



## Amtrak Fact Sheet, Fiscal Year 2014

# State of North Dakota

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### 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 FY14 Amtrak served the following North Dakota locations:

<u>City</u>	<u>Boardings + Alightings</u>
<a href="#">Devils Lake</a>	3,555
<a href="#">Fargo</a>	23,314
<a href="#">Grand Forks</a>	14,168
<a href="#">Minot</a>	35,521
<a href="#">Rugby</a>	4,053
<a href="#">Stanley</a>	7,036
<a href="#">Williston</a>	44,013
<b>Total North Dakota Station Usage:</b>	<b>131,660</b>

(down 14.9% from FY13)

### Procurement/Contracts

Amtrak spent \$4,228,180 on goods and services in North Dakota in FY14. Most of this was in the following locations:

<u>City</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Fargo	\$ 1,825,483
Minot	\$ 2,332,773

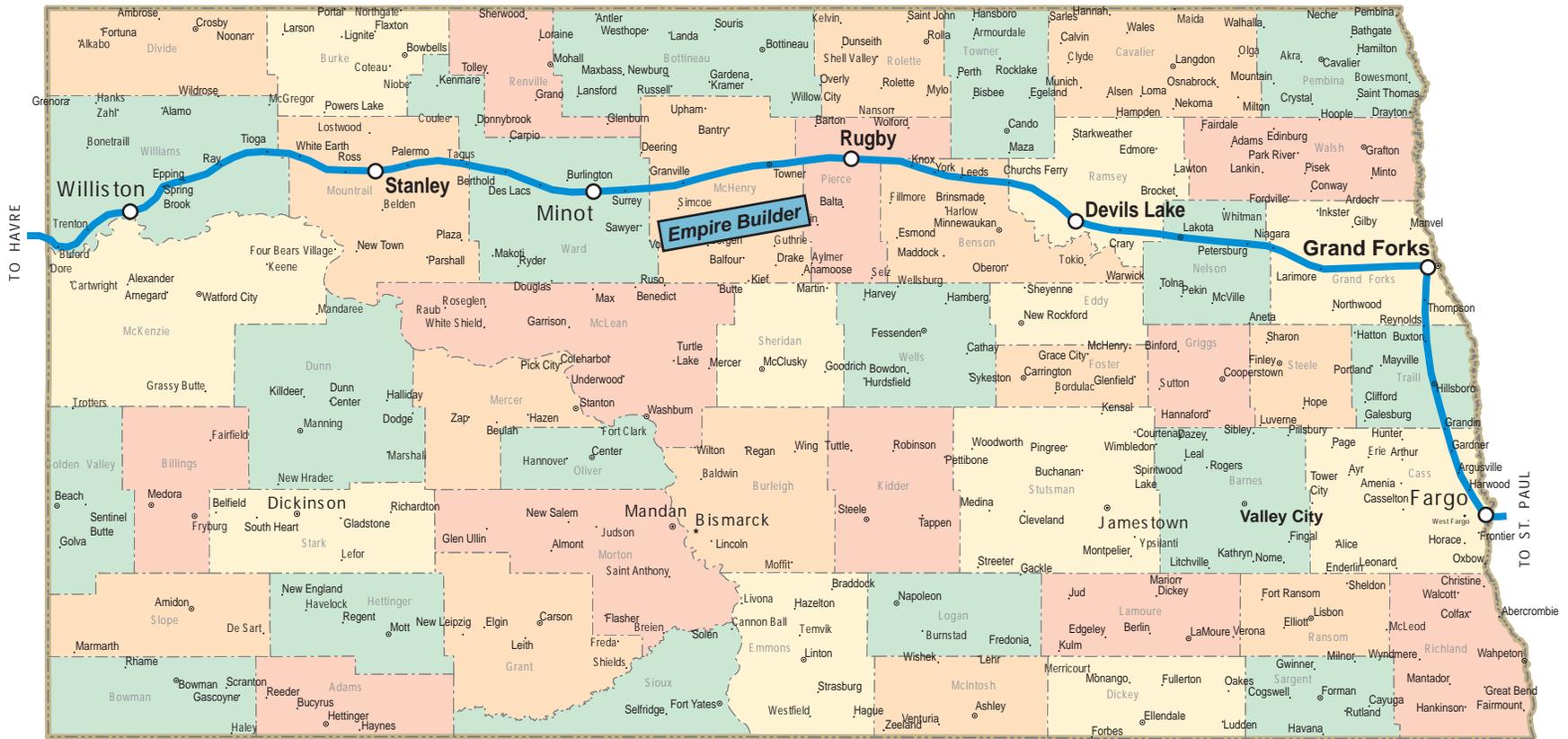
### Employment

At the end of FY14, Amtrak employed 12 North Dakota residents. Total wages of Amtrak employees living in North Dakota were \$727,400 during FY14.

## 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 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.



TRACK OWNERSHIP	
<span style="color: purple;">█</span> Amtrak	<span style="color: green;">█</span> NS
<span style="color: orange;">█</span> UP	<span style="color: lightgreen;">█</span> CP
<span style="color: blue;">█</span> BNSF	<span style="color: purple;">█</span> CN
<span style="color: red;">█</span> CSX	<span style="color: black;">█</span> Other

## AMTRAK ROUTES IN NORTH DAKOTA