

# Amtrak Fact Sheet Fiscal Year 2018 State of North Dakota

## **Amtrak Service & Ridership**

Amtrak serves North Dakota with one National Network train:

• The *Empire Builder* (daily Chicago-Milwaukee-St. Paul/Minneapolis-Fargo-Grand Forks-Minot-Williston-Havre-Sandpoint-Spokane-Seattle/Portland)

During FY18 Amtrak served the following North Dakota locations:

<u>City</u>	Boardings & Alightings
<u>Devils Lake</u>	4,217
<u>Fargo</u>	18,695
<u>Grand Forks</u>	13,346
<u>Minot</u>	29,854
Rugby	4,102
<u>Stanley</u>	4,297
Williston	29,013
Total North Dakota Station Usage:	103,524

#### **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 Minnesota with each service's host railroads and on-time performance (OTP) in FY18:

Service	Host Railroads	FY18 OTP <sup>†</sup>
Empire Builder	BNSF, Canadian Pacific, and Metra	46.1%

<sup>† &</sup>quot;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 FY18, there were **16,473** members of the Amtrak Guest Rewards program in North Dakota. This is a 10.2% increase from FY17.

### **Station Improvements**

Improving ADA Accessibility: Amtrak is undertaking work at and around stations as part of a nationwide effort to gain compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act. Amtrak has completed projects to improve paths of travel from the public right-of-way to the train platform and upgraded restrooms, doorways, lighting, and signage at Devils Lake, Fargo, Rugby, Stanley, and Williston. Designs are advancing at Grand Forks for accessibility upgrades to doorways, restrooms, signage, and path of travel from parking to the station and train boarding platform.

<u>Minot</u>: Amtrak replaced the station sewage line and installed seven new water-supply cabinets, used to furnish the *Empire Builder* train with drinking water during its stop there. Amtrak has rebuilt the 70-car parking lot with improved drainage.

<u>Stanley</u>: There is a newly paved, 25-space lot, replacing the former gravel parking area. New LED lighting for building exterior, parking, and platform was also installed.

# **AMTRAK ROUTES IN NORTH DAKOTA**





