



Amtrak Fact Sheet, Fiscal Year 2009

State of North Dakota

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 FY09 Amtrak served the following North Dakota locations:

<u>City</u>	<u>Boardings + Alightings</u>
Devils Lake	5,740
Fargo	21,514
Grand Forks	17,928
Minot	39,136
Rugby	5,906
Stanley	3,921
Williston	21,793
Total North Dakota Station Usage:	115,938

Procurement/Contracts

Amtrak expended \$50,107 for goods and services in North Dakota in FY09.

Employment

At the end of FY09, Amtrak employed 10 North Dakota residents. Total wages of Amtrak employees living in North Dakota were \$584,296 during FY09.

Stations

The City of Minot completed an exterior renovation of its vintage Great Northern Railway Depot. Built in 1910, the brick depot was renovated in 1975, when the gabled roof was removed and the remainder covered in stucco. The more recent renovation included stripping off the ground-floor-level stucco, rehabilitation of the brick facing, interior improvements, and a new pitched roof with gables, patterned after the original design. The project was funded with state and Federal grants. Amtrak maintained operations at the building throughout the one-year project.

Stimulus Funding, Fiscal 2009

The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA) provided Amtrak with \$1.3 billion for capital investments, including \$446 million for security and life safety improvements and \$842 million for rebuilding and modernizing infrastructure and equipment. Included in the latter category is a Mobility First program, designed as an immediate-action program to reduce as many accessibility barriers as possible prior to Amtrak's deadline of July 26, 2010, to bring stations into compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act. Mobility First investments can include wheelchair lifts, connecting walkways, and designated parking spaces. Investments planned for North Dakota include:

Devils Lake	Mobility First	\$ 93,000
Fargo	Mobility First	\$ 98,000
Grand Forks	Mobility First	\$ 14,000
Grand Forks	platform tactile edge	\$ 100,000
Minot	Mobility First	\$ 50,000
Rugby	Mobility First	\$ 30,000
Stanley	Mobility First	\$ 9,000
Stanley	new 550-foot platform	\$ 500,000
Williston	Mobility First	\$ 60,000
Total North Dakota ARRA funds:		\$ 954,000