



Amtrak Fact Sheet Fiscal Year 2019 *State of Iowa*

Amtrak Service & Ridership

Amtrak operates two National Network trains through Iowa:

- The **California Zephyr** (daily Chicago-Burlington-Omaha-Denver-Salt Lake City-Reno-San Francisco Bay Area)
- The **Southwest Chief** (daily Chicago-Fort Madison-Kansas City-Albuquerque-Flagstaff-Los Angeles)

During FY19 Amtrak served the following Iowa locations:

<u>City</u>	<u>Boardings & Alightings</u>
Burlington	7,603
Creston	3,281
Fort Madison	5,775
Mount Pleasant	10,492
Osceola	14,026
Ottumwa	10,322
Total Iowa Station Usage:	51,499

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 are the Amtrak services that operate in Iowa with each service’s host railroads and on-time performance (OTP) in FY19:

Service	Host Railroads	FY19 OTP
California Zephyr	BNSF and Union Pacific	33.3%
Southwest Chief	BNSF and New Mexico Department of Transportation	37.5%

“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 **32,055** members of the Amtrak Guest Rewards program in Iowa. This is a 10% increase from FY18.

Procurement

Amtrak spent \$4,313,038 on goods and services in Iowa in FY19, including \$3,945,217 at Cedar Rapids.

Employment

At the end of FY19, Amtrak employed 7 Iowa residents. Total wages during FY19 of Amtrak employees living in Iowa were \$599,259.

Expansion Planning

Amtrak is a member of both the Iowa Rail Advisory Committee and the Iowa Passenger Rail Advisory Committee. The Passenger Rail Advisory Committee provides feedback on Iowa passenger rail issues and a forum for discussions about future service throughout the state.

Iowa Department of Transportation (IDOT) has completed a Service Development Plan calling for the phased development of passenger rail service connecting Omaha/Council Bluffs with Chicago via Des Moines, Iowa City, and the Quad Cities. No funding has been identified and any service is contingent upon Illinois developing the Chicago to Quad Cities portion of the route. Implementation of all phases would result in four roundtrips between Chicago and Council Bluffs/Omaha.

Station Improvements

Burlington: The City of Burlington in 2017 restored the Great Room of the historic depot used by Amtrak. The City secured an Iowa DOT Public Transportation Infrastructure grant for \$480,000 to rehabilitate the public portions of the depot. With the support of the local Friends of the Burlington Depot group, the community is moving forward with a vision for a reactivated civic space in the imposing Mid-Century Modern structure, to include a restaurant and intermodal transportation center. Amtrak is overseeing the design phase for a future investment to bring the two station boarding platforms into compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), including restoration of portions of the historic, concrete canopy. Amtrak is seeking funding for the estimated \$10 million project.

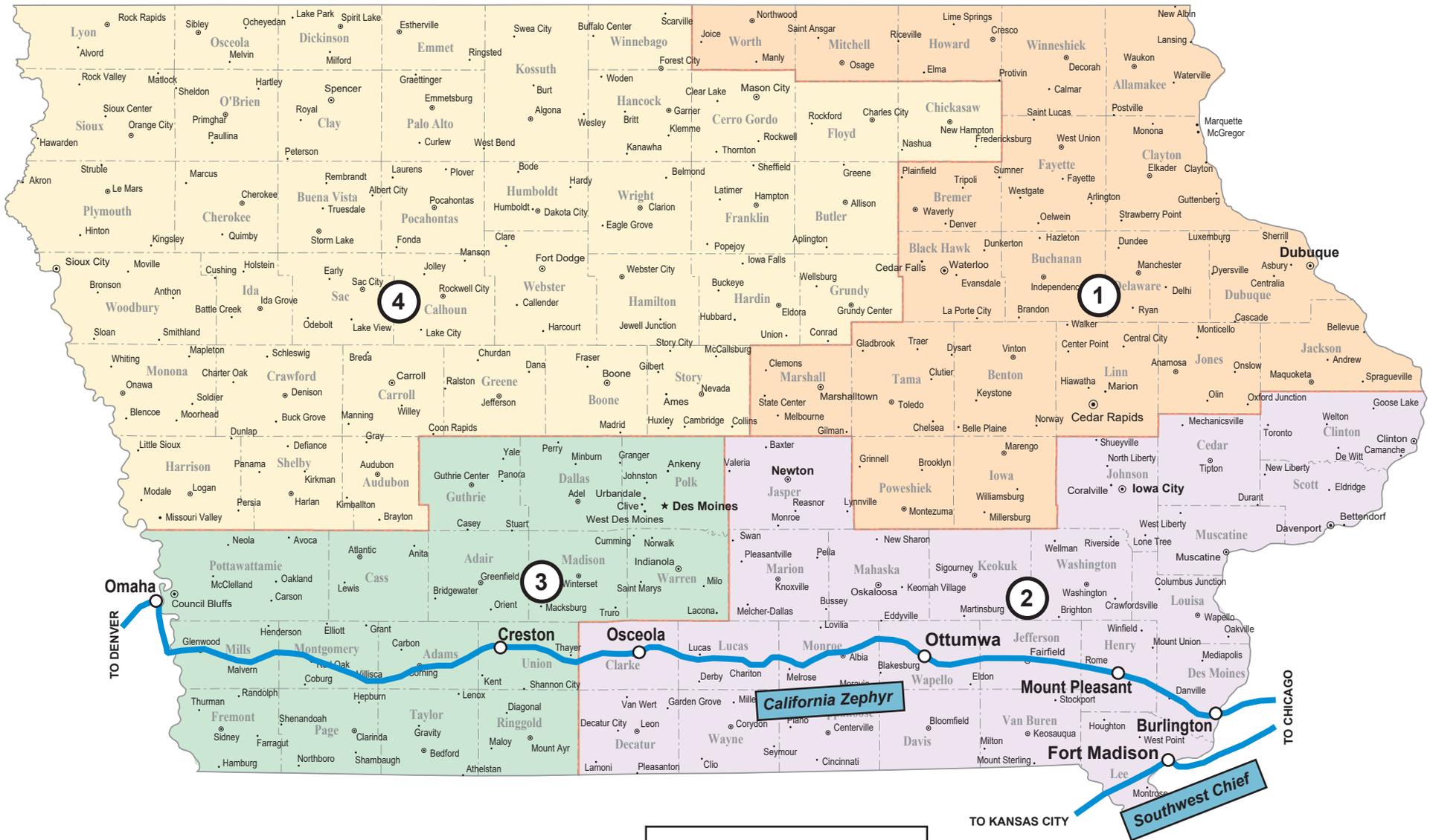
Fort Madison: Amtrak is working with the City to relocate its **Southwest Chief** stop from an industrial area in the western part of the city back to the historic downtown station. The City has secured \$3.2 million in grants and commitments from several sources, including Iowa DOT, BNSF Railway, Amtrak, and the regional riverboat commission, to finance the relocation and necessary construction to accommodate the move. The historic Santa Fe depot, in use until 1968, and adjacent freight house have been elevated above the 500-year flood stage, the depot interior

was renovated, and a new ADA-compliant passenger platform has been designed. The complex, designated as the Steve Ireland Transportation Center, is very close to the Mississippi River, separated by a park and the railroad. It also will remain the home of the North Lee County Historical Society. The City is working with Amtrak to identify additional funding needed to commence construction of the platforms.

Creston: Amtrak completed construction on improvements to the historic CB&Q Depot structure, now used as Creston City Hall, to bring the facility's historic waiting room, doorways, restrooms, and pathway to train platform into compliance with the ADA (Americans with Disability Act). The Depot is listed on the National Register of Historic Places and has resumed its historic role as the community's passenger rail station. Rail passengers had waited for trains in a 1960s, modular, manufactured building, used by freight railroad crews. Amtrak and Creston local officials and residents celebrated the historic depot's return as a railroad station during the community's summer 2019 sesquicentennial celebration.

Ottumwa: Amtrak has completed the design for a historically respectful replacement of the two, 1940s era station boarding platforms, bringing them into compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), including restoration of portions of the historic, steel and wood canopy. Amtrak is seeking funding for the estimated \$10 million project. Amtrak has offered design assistance and guidance as the community begins conceptualizing a new multi-modal ground transportation center at the historic CB&Q Railroad depot, present site of Amtrak service.

AMTRAK ROUTES IN IOWA



① Congressional District

TRACK OWNERSHIP	
█ Amtrak	█ NS
█ UP	█ CP
█ BNSF	█ CN
█ CSX	█ Other