

# Amtrak Fact Sheet Fiscal Year 2020 State of North Dakota

# **Amtrak Service & Ridership**

At the end of FY 2020, Amtrak operated two trains per day in North Dakota, as part of the following route<sup>1</sup>:

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

## **Stations Served**

During FY 2020, Amtrak served the following locations in North Dakota.

City (Code)	Ridership
Devils Lake (DVL)	2,560
Fargo (FAR)	12,408
Grand Forks (GFK)	7,674
Minot (MOT)	16,469
Rugby (RUG)	2,293
Stanley (STN)	2,960
Williston (WTN)	17,889
<b>Total North Dakota Station Usage:</b>	62,253

Amtrak maintains the Great American Stations website (<a href="https://www.greatamericanstations.com/">https://www.greatamericanstations.com/</a>), 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 North Dakota with each service's host railroads and customer on-time performance (OTP) in FY 2020:

Service	Host Railroad(s)	FY20 OTP
Empire Builder	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,

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> 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 19,805 members listing an address in North Dakota. This is a 11.0% increase from FY 2019. For more information about AGR, please see: <a href="https://www.amtrak.com/guestrewards/home">https://www.amtrak.com/guestrewards/home</a>

## **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 North Dakota, Amtrak spent \$18,709,491, including the following communities where Amtrak sourced \$100,000 or more in goods and services:

City	Amount (\$)
Fargo	17,221,625
Minot	1,391,622

# **Employment & Wages**

At the end of FY 2020, Amtrak employed 17,504 people, including five North Dakota residents. Total FY 2020 wages were \$1.67 billion, of which North Dakota residents earned \$499,560.

## **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 NORTH DAKOTA**





