



Amtrak Fact Sheet, Fiscal Year 2012

State of Wisconsin

Amtrak-Wisconsin partnership

- *Hiawatha Service* – seven daily round trips, Milwaukee-Chicago
- Record *Hiawatha* ridership in Fiscal 2012
- Almost 43,000 Wisconsin residents are members of the Amtrak Guest Rewards frequent user program

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 the *Hiawatha Service*, with seven daily round-trips daily on the Milwaukee-Chicago corridor.

During FY12 Amtrak served the following Wisconsin locations:

<u>City</u>	<u>Boardings + Alightings</u>
Columbus	16,259
La Crosse	28,872
Milwaukee	632,078
Milwaukee Airport	163,772
Portage	6,747
Sturtevant	75,052
Tomah	10,775
Wisconsin Dells	13,543
Total Wisconsin Station Usage:	947,098
	(up 2.5% from FY11)

Procurement/Contracts

Amtrak spent \$16,505,263 on goods and services in Wisconsin in FY12. Most of this was in the following locations:

<u>City</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Fox Point	\$ 1,311,486
Glendale	\$ 2,608,686
Milwaukee	\$ 9,463,251
Oak Creek	\$ 1,650,687

Employment

At the end of FY12, Amtrak employed 70 Wisconsin residents. Total wages of Amtrak employees living in Wisconsin were \$4,817,978 during FY12.

State-Assisted Services

The State of Wisconsin, in partnership with the State of Illinois, funds the operation of seven daily, round-trip *Hiawatha Service* trains between Milwaukee and Chicago. In FY12, *Hiawatha Service* ridership was 838,355, up 2.3% from 2011, which is an **all-time record** number of riders for the route. With seven frequencies in each direction daily, the service is the most heavily used Amtrak route in the Midwest.

Expansion Planning

Second Chicago-Twin Cities Train: Amtrak has been participating in all facets of a Minnesota DOT and Wisconsin DOT-sponsored effort for a second daily frequency between Chicago and St. Paul on the current *Empire Builder* route. An additional frequency would provide cities along the route two trains in each direction, seven days a week. Discussion between the states, communities, Amtrak, and Canadian Pacific Railway are ongoing.

Additional Hiawatha Frequencies: The addition of three *Hiawatha* frequencies daily in each direction between Chicago and Milwaukee is in very preliminary discussions. This would make for a total of ten daily trains in each direction.

Station Improvements

- **Milwaukee:** Amtrak is continuing to work with Wisconsin DOT on their efforts to rebuild the existing train shed and platforms at the Milwaukee Intermodal Station to provide a safer, healthier, more modern, ADA-compliant experience.
- **Milwaukee Airport Railroad Station:** Wisconsin DOT combined state and federal dollars to double the platform length from 400 feet to 800 feet at the station serving Milwaukee Airport. Work was completed in October 2012.
- **Tomah:** After receiving a new roof and paint by labor forces of owner Canadian Pacific Railway in 2011, the historic Tomah station in 2012 was complemented with a new, fully ADA-compliant parking lot. This replaced a non-compliant dirt and gravel lot.

AMTRAK ROUTES IN WISCONSIN

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

