



Amtrak Cascades Ridership Report Second Quarter 2008

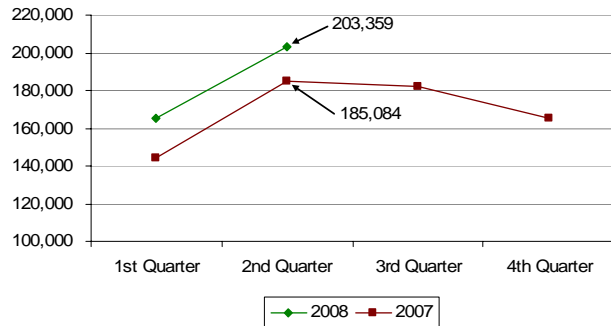
The following information is a snapshot of ridership performance (with a few observations), average trip length, a year-to-date summary, and other Amtrak Cascades news.

Ridership

This quarter showed record ridership for the months of May and June.

When compared with the second quarter of 2007:

- Ridership increased 9.9 percent.
- Ridership for train 501(Sea-Pdx) increased 22.5 percent.
- Ridership for trains 507 (Sea-Pdx) and 507 (Pdx-Eug) increased 13.9 and 10.4 percent.
- Ridership for train 508 (Pdx-Sea) increased 8.6 percent.
- Ridership for trains 513 and 516 increased 16.1 and 11.3 percent.



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 second quarter of 2007:

- Ridership for Washington State funded trains increased 10.1 percent.
- Ridership for Oregon funded trains increased 5.8 percent.
- Ridership for Amtrak funded trains increased 12.3 percent.
- See "Other Amtrak Cascades News" below for explanation.

Agency	2008	2007
Washington Funded Trains	137,694	124,871
Oregon Funded Trains*	31,818	30,075
Amtrak Funded Trains**	33,847	30,134
Route Totals	203,359	185,084

*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 remained consistent when compared with 2007.
- Passenger Miles increased by 12.0 percent when compared with 2007.

YTD	Ridership	Passenger Miles (PM)	Ave. Trip Length (miles)
2008	368,201	56,494,026	153.4
2007	329,335	50,427,772	153.1

Other Amtrak Cascades News

- Amtrak Superliner equipment is being used for trains 510 and 517 and is operating with its original schedule.
- Amtrak's Coast Starlight service was suspended from January 19 to May 7, 2008, due to a landside in Oregon.
- WSDOT and Amtrak began a new Amtrak Cascades connecting bus service on May 12. Northbound passengers riding train 500 can now connect in Seattle to a direct bus to Everett, Mount Vernon, and Bellingham. Southbound, the bus makes the same stops, and connects to train 509 in Seattle.