



Amtrak Fact Sheet, Fiscal Year 2015

State of North Dakota

Amtrak Service & Ridership

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

During FY15 Amtrak served the following North Dakota locations:

<u>City</u>	<u>Boardings + Alightings</u>
Devils Lake	3,512
Fargo	22,939
Grand Forks	12,139
Minot	32,108
Rugby	4,254
Stanley	6,514
Williston	38,621
Total North Dakota Station Usage:	120,087

(down 8.8% from FY14)

Procurement/Contracts

Amtrak spent \$3,881,526 on goods and services in North Dakota in FY15. Most of this was in the following locations:

<u>City</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Fargo	\$ 2,252,724
Minot	\$ 1,553,554

Employment

At the end of FY15, Amtrak employed 11 North Dakota residents. Total wages of Amtrak employees living in North Dakota were \$880,677 during FY15.

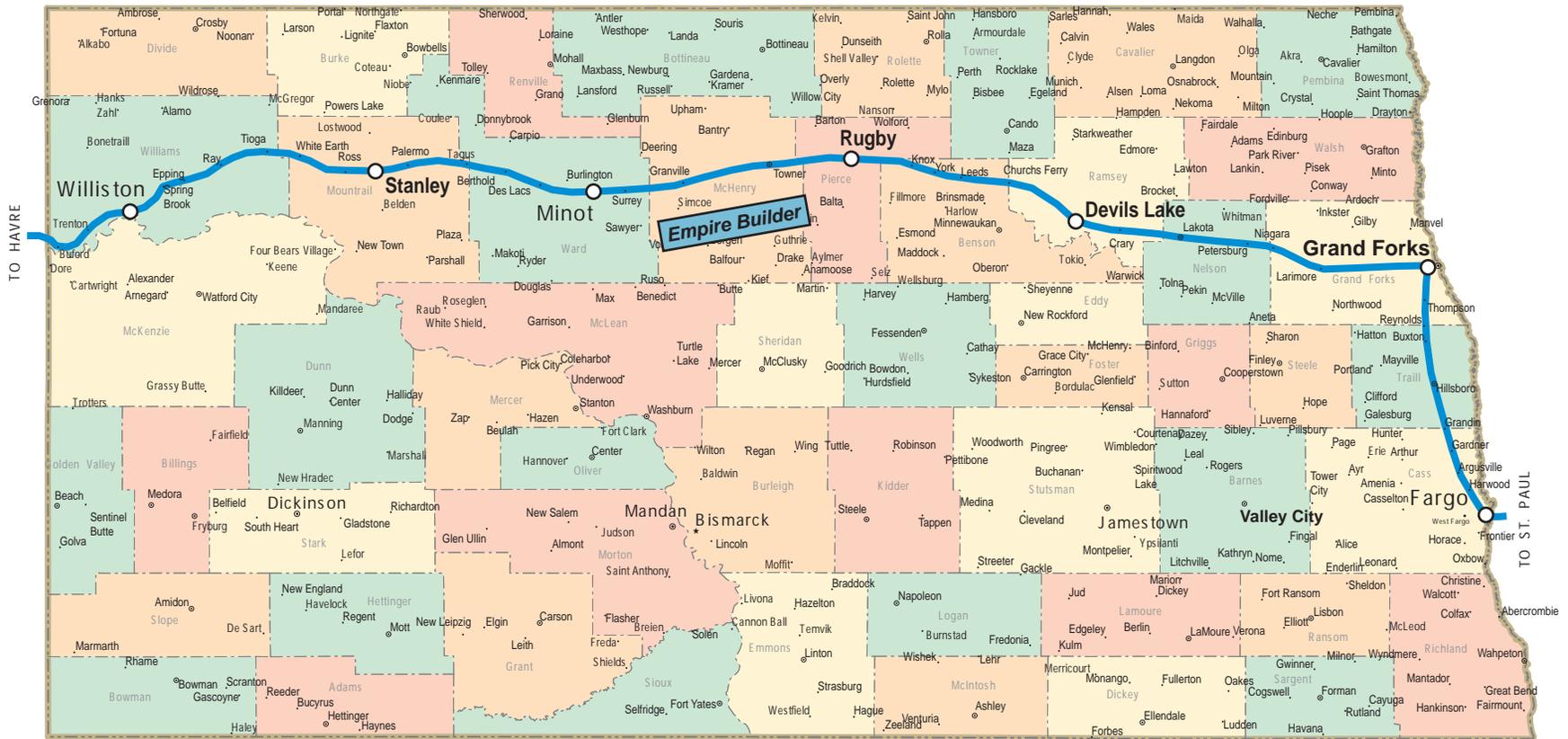
Flooding Issues

- **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.

Station Improvements

Improving ADA Accessibility: Amtrak is undertaking work at and around stations as part of a nationwide effort to gain compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act. In FY16, Amtrak will complete projects to improve path of travel from the public right-of-way to the train platform, restrooms, and signage at Devils Lake, Fargo, Rugby, Stanley, and Williston.



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

AMTRAK ROUTES IN NORTH DAKOTA