



# Amtrak Fact Sheet, Fiscal Year 2005

## State of North Dakota

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### Amtrak Service & Ridership

Amtrak serves North Dakota with one long distance train, the *Empire Builder* (Chicago-Minneapolis/St. Paul-Seattle/ Portland service via Fargo, Grand Forks, Devils Lake, Rugby, Minot, Stanley and Williston).

During FY05 Amtrak served the following North Dakota locations, which had a 17% increase over FY04:

<u>City</u>	<u>Boardings + Alightings</u>
Devils Lake	6,039
Fargo	18,812
Grand Forks	17,847
Minot	33,314
Rugby	6,272
Stanley	2,694
Williston	19,504
<b>Total North Dakota Station Usage:</b>	<b>104,482</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 \$1,240,897 for goods and services in North Dakota in FY05. Most of this money was spent in Minot, \$1,227,897.

### Employment

During fiscal year 2005, Amtrak employed 15 North Dakota residents. Total wages of Amtrak employees living in North Dakota were \$714,911 during this period.

### Selected Highlights

In FY05, ridership on the *Empire Builder* increased by 9%, making it the most popular Amtrak long-distance train.

