

Amtrak Fact Sheet, Fiscal Year 2017 State of Montana

Amtrak Service & Ridership

Amtrak operates one daily National Network train through Montana, the *Empire Builder* (Chicago-Minneapolis/St. Paul-Havre-Glacier Park-Seattle/Portland).

During FY17 Amtrak served the following Montana locations:

City	Boardings + Alightings
Browning (winter only)	1,644
Cut Bank	2,544
East Glacier (summer only)	14,348
Essex	3,253
Glasgow	4,945
Havre	11,570
<u>Libby</u>	5,068
<u>Malta</u>	3,695
<u>Shelby</u>	10,887
West Glacier	5,495
Whitefish	57,093
Wolf Point	5,097
Total Montana Station Usage:	125,639
	(up 1.4% from FY16)

Procurement

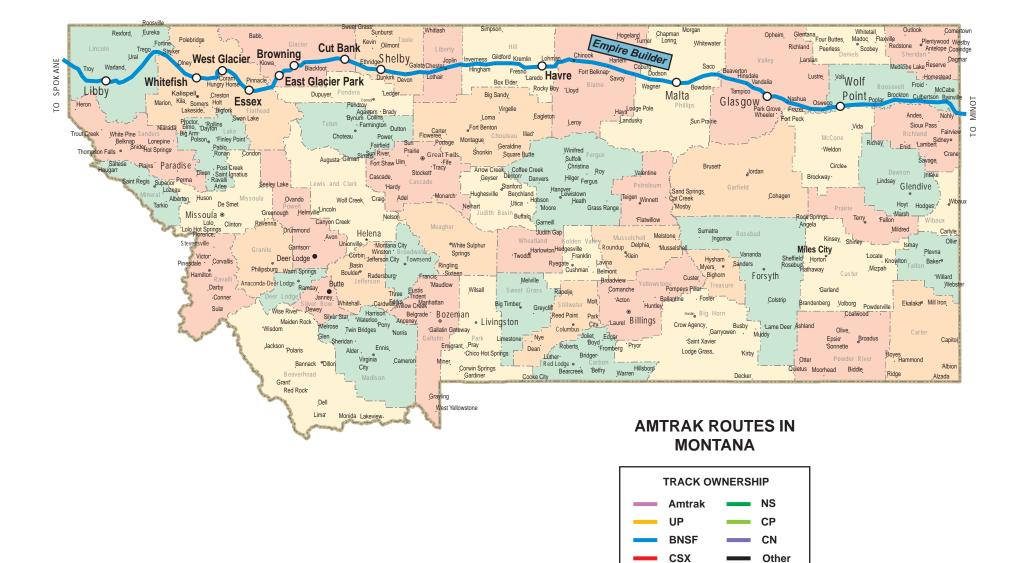
Amtrak spent \$73,174 on goods and services in Montana in FY17.

Employment

At the end of FY17, Amtrak employed 43 Montana residents. Total wages of Amtrak employees living in Montana were \$3,831,824 during FY17.

Stations

- **Browning:** In 2012, Amtrak built a 110-foot concrete platform and a walkway ramp, platform lighting system, wheel-chair lift enclosure, and handicap parking stalls. The drainage system at the station was also improved. In 2014, Amtrak installed a new, enclosed, heated shelter. The old depot structure was removed by BNSF Railway. In 2017, station signage was added.
- **Cut Bank:** Through the Amtrak State of Good Repair program, the roof on the Cut Bank station building was replaced in 2016. Additional ADA work to the interior of the building was completed as well.
- **East Glacier:** ADA renovations to the station building were completed in 2016. Improvements included entrance ways, waiting room, restroom, and the ticket counter. Through the Amtrak State of Good Repair program, additional improvements were made to the walkways that provided access to the platform and station.
- Libby: Through the Amtrak State of Good Repair program, the station roof was replaced in 2016. Additional ADA work to the interior of the building was completed as well. Previously, Amtrak designed and built a 550-foot concrete platform and handicap parking stalls, walkway ramp, wheel-chair lift enclosure, and a platform lighting system.
- Malta: Through the Amtrak State of Good Repair program and partnering with BNSF Railway, a new roof was installed in 2017. Previously, \$1.3 million had been spent to improve the travel experience for passengers at Malta. Work has been completed to make parking and signage more accessible. The station features an accessible platform and waiting room. Additional improvement projects will add new water cabinets, access road, parking lot and lighting.
- Shelby: Through the Amtrak State of Good Repair program and partnering with BNSF Railway, a new roof was installed in 2017. Additionally, both parties worked together to repaint the exterior. In 2016, the City of Shelby received a \$954,000 Railroad Safety Improvement Grant that will upgrade pedestrian and motor vehicle crossings and install quad gates, fencing and signage along the BNSF right-of-way, and a wayside horn advance warning system providing safe access to the community. Amtrak completed design work in 2017 for a new ADA-compliant platform and is coordinating the city on their safety improvement project.



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