



Amtrak Fact Sheet Fiscal Year 2020 State of Washington

Amtrak Service & Ridership

At the end of FY 2020, Amtrak operated 17 trains per day in Washington, as part of the following routes¹:

- **Long Distance**
 - Coast Starlight** (daily Los Angeles-Oakland-San Francisco Bay Area-Sacramento-Eugene-Portland-Seattle)
 - Empire Builder** (daily Chicago-St. Paul-Seattle/Portland)
- **State Supported**
 - Cascades** (Eugene-Portland-Seattle-Vancouver, B.C.), with two roundtrips Eugene-Portland; four roundtrips Portland-Seattle; and two roundtrips Seattle-Vancouver, B.C.)

Stations Served

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

City (Code)	Ridership
Bellingham (BEL)	23,494
Bingen-White Salmon (BNG)	2,133
Centralia (CTL)	14,471
Edmonds (EDM)	13,085
Ephrata (EPH)	2,500
Everett (EVR)	20,491
Kelso-Longview (KEL)	17,015
Leavenworth (LWA)	6,044
Mount Vernon (MVW)	6,418
Olympia-Lacey (OLW)	34,995
Pasco (PSC)	13,832
Seattle King Street Station (SEA)	289,180
Spokane (SPK)	29,007
Stanwood (STW)	2,134
Tacoma (TAC)	59,143
Tukwila (TUK)	17,302
Vancouver (VAN)	53,467
Wenatchee (WEN)	9,356
Wishram (WIH)	826
Total Washington Station Usage:	614,893

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

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

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

Service	Host Railroad(s)	FY20 OTP
<i>Coast Starlight</i>	BNSF, Union Pacific, Southern California Regional Rail Authority	63.6%
<i>Empire Builder</i>	BNSF, Canadian Pacific, Metra	64.4%
Cascades	BNSF, Union Pacific	70.6%

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, 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 251,283 members listing an address in Washington. This is a 11.0% 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 Washington, Amtrak spent \$128,574,864, including the following communities where Amtrak sourced \$100,000 or more in goods and services:

City	Amount (\$)
Bellevue	2,858,739
Chehalis	154,477
Everett	4,808,653
Kent	1,134,617
Kirkland	392,268
Puyallup	199,667
Redmond	835,978
Renton	276,538
Seattle	10,664,861
Spokane	103,944,777
Tacoma	2,456,012
Vancouver	197,719

Employment & Wages

At the end of FY 2020, Amtrak employed 17,504 people, including 436 Washington residents. Total FY 2020 wages were \$1.67 billion, of which Washington residents earned \$35,265,306.

Section 209 Service

In the Passenger Rail Investment and Improvement Act of 2008 (P.L. 110-432), Congress required, by October 2013, an equitable arrangement of cost sharing between Amtrak and state or public agency partners that provide funding for short-distance, intercity train services. Agreements were reached with all parties by the deadline, and the services continued to run without interruption.

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 WASHINGTON

