, the margin is within ten minutes of the schedule and the margin is 15 minutes for all other trains. Thus, if a train is 16 minutes late to its final stop, and all its riders are headed for that stop, then even if the train is on time at every intermediate stop, customer OTP would be 0%, reflecting the passengers’ experience.

Amtrak Guest Rewards

At the end of FY 2022, there were approximately 14.4 million members of Amtrak Guest Rewards (AGR), with 18,750 members listing an address in Idaho. For more information about AGR, please see: <https://www.amtrak.com/guestrewards/home>

Procurement

In FY 2022, Amtrak procured goods and services worth \$2.85 billion, and 99.0% of that figure was sourced from firms headquartered domestically. In Idaho, Amtrak spent \$3,085,973, broken down in the following location:

| City | Amount (\$) |
|--------|-------------|
| Hayden | 303,319 |

Employment & Wages

At the end of FY 2022, Amtrak employed 18,689 people, including three Idaho residents. Total FY 2022 wages were \$1.92 billion, of which Idaho residents earned \$396,379.

Additional Information

Amtrak provides a long distance train, the *Empire Builder*, through the state of Idaho, stopping at Sandpoint with daily service heading west to Seattle and Portland and east to Chicago. In addition, Amtrak provides an extensive network of Thruway Motorcoach services to link communities that otherwise have no direct rail access to the Amtrak system.

Corridor ID Grant Program

Numerous stakeholders in Idaho submitted an Expression of Interest for the FRA's Corridor ID (CID) Grant Program for developing an intercity passenger rail network in the state. The Idaho Transportation Department, in coordination with the Utah Department of Transportation (UDOT), the Utah Transit Authority (UTA), and the City of Boise, submitted an official application to the CID Grant Program for a new corridor to connect communities from Boise, ID to Salt Lake City, UT. The first round of the CID program awards successful applicants \$500,000 for activities necessary to further develop a passenger rail corridor. This includes research into the scope, schedule, and cost for preparing a service development plan (SDP) for a corridor. The FRA has announced it intends to announce awards for the first round of this program in September or October 2023.

AMTRAK ROUTES IN IDAHO

