

Amtrak Fact Sheet, Fiscal Year 2005 State of Minnesota

Amtrak Service & Ridership

Amtrak operates one long-distance train through Minnesota, the *Empire Builder* (daily Chicago-St. Paul/Minneapolis-Seattle/Portland).

During FY05 Amtrak served the following Minnesota locations:

City	<u>Boardings + Alightings</u>
Detroit Lakes	3,482
Red Wing	9,621
St. Cloud	11,539
St. Paul-Minneapolis (Midway Station)	132,528
Staples	5,287
Winona	20,282
Total Minnesota Station Usage:	182,739

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

Procurement/Contracts

Amtrak expended \$4,597,178 for goods and services in Minnesota in FY05. Most of this money was spent in Hamel, \$3,557,650.

Employment

During fiscal year 2005, Amtrak employed 70 Minnesota residents. Total wages of Amtrak employees living in Minnesota were \$4,058,008 during this period.