



## Amtrak Fact Sheet, Fiscal Year 2008

# State of Texas

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### Amtrak Service & Ridership

Amtrak operates one shorter-distance train, the *Heartland Flyer* (daily Fort Worth-Gainesville-Oklahoma City) and two long-distance trains through Texas:

- The *Sunset Limited* (tri-weekly Orlando-New Orleans-Los Angeles via Houston, San Antonio, and El Paso)\*
- The *Texas Eagle* (daily Chicago-Dallas-San Antonio with tri-weekly through car service via the *Sunset Limited* to Los Angeles)

\* Sunset Limited service suspended east of New Orleans.

During FY08 Amtrak served the following Texas locations:

<u>City</u>	<u>Boardings + Alightings</u>
Alpine	3,519
Austin	23,829
Beaumont	1,662
Cleburne	2,135
Dallas	35,860
Del Rio	1,665
El Paso	9,605
Fort Worth	109,012
Gainesville	9,249
Houston	14,891
Longview	27,920
Marshall	7,406
McGregor	3,141
Mineola	4,376
San Antonio	48,151
San Marcos	3,741
Sanderson	153
Taylor	3,981
Temple	12,914
<b>Total Texas Station Usage:</b>	<b>323,210</b>

## Procurement/Contracts

Amtrak expended \$12,147,620 for goods and services in Texas in FY08. Much of this money was spent in the following locations:

<u>City</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Dallas	\$ 1,029,294
Irving	\$ 3,895,692
Southlake	\$ 2,614,127

## Employment

At the end of FY08, Amtrak employed 201 Texas residents. Total wages of Amtrak employees living in Texas were \$12,930,640 during FY08.

## State-Assisted Services

The Texas Transportation Commission voted in September 2006 to begin contributing a part of the operating grant for the Fort Worth-Oklahoma City *Heartland Flyer*. The State of Oklahoma also contributes to this service.

## Station Improvements

- **Cleburne:** The Cleburne Intermodal Transportation Depot was completed in 1999. It was funded jointly with state and local funding.
- **Marshall:** The famous Texas & Pacific station was restored in 1998 by the city with a grant from the Texas DOT.
- **Mineola:** The renovated station in Mineola was dedicated on June 10, 2006, restoring it to its original 1906 appearance. The \$800,000 city-led project was funded with grants from Texas DOT and other sources.
- **San Marcos:** The new intermodal station was completed in 2001 utilizing federal, state and local funds. Today it serves Amtrak along with local and intercity bus service.
- **Texarkana:** The ticket office is now staffed and is open daily, effective November 10, 2008, with full ticketing and checked baggage.