



# Amtrak Fact Sheet, Fiscal Year 2006

## State of Montana

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### 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 FY06 Amtrak served the following Montana locations:

<u>City</u>	<u>Boardings + Alightings</u>
Browning (winter only)	2,234
Cut Bank	3,049
East Glacier (summer only)	11,067
Essex	3,862
Glasgow	6,279
Havre	16,976
Libby	5,652
Malta	3,582
Shelby	16,639
West Glacier	5,786
Whitefish	68,223
Wolf Point	7,753
<b>Total Montana Station Usage:</b>	<b>151,102</b>

Amtrak is upgrading equipment and amenities on selected long-distance trains, and the first train to be re-launched with these upgrades was the *Empire Builder*, in August 2005.

### Procurement/Contracts

Amtrak expended \$93,980 for goods and services in Montana in FY06.

### Employment

During fiscal year 2006, Amtrak employed 57 Montana residents. Total wages of Amtrak employees living in Montana were \$3,458,925 during this period.

### Selected Highlights

In FY06, ridership on the Empire Builder increased by 4.3%, making it the most popular Amtrak long-distance train for the third consecutive year.

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.