



Amtrak Fact Sheet, Fiscal Year 2004 State of Montana

Amtrak Service & Ridership

Amtrak operates one daily long-distance train through Montana, the *Empire Builder* (Chicago-Minneapolis/St. Paul-Seattle/Portland service via northern Montana).

During FY04 Amtrak served the following Montana locations:

<u>City</u>	<u>Ridership</u>
Browning (winter only)	1,961
Cut Bank	2,573
East Glacier (summer only)	10,081
Essex	3,531
Glasgow	6,126
Havre	14,251
Libby	5,071
Malta	3,004
Shelby	14,493
West Glacier	4,011
Whitefish	56,279
Wolf Point	7,663
Total Montana Ridership:	129,044

Procurement/Contracts

Amtrak expended \$57,495 for goods and services in Montana in FY04.

Employment

During fiscal year 2004, Amtrak employed 57 Montana residents. Total wages of Amtrak employees living in Montana were \$3,293,052 during this period.

Selected Highlights

In FY04, ridership on the *Empire Builder* increased by 5%, making it the most popular Amtrak long-distance train.

A recent study by R.L. Banks & Associates commissioned by the state of Montana concluded that the *Empire Builder* contributes nearly \$14 million annually in economic benefits to Montana.