



Amtrak Fact Sheet, Fiscal Year 2007

State of Wisconsin

Amtrak Service & Ridership

Amtrak operates one long-distance train through Wisconsin, the *Empire Builder* (daily Chicago-Milwaukee-St. Paul-Seattle/Portland via Columbus, Portage, Wisconsin Dells, Tomah, and La Crosse), and one short distance service, the *Hiawathas* (seven round-trips daily between Milwaukee and Chicago).

During FY07 Amtrak served the following Wisconsin locations:

<u>City</u>	<u>Boardings + Alightings</u>
Columbus	16,850
La Crosse	27,616
Milwaukee	471,752
Milwaukee Airport	98,008
Portage	6,956
Sturtevant	61,672
Tomah	9,477
Wisconsin Dells	12,562
Total Wisconsin Station Usage:	704,897

Procurement/Contracts

Amtrak expended \$2,621,281 for goods and services in Wisconsin in FY07. Much of this money, \$1,273,591, was spent in Glendale.

Employment

At the end of FY07, Amtrak employed 67* Wisconsin residents. Total wages of Amtrak employees living in Wisconsin were \$3,685,121* during FY07.

**Due to a change in methodology, FY07 employment and wage figures are not directly comparable to those reported in prior years..*

State-Assisted Services

The State of Wisconsin, in partnership with the State of Illinois, funds the operation of the *Hiawatha Service* between Milwaukee and Chicago.

Station Improvements

The Wisconsin Department of Transportation, Amtrak and Greyhound formally dedicated the renovated Milwaukee Intermodal Station in November 2007. The \$15.8-million, public-private project restored and expanded the Milwaukee Passenger Station, built in 1965. The showcase facility includes ticketing and waiting areas for intercity rail and bus customers in a dramatic multi-story, glass-enclosed atrium.

The Village of Sturtevant built a new station, costing about \$3 million, which went into service on August 14, 2006. It replaced an older station that had fallen into disrepair with a new, ADA-compliant facility that has ample parking. For added safety, the new station includes a pedestrian bridge over the tracks.

The state opened a new station at Mitchell International Airport in Milwaukee on January 18, 2005. The work on these three stations marks the completion of station projects along the *Hiawatha Service* corridor in Wisconsin.