



Amtrak Fact Sheet, Fiscal Year 2008

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 FY08 Amtrak served the following North Dakota locations:

<u>City</u>	<u>Boardings + Alightings</u>
Devils Lake	6,860
Fargo	24,142
Grand Forks	22,842
Minot	42,801
Rugby	7,048
Stanley	3,694
Williston	23,619
Total North Dakota Station Usage:	131,006

Procurement/Contracts

Amtrak expended \$7,948,907 for goods and services in North Dakota in FY08. Most of this money was spent in Minot (\$7,879,896).

Employment

At the end of FY08, Amtrak employed 10 North Dakota residents. Total wages of Amtrak employees living in North Dakota were \$654,307 during FY08.

Stations

The City of Minot completed renovation of its vintage Great Northern Railway Depot, now owned by BNSF Railway. Built in 1910, the brick depot was renovated in 1975, when the gabled roof was removed and the remainder covered in stucco. The more recent renovation included stripping off the ground-floor-level stucco, rehabilitation of the brick facing, interior improvements, and a new pitched roof with gables, patterned after the original design. The project was funded with state and Federal grants. Amtrak maintained operations at the building throughout the one-year project.

Selected Highlights

In FY08, ridership on the *Empire Builder* increased by 9.8% to 554,266, continuing its run as the most popular Amtrak long-distance train for the fifth consecutive year.