



## Amtrak Fact Sheet, Fiscal Year 2008

# State of Oklahoma

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### Amtrak Service & Ridership

Amtrak serves Oklahoma with one corridor train, the *Heartland Flyer* (daily Oklahoma City-Fort Worth, Texas). The *Heartland Flyer* provides connections to the Amtrak national train network at Fort Worth.

During FY08 Amtrak served the following Oklahoma locations:

<u>City</u>	<u>Boardings + Alightings</u>
Ardmore	8,607
Norman	13,414
Oklahoma City	55,015
Pauls Valley	5,942
Purcell	2,086
<b>Total Oklahoma Station Usage:</b>	<b>85,064</b>

### Procurement/Contracts

Amtrak expended \$652,961 for goods and services in Oklahoma in FY08.

### Employment

At the end of FY08, Amtrak employed 2 Oklahoma residents. Total wages of Amtrak employees living in Oklahoma were \$63,615 during FY08.

### State-Assisted Services

The *Heartland Flyer* has been funded by the State of Oklahoma since the train began service on June 14, 1999. Oklahoma has made capital upgrades to the BNSF Railway tracks in Oklahoma, allowing for speed increases to 79 mph over segments of the route and reducing the trip time for the *Heartland Flyer*. Ridership aboard *Heartland Flyer* trains increased 18.5% in FY08 to 80,892 passengers carried. Texas also began contributing to funding the service in Fiscal 2007.

### Expansion Planning

Oklahoma Department of Transportation asked Amtrak to study the feasibility of establishing passenger rail service over a route from Oklahoma City to Tulsa. The Route Feasibility Study will be completed during 2008.

Kansas Department of Transportation (DOT) has asked Amtrak study the feasibility of establishing passenger rail service along all or part of a corridor between Kansas City, Missouri, and Oklahoma City, via several Kansas and Oklahoma communities. Once complete, Amtrak will provide the study results to Kansas DOT.