



Amtrak Cascades Ridership Report Fourth Quarter 2008



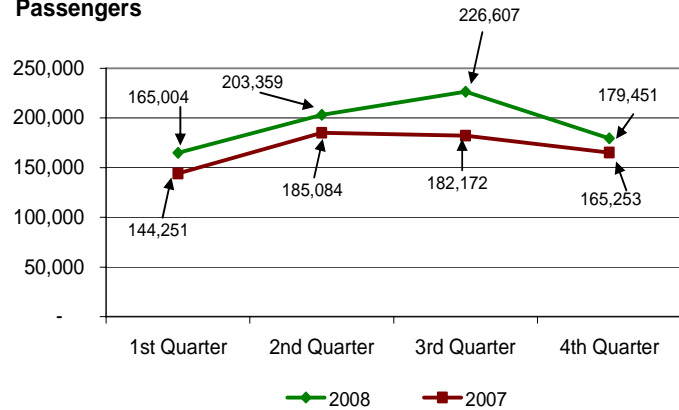
The following information is a snapshot of ridership performance (with a few observations), average trip length, a year-to-date summary, and other Amtrak Cascades news.

Ridership

Ridership increased in the fourth quarter in spite of severe weather conditions (see Other Amtrak Cascades News). When compared with the fourth quarter of 2007:

- Ridership increased 8.6 percent.
- Ridership for train 501(Sea-Pdx) increased 11.9 percent.
- Ridership for trains 507 (Sea-Pdx) and 507 (Pdx-Eug) increased 4.3 and 5.7 percent.
- Ridership for train 508 (Pdx-Sea) increased 4.1 percent.
- Ridership for trains 513 and 516 increased 16.6 and 14.2 percent.

Passengers



Quarterly Ridership per Funding Agency

Amtrak Cascades operations are funded by the states of Washington and Oregon and Amtrak. This table provides a breakdown per funding agency.

When compared with the fourth quarter of 2007:

- Ridership for Washington State funded trains increased 6.8 percent.
- Ridership for Oregon funded trains increased 13.6 percent.
- Ridership for Amtrak funded trains increased 10.8 percent.
- See "Other Amtrak Cascades News" below for explanation.

Agency	2008	2007
Washington Funded Trains	117,932	110,384
Oregon Funded Trains*	30,143	26,546
Amtrak Funded Trains**	31,376	28,323
Route Totals	179,451	165,253

*Represents trains 500 (Eug-Pdx), 504, 507 (Pdx-Eug), and 509 (Pdx-Eug).

**Represents trains 500 (Pdx-Sea) and 509 (Sea-Pdx).

Year-to-Date (YTD) Summary

- Average trip length is still comparable to 2007.
- Passenger Miles increased by 14.8 percent when compared with 2007.

YTD	Ridership	Passenger Miles (PM)	Ave. Trip Length (miles)
2008	774,421	119,209,956	153.9
2007	676,760	103,835,246	153.4

Other Amtrak Cascades News

- Severe weather conditions caused train cancellations during the fourth quarter on 12/19 – trains 508 & 513; 12/20 – trains 500, 507, & 508; 12/21-22 – all Amtrak Cascades trains; 12/25-26 – trains 510 and 517. Alternative transportation was provided on 12/25-26 only.
- Amtrak Superliner equipment is being used for trains 510 and 517 and is operating with its original schedule.
- WSDOT and Amtrak began a new Amtrak Cascades connecting bus service on May 12. Total ridership for this quarter was 5,118. This was a 7.8 percent increase over the previous quarter.