



Amtrak Fact Sheet, Fiscal Year 2013

State of North Dakota

Amtrak Service & Ridership

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

During FY13 Amtrak served the following North Dakota locations:

<u>City</u>	<u>Boardings + Alightings</u>
Devils Lake	5,142
Fargo	22,497
Grand Forks	19,422
Minot	41,615
Rugby	5,637
Stanley	9,411
Williston	51,076
Total North Dakota Station Usage:	154,800

(down 0.04% from FY12)

Procurement/Contracts

Amtrak spent \$4,695,802 on goods and services in North Dakota in FY13. Most of this was in the following locations:

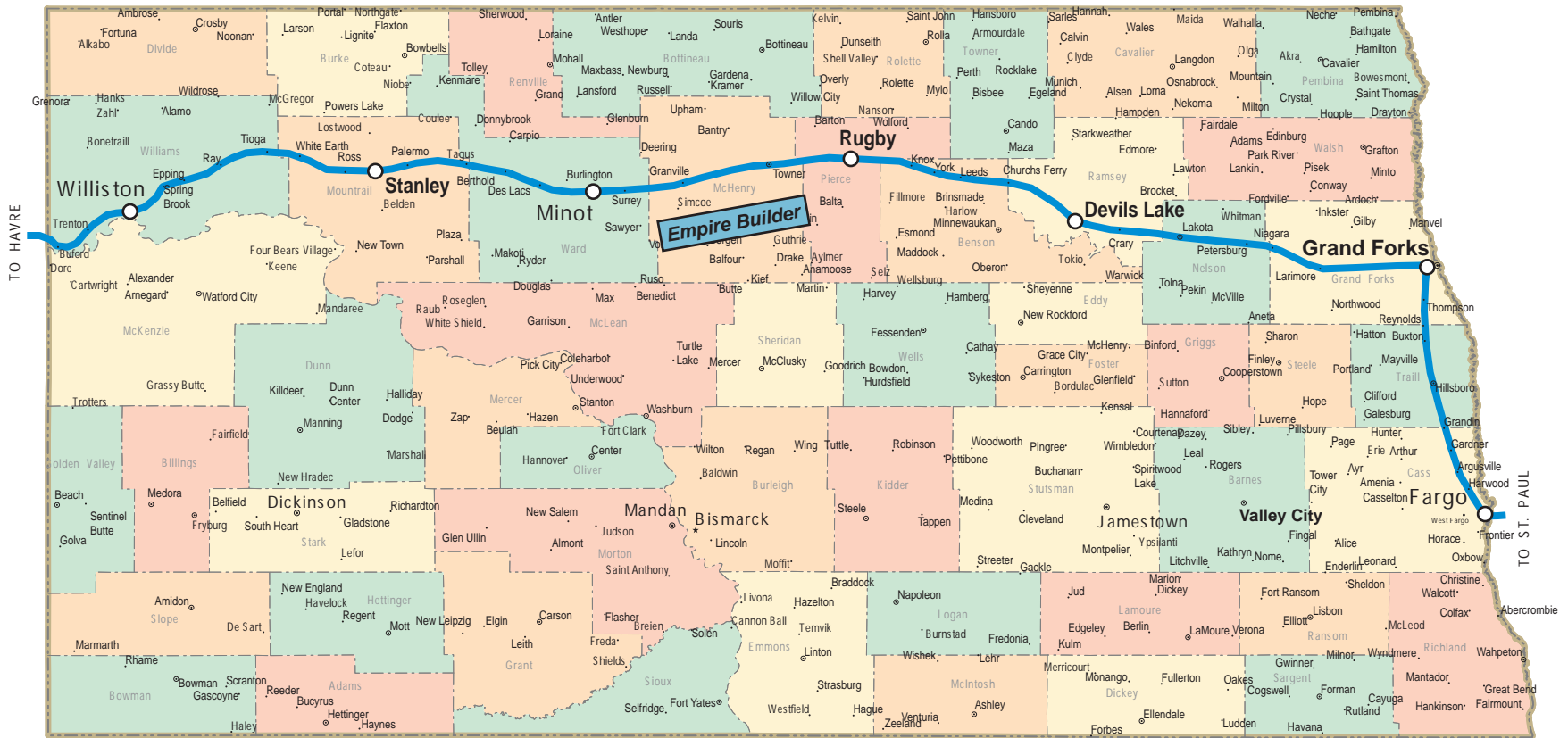
<u>City</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Fargo	\$ 1,810,439
Minot	\$ 2,700,097

Employment

At the end of FY13, Amtrak employed 10 North Dakota residents. Total wages of Amtrak employees living in North Dakota were \$718,460 during FY13.

Flooding issues

- **Devils Lake:** BNSF has completed a two-year project to elevate 15 miles of railroad in the northeastern part of the state. Amtrak service on this and other BNSF lines was interrupted for extended periods during spring and summer 2011 because of severe flooding in the Devils Lake basin. *Empire Builder* service to Grand Forks, Devils Lake, and Rugby also had been threatened by a long-term rising of the lake level and flooding, especially on the north end of the lake near Church's Ferry. Devils Lake sits in a basin with no natural outlet, and the lake's surface area has expanded and water has consumed farmland and roads. Amtrak, BNSF, and North Dakota DOT jointly funded an engineering study that found that the cost to raise the BNSF line above flood levels is \$77 million. An additional \$20 million would be needed to restore segments of track. Amtrak supported a successful North Dakota DOT application for a federal TIGER grant to fund one-third of the projected cost. Amtrak and BNSF each agreed to fund the other two-thirds. Elevation of the BNSF line used by the *Empire Builder* preserves passenger rail service to Grand Forks, Devils Lake and Rugby.
- **Minot:** During the summer of 2011, Minot was crippled by a 100-year flood of the Souris River. As floodwaters covered the BNSF line used by Amtrak, passenger service was interrupted for most of two summer months. The former Great Northern Railway Depot, extensively renovated in recent years, was inundated by floodwaters. Amtrak awarded bids for reconstruction and a second restoration of the station in fall 2012. Restoration was completed and the depot reopened in April 2013.



TRACK OWNERSHIP	
█ Amtrak	█ NS
█ UP	█ CP
█ BNSF	█ CN
█ CSX	█ Other

AMTRAK ROUTES IN NORTH DAKOTA