



Amtrak Fact Sheet State of Texas

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

During FY03 Amtrak served the following Texas locations:

<u>City</u>	<u>Ridership</u>
Alpine	1,796
Austin	18,646
Beaumont	1,708
Cleburne	1,531
Dallas	31,981
Del Rio	1,135
El Paso	10,165
Fort Worth	64,247
Gainesville	8,981
Houston	19,661
Longview	20,720
Marshall	3,696
McGregor	1,776
Mineola	2,308
San Antonio	44,682
San Marcos	2,646
Sanderson	194
Taylor	2,590
Temple	8,006
Total Texas Ridership:	246,469

Procurement/Contracts

Amtrak expended \$8,091,250 for goods and services in Texas in FY03. Half of this money was spent in Fort Worth, \$4,004,147.

Employment

As of December 2003, Amtrak employed 197 Texas residents. Total wages of Amtrak employees living in Texas were \$7,794,059 in calendar year 2003.

Amtrak Mayor's Advisory Council

Mayor Kenneth Barr of Fort Worth, Texas is an active member of Amtrak's national Mayor's Advisory Council. The council was formed in 1999 to strengthen and build public/private partnerships, to raise national and local levels of awareness regarding the importance of passenger rail -- as a tool for economic development, mobility and congestion relief, to inform mayors as to the local initiatives that benefit Amtrak, and to serve as an advisory board to Amtrak on passenger rail issues.