



Amtrak Fact Sheet

State of North Dakota

Amtrak Service & Ridership

Amtrak serves North Dakota with one long distance train, the *Empire Builder* (Chicago-Minneapolis/St. Paul-Seattle/Portland service via Fargo, Grand Forks, Devils Lake, Rugby, Minot, Stanley and Williston).

During FY03 Amtrak served the following North Dakota locations:

<u>City</u>	<u>Ridership</u>
Devils Lake	4,726
Fargo	13,869
Grand Forks	13,024
Minot	27,493
Rugby	4,940
Stanley	2,678
Williston	16,196
Total North Dakota Ridership:	82,926

Procurement/Contracts

Amtrak expended \$31,625 for goods and services in North Dakota in FY03.

Employment

As of December 2003, Amtrak employed 17 North Dakota residents. Total wages of Amtrak employees living in North Dakota were \$395,683 in calendar year 2003.

Amtrak Mayor's Advisory Council

Mayor Bruce Furness of Fargo, North Dakota is an active member of Amtrak's national Mayor's Advisory Council. The 22 member council was formed in 1999 to strengthen and build public/private partnerships, to raise national and local levels of awareness regarding the importance of passenger rail -- as a tool for economic development, mobility and congestion relief, to inform mayors as to the local initiatives that benefit Amtrak, and to serve as an advisory board to Amtrak on passenger rail issues.

Selected Highlights

In FY03, ridership on the *Empire Builder* in North Dakota increased by approximately 22%.