

MIPRC Universities & Colleges Passenger Rail Survey
Summary of Responses from all Participating Winona, Minnesota Schools ¹

	<u>Percent</u>
1. My permanent residence is (pick one):	
184 In the town or city where my university/college is located	27.71%
205 In a different state from my college/university	30.87%
273 In the same state where my college/university is located	41.11%
2 Outside the U.S.	0.30%
664 Total	100.00%
2. How often do you travel back and forth between your permanent residence and your school in a typical year?	
10 Once a year	1.51%
149 2-4 times a year	22.44%
223 Once a month	33.58%
73 Weekly	10.99%
95 Daily	14.31%
114 N/A (I live in the town/city where my college/university is located)	17.17%
664 Total	100.00%
3. What do you consider to be your primary mode of transportation between your permanent residence and your college/university?	
466 By my own car	70.08%
92 By car-pooling with others	13.83%
3 By local bus service	0.45%
4 By intercity bus service	0.60%
0 By light rail/transit	0.00%
71 By Amtrak	10.68%
0 By commuter rail (not Amtrak)	0.00%
13 By air	1.95%
16 Other	2.41%
665 Total	100.00%
11.73% of survey respondents use some form of public transportation (Amtrak, light rail/transit, commuter rail or intercity or local bus service) as their primary mode of transportation.	
4. Have you ever used passenger rail service (Amtrak) to travel to or from your college/university?	
273 Yes	41.30%
388 No	58.70%
661 Total	100.00%
4B. [If answered "yes" to question 4] In the past 12 months, how many times have you used passenger rail service (Amtrak) to travel to or from your college/university?	
55 One to two	63.22%
8 Three to four	9.20%
9 Five to nine	10.34%
15 Ten or more	17.24%
87 Total	100.00%
4C. [If answered "no" to question 4] In the past 12 months, has a family member or friend visiting you at your college/university ever used passenger rail service for travel either to or from your college/university?	
54 Yes	13.99%
332 No	86.01%
386 Total	100.00%

4D.[If answered "yes" to Question #4C] In the past 12 months, how many times has a visiting family member or friend ever used passenger rail service as a mode of transportation either to or from your college/university?

17 One to two	73.91%
3 Three to four	13.04%
1 Five to nine	4.35%
2 Ten or more	8.70%
23 Total	100.00%

5A [Follows question 4B] Why did you decide to use passenger rail service to/from your college/university? (please check all that apply):

99 Taking the train was cheaper than other modes of transportation	36.26%
135 I do not have a car	49.45%
Taking the train is convenient and comfortable compared to driving	
134 or flying	49.08%
30 For environmental reasons	10.99%
40 Other	14.65%
438 Total	
273 # of respondents (total who responded "yes" to Question 4)	160.44% *

5B [Follows question 4D] Why did your family member or friend decide to use passenger rail service to/from your college/university? (please check all that apply):

20 Taking the train was cheaper than other modes of transportation	37.04%
28 They don't have a car	51.85%
25 It is convenient and comfortable compared to driving or flying	46.30%
2 For environmental reasons	3.70%
2 Other	3.70%
77 Total	
54 # of respondents (total who responded "yes" to Question 4C)	142.59% *

6. [If answered YES to question 4] How important a resource is the Amtrak service for you to be able to attend college/university?

38 Not at all important	14.45%
48 Not very important	18.25%
88 Somewhat important	33.46%
58 Very important	22.05%
31 Extremely important	11.79%
263 Total	100.00%

7. [If answered NO to Question 4] Why haven't you used passenger rail (Amtrak) as a mode of transportation to and/or from your college/university? (check all that apply):

53 I do not know how to buy a ticket	13.66%
49 I do not know where/how to catch a train near my school	12.63%
103 There is not an Amtrak station close to my home	26.55%
62 I cannot rely on Amtrak trains to run on time	15.98%
77 Train departure/arrival times are not convenient	19.85%
The Amtrak route available from my home to my college/university is	
72 not convenient: there is not a direct route from near my home to my college/university	18.56%
The Amtrak route available from near my home to my	
75 college/university is not convenient: it would take a lot more time than my chosen transportation mode	19.33%
68 A train ticket is too expensive	17.53%
559 Total	
388 # of respondents (total who responded "no" to Question 4)	144.07% *

8. [If answered NO to Question 4] Which of the following might motivate you to use Amtrak to travel to/from your school in the future?

97 More frequent service	25.00%
105 Better arrival/departure times	27.06%
136 More/better discounts for ticket purchase	35.05%
Information provided by my college/university on how to take the	
80 train	20.62%
Transportation provided by my college/university to get to the	
52 closest Amtrak station	13.40%
128 If there was a station close to my permanent residence	32.99%
61 Nothing could persuade me to take the train.	15.72%
659 Total	
388 # of respondents (total who responded "no" to Question 4)	169.85% *

9. How likely are you to use Amtrak for travel in the future?

68 Not at all likely	11.04%
146 Not very likely	23.70%
198 Somewhat likely	32.14%
111 Very likely	18.02%
93 Extremely likely	15.10%
616 Total	100.00%

10. If Amtrak provided more frequent service to and from your college/university, would you be more likely, less likely or equally likely to travel by Amtrak as you do now?

29 Much less likely	4.58%
23 Somewhat less likely	3.63%
233 Equally likely	36.81%
190 Somewhat more likely	30.02%
158 Much more likely	24.96%
633 Total	100.00%

11. How important do you consider passenger rail service to the United States' transportation future?

15 Not at all important	2.48%
40 Not very important	6.60%
176 Somewhat important	29.04%
203 Important	33.50%
172 Very important	28.38%
606 Total	100.00%

12. How aware are you of the role that state and federal government play in funding passenger rail, including increasing the number of trains and route options?

340 Not at all aware	56.48%
209 Somewhat aware	34.72%
53 Very aware	8.80%
602 Total	100.00%

13. You are a:

452 Student	74.34%
90 Staff	14.80%
66 Faculty	10.86%
608 Total	100.00%

14A. (if student): Are you a full time or part-time student?

423 Full time student	93.79%
28 Part time student	6.21%
451 Total	100.00%

14B. (if student): Are you an international student?

7 Yes	1.55%
445 No	98.45%
452 Total	100.00%

15. (if student): How much will access to public transportation options effect your decision to stay in the Midwest after graduating?

125 Not at all	27.90%
114 Not very much	25.45%
124 Somewhat	27.68%
56 Quite a bit	12.50%
29 Very much	6.47%
448 Total	100.00%

16. Would you be interested in helping advocate for an improved passenger rail system in our region/country?

155 Yes	25.75%
447 No	74.25%
602 Total	100.00%

¹ Three four-year colleges and universities in Minnesota participated in the survey, which was conducted between November 2016 and February 2017: Minnesota State College-Southeast; St. Mary's University of Minnesota; and Winona State University

* Total does not equal 100% since respondents were allowed to choose more than one response