



## Amtrak Fact Sheet, Fiscal Year 2006

# 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 FY06 Amtrak served the following Wisconsin locations, which had a 10.6% increase over FY05:

<u>City</u>	<u>Boardings + Alightings</u>
Columbus	16,085
La Crosse	25,856
Milwaukee	481,818
Milwaukee Airport	77,387
Portage	7,051
Sturtevant	58,748
Tomah	8,952
Wisconsin Dells	12,119
<b>Total Wisconsin Station Usage:</b>	<b>688,016</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 \$5,054,482 for goods and services in Wisconsin in FY06. Most of this money, \$3,690,812, was spent in Glendale.

### Employment

During fiscal year 2006, Amtrak employed 107 Wisconsin residents. Total wages of Amtrak employees living in Wisconsin were \$5,590,846 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

The Village of Sturtevant built a new station, costing about \$3 million, which went into service on August 14, 2006. It replaced an older station that had fallen into disrepair and that had inadequate parking. The new station includes a pedestrian bridge over the tracks.

The Wisconsin Department of Transportation formally launched a \$15.8-million station renovation and expansion project in downtown Milwaukee on August 14, 2006. Work will be complete in fall 2007. The renovated facility will include Greyhound intercity bus services and possibly future Metra commuter service from Racine, Kenosha, and Chicago.

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 FY06 (+10.5%). This corridor has the best on-time performance in the Amtrak system and is the 8th-busiest corridor in the country.