

through the station and provided revenue valued at \$618,655.

## **Amtrak's Effect on Tourism and Broader Economy**

Emission reductions from traveling by Amtrak trains vs. traveling by car:	\$35,000
Cost savings from the lower risk of traveling by train vs. traveling by car:	\$513,000
Tourist spending generated from Amtrak passengers	\$346,000
Number of tourists that utilize Amtrak services	14,000
Percent of total riders that are tourists	50%
Federal taxes generated for Iowa from tourist spending	\$18,000
State taxes generated for Iowa from tourist spending	\$16,000
Local taxes generated for Iowa from tourist spending	\$5,000
* Value Added - enhancement a company or business gives its product or service before providing it to customers(value of the final outputs from Amtrak min ** Local riders are defined as riders that boarded or alighted an Amtrak train in the state. May include out of state passengers transferring trains in the state.	us the value of the inputs such as raw materials).

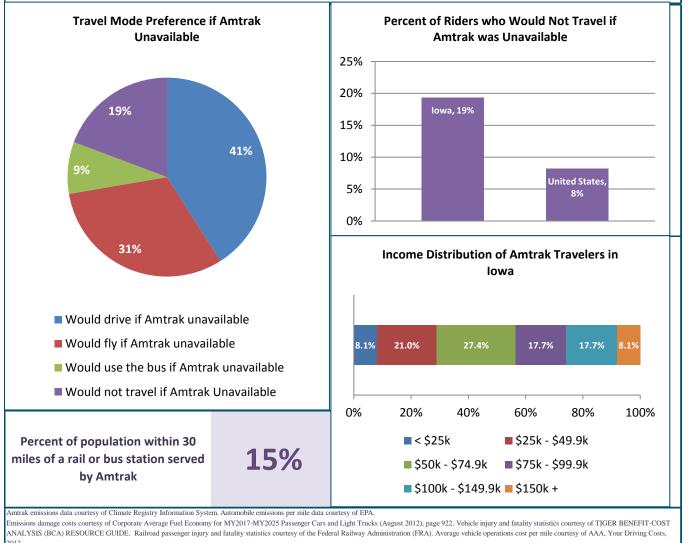
\*\*\* Rail Passenger Mile - passenger rail miles are determined by multiplying the total number of passengers by the total number of miles traveled.

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Iowa is served by 2 train routes and 6 stations. The *Southwest Chief* route takes passengers through Fort Madison and over the Mississippi River. The *California Zephyr* route takes passengers over the Missouri River and through Mt. Pleasant, home to the Iowa Wesleyan College, and Burlington. Osceola is the state's busiest station. An estimated 15 percent of the population lives within 30 miles of an Amtrak station.

Among Amtrak riders in the state, 19 percent report that they would not have made the trip but for the availability of Amtrak service. The service provides important mobility and access needs for a number of residents. Moreover, the service is used by the full spectrum of income groups across the state's population.

Amtrak spent over \$1 million on goods and services in Iowa in FY15 and employed 7 Iowa residents.



Profile of Amtrak Customers

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