



Amtrak Fact Sheet, Fiscal Year 2013

State of Iowa

Amtrak Service & Ridership

Amtrak operates two long-distance trains through Iowa:

- The *California Zephyr* (daily Chicago-Burlington-Osceola-Denver-San Francisco Bay Area)
- The *Southwest Chief* (daily Chicago-Fort Madison-Kansas City-Los Angeles)

During FY13 Amtrak served the following Iowa locations:

<u>City</u>	<u>Boardings + Alightings</u>
Burlington	8,811
Creston	4,621
Fort Madison	7,246
Mount Pleasant	12,613
Osceola	14,799
Ottumwa	11,735
Total Iowa Station Usage:	59,825

(up 1.1% from FY12)

Procurement/Contracts

Amtrak spent \$1,104,144 on goods and services in Iowa in FY13, most of it in Council Bluffs.

Employment

At the end of FY13, Amtrak employed 7 Iowa residents. Total wages of Amtrak employees living in Iowa were \$473,666 during FY13.

Expansion Planning

Illinois DOT (IDOT) is proceeding with planning for development of new passenger rail service between Dubuque and Chicago. In 2007, Amtrak delivered the results of a route feasibility study requested by IDOT that predicted ridership of 74,500 annually, on one daily round-trip between Dubuque and Illinois cities to Chicago. Amtrak continues to advise IDOT on strategies for implementation of the service.

Amtrak is a member of both the Iowa Rail Advisory Committee and the Iowa Passenger Rail Advisory Committee. The Passenger Rail Advisory Committee provides feedback on Iowa passenger rail issues.

Station Improvements

Fort Madison: Amtrak is working with the City to relocate its *Southwest Chief* stop from an industrial area in the western part of the city back to the historic downtown station. The City has secured \$3.2 million in grants and commitments from several sources, including Iowa DOT, BNSF Railway, Amtrak, and the regional riverboat commission, to finance the relocation and necessary construction to accommodate the move. The historic Santa Fe depot, in use until 1968, and adjacent freight house have been elevated above the 500-year flood stage, the depot interior was renovated, and a new ADA-compliant passenger platform is planned. The former Santa Fe depot is very close to the Mississippi River, separated by a park and the railroad.

Osceola: The City constructed new railroad offices for the BNSF Railway, in exchange for the former Burlington Route depot, which is used by Amtrak's *California Zephyr*. The City obtained \$500,000 in transportation grants to use for exterior, parking, platform, fencing, and lighting enhancements to the historic structure. Amtrak continues to work with the City to develop plans to rehabilitate the station's interior for use by multiple tenants, including Amtrak, intercity bus, and possible retail or government uses. Exterior stabilization and rehabilitation work has been completed. The City was awarded an additional \$88,000 for further interior work and for paving the parking lot.

AMTRAK ROUTES IN IOWA

