



Amtrak Fact Sheet, Fiscal Year 2007 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 FY07 Amtrak served the following Minnesota locations:

<u>City</u>	<u>Boardings + Alightings</u>
Detroit Lakes	4,148
Red Wing	10,134
St. Cloud	12,641
St. Paul-Minneapolis (Midway Station)	133,100
Staples	5,943
Winona	23,171
Total Minnesota Station Usage:	189,137

The *Empire Builder* is Amtrak's most popular long-distance train, with 504,977 passengers carried in FY07. This represents an increase of 1.6% over FY06.

Procurement/Contracts

Amtrak expended \$5,297,183 for goods and services in Minnesota in FY07. Most of these expenditures occurred in these places:

<u>City</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Hamel	\$ 3,098,408
St. Paul	\$ 1,659,914

Employment

At the end of FY07, Amtrak employed 46* Minnesota residents. Total wages of Amtrak employees living in Minnesota were \$2,707,612* during FY07.

**Due to a change in methodology, FY07 employment and wage figures are not directly comparable to those reported in prior years.*

Stations

Amtrak has testified before a committee of the Minnesota State Senate in support of efforts by Ramsey County and the City of Saint Paul to restore the closed St. Paul Union Depot. Amtrak has agreed to a negotiated relocation from the existing Midway Station in St. Paul to this intermodal facility that is planned to include local transit, intercity bus, and commuter rail.