

# Amtrak Fact Sheet Fiscal Year 2019 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 FY19 Amtrak served the following North Dakota locations:

<u>City</u>	<b>Boardings &amp; Alightings</b>
<u>Devils Lake</u>	4,128
<u>Fargo</u>	18,556
Grand Forks	12,807
Minot	27,281
Rugby	3,968
Stanley	4,463
Williston	29,916
Total North Dakota Station Usage:	101,119

## **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 FY19:

Service	Host Railroads	FY19 OTP
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.

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# **Amtrak Guest Rewards**

At the end of FY19, there were **17,817** members of the Amtrak Guest Rewards program in North Dakota. This is an 8% increase from FY18.

### **Procurement**

Amtrak spent \$3,520,110 on goods and services in North Dakota in FY19, including at:

<u>City</u>	<u>Amount</u>	
Fargo	\$	1,900,570
Minot	\$	1,532,346

# **Employment**

At the end of FY19, Amtrak employed 6 North Dakota residents. Total wages during FY19 of Amtrak employees living in North Dakota were \$550,415.

# **Station Improvements**

**Improving ADA Accessibility:** Amtrak is undertaking work at and around stations as part of a nationwide effort to achieve compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act. Amtrak has completed design plans and begun to issue for bid construction projects to improve path of travel between the public right-of-way and stations, build new train platforms, upgraded restrooms, doorways, lighting and signage at Devils Lake, Fargo, Grand Forks, Minot, Rugby and Williston.

# **State Rail Planning**

North Dakota has commenced development of the next long range transportation plan. Development of the 2045 plan, Transportation Connection, is guided by the Director's Advisory Council (DAC) of the North Dakota Department of Transportation. The DAC provides strategic guidance on key issues, needs, futures, strategies, and actions. DAC members represent a cross-section of public and private partners with direct interest in planning for the future of transportation across North Dakota. Amtrak has been asked to serve on the DAC and will contribute the corporation's ideas for how passenger rail can fulfill the States goal for a dynamic vision for mobility in North Dakota.

# **AMTRAK ROUTES IN NORTH DAKOTA**





