



## Amtrak Fact Sheet, Fiscal Year 2005

# State of Wisconsin

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### 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 FY05 Amtrak served the following Wisconsin locations, which had a 13.6% increase over FY04:

<u>City</u>	<u>Boardings + Alightings</u>
Columbus	14,597
La Crosse	24,397
Milwaukee	474,808
Milwaukee Airport ( <i>opened 1/18/05</i> )	30,415
Portage	6,318
Sturtevant	52,235
Tomah	8,232
Wisconsin Dells	11,289
<b>Total Wisconsin Station Usage:</b>	<b>622,291</b>

Amtrak is upgrading equipment and amenities on selected long-distance trains, and the first train to be re-launched with these upgrades was the *Empire Builder*, in August 2005.

### Procurement/Contracts

Amtrak expended \$11,765,696 for goods and services in Wisconsin in FY05. Most of this money was spent in the following locations:

<u>City</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Brookfield	\$ 2,307,589
Fox Point	\$ 1,131,011
Glendale	\$ 3,677,899
Milwaukee	\$ 1,993,245
Oak Creek	\$ 1,495,411

## **Employment**

During fiscal year 2005, Amtrak employed 101 Wisconsin residents. Total wages of Amtrak employees living in Wisconsin were 5,138,324 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**

Construction has begun on a station replacement project for Sturtevant and a groundbreaking ceremony was held on September 24, 2005. Completion is expected in April 2006.

A major station renovation project in downtown Milwaukee also is expected to begin in FY06.

The state opened 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 FY05 (+14.1%). This corridor has the best on-time performance in the Amtrak system, 91.6% in FY05, and is the 8th-busiest corridor in the country.