



Amtrak Fact Sheet, Fiscal Year 2015

State of Nevada

Amtrak Service & Ridership

Amtrak operates one National Network train through Nevada, the *California Zephyr* (Chicago-Denver-Salt Lake City-Reno-San Francisco Bay area). Reno and Las Vegas are served by Amtrak Thruway motorcoaches that provide connections to/from other Amtrak services. Additionally, Amtrak operates special, seasonal trains between the San Francisco Bay Area and Reno (see below).

During FY15 Amtrak served the following Nevada locations:

<u>City</u>	<u>Boardings + Alightings</u>
Elko	8,050
Reno	56,696
Winnemucca	3,617
Total Nevada Station Usage:	68,363

(down 19.2% from FY14)

Procurement/Contracts

Amtrak spent \$300,650 on goods and services in Nevada in FY15, most of it in Reno.

Employment

At the end of FY15, Amtrak employed 24 Nevada residents. Total wages of Amtrak employees living in Nevada were \$2,260,739 during FY15.

Contracts

Amtrak works with Key Holidays, a tour operator, to operate “Fun Trains” and “Snow Trains,” which are special trains that carry thousands of passengers from the Bay Area to Reno. Many of these passengers go on to visit ski resorts and other recreational areas near Lake Tahoe during winter months when airports and highways are often disabled or shut down.

Stations

The City of West Wendover, located on the state line with Utah, currently is discussing the possibility of adding a new stop on the *California Zephyr* route. Discussions between the City, Amtrak, and track owner Union Pacific on the topic are expected to continue in 2016.

