



Amtrak Fact Sheet, Fiscal Year 2007

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* (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 FY07 Amtrak served the following Texas locations:

<u>City</u>	<u>Boardings + Alightings</u>
Alpine	2,659
Austin	19,388
Beaumont	1,384
Cleburne	1,831
Dallas	27,374
Del Rio	1,590
El Paso	8,672
Fort Worth	85,069
Gainesville	9,589
Houston	13,214
Longview	21,610
Marshall	5,469
McGregor	2,382
Mineola	3,888
San Antonio	40,908
San Marcos	3,084
Sanderson	157
Taylor	3,464
Temple	10,349
Total Texas Station Usage:	262,081

Procurement/Contracts

Amtrak expended \$16,457,776 for goods and services in Texas in FY07. Much of this money was spent in the following locations:

<u>City</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Fort Worth	\$ 5,974,696
Houston	\$ 1,069,906
Plano	\$ 3,413,629
Southlake	\$ 3,145,366

Employment

At the end of FY07, Amtrak employed 188* Texas residents. Total wages of Amtrak employees living in Texas were \$10,315,329* during FY07.

**Due to a change in methodology, FY07 employment and wage figures are not directly comparable to those reported in prior years.*

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

The renovated station in Mineola was dedicated on June 10, 2006, restoring it to its original 1906 appearance. Amtrak has stopped at what is now part of the Mineola Transportation Plaza since 1996. The \$800,000 city-led project was funded with grants from Texas DOT and other sources.