



Amtrak Fact Sheet, Fiscal Year 2004

State of Wisconsin

Amtrak Service & Ridership

Amtrak operates one long-distance train through Wisconsin, the *Empire Builder* (daily Chicago-Milwaukee-St. Paul-Seattle/Portland via Columbus, Portage, Wisconsin Dells, Tomah, and La Crosse), and one short distance service, the *Hiawathas* (seven round-trips daily between Milwaukee and Chicago).

During FY04 Amtrak served the following Wisconsin locations:

<u>City</u>	<u>Ridership</u>
Columbus	12,638
La Crosse	24,160
Milwaukee	438,891
Portage	5,176
Sturtevant	48,451
Tomah	7,794
Wisconsin Dells	10,480
Total Wisconsin Ridership:	547,590

Procurement/Contracts

Amtrak expended \$7,788,648 for goods and services in Wisconsin in FY04. Most of this money was spent in the following locations:

<u>City</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Brookfield	\$ 2,986,705
Milwaukee	\$ 2,915,209
Racine	\$ 1,069,675

Employment

During fiscal year 2004, Amtrak employed 104 Wisconsin residents. Total wages of Amtrak employees living in Wisconsin were 5,129,011 during this period.

State-Assisted Services

The State of Wisconsin, in partnership with the State of Illinois, funds the operation of the *Hiawatha Service* between Milwaukee and Chicago.

Station Improvements

A station replacement project is planned for Sturtevant, with construction expected to begin in FY05. A major station renovation project in downtown Milwaukee also is expected to begin in FY05. The state will open a new station at Mitchell International Airport in Milwaukee on January 18, 2005.

Selected Highlights

The *Hiawathas* had a double-digit increase in ridership in FY04 (+10.3%). This corridor has the best on-time performance in the Amtrak system, 93.0% in FY04.