



Amtrak Fact Sheet Fiscal Year 2020 State of Minnesota

Amtrak Service & Ridership

At the end of FY 2020, Amtrak operated four trains per day in Minnesota, as part of the following route¹:

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

Stations Served

During FY 2020, Amtrak served the following locations in Minnesota.

City (Code)	Ridership
Detroit Lakes (DLK)	3,150
Red Wing (RDW)	4,695
St. Cloud (SCD)	5,953
St. Paul-Minneapolis (MSP)	48,359
Staples (SPL)	4,050
Winona (WIN)	8,378
Total Minnesota Station Usage:	74,585

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 Minnesota with each service’s host railroads and customer on-time performance (OTP) in FY 2020:

Service	Host Railroad(s)	FY20 OTP
<i>Empire Builder</i>	BNSF, Canadian Pacific, Metra	64.4%

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,

¹ Frequencies in the list following this note reflect the service levels prior to the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic.

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 2020, there were approximately 11.5 million members of Amtrak Guest Rewards (AGR), with 69,043 members listing an address in Minnesota. This is a 9.0% increase from FY 2019. For more information about AGR, please see: <https://www.amtrak.com/guestrewards/home>

Procurement

In FY 2020, Amtrak procured goods and services worth \$2.79 billion, and more than 98% of that figure was sourced from firms headquartered domestically. In Minnesota, Amtrak spent \$67,403,146, including the following communities where Amtrak sourced \$100,000 or more in goods and services:

City	Amount (\$)
Hamel	16,628,312
Maple Grove	407,619
Minneapolis	13,210,512
Minnetonka	34,819,481
Plymouth	610,111
St. Paul	606,286
Wayzata	596,343
Winona	132,045

Employment & Wages

At the end of FY 2020, Amtrak employed 17,504 people, including 29 Minnesota residents. Total FY 2020 wages were \$1.67 billion, of which Minnesota residents earned \$3,538,247.

Additional Information

The FY 2020 edition of the Amtrak State Fact Sheets omits this portion, which is available in the FY 2019 edition and will return in the FY 2021 update.

AMTRAK ROUTES IN MINNESOTA

