



# Amtrak Cascades Ridership Report Third Quarter 2008

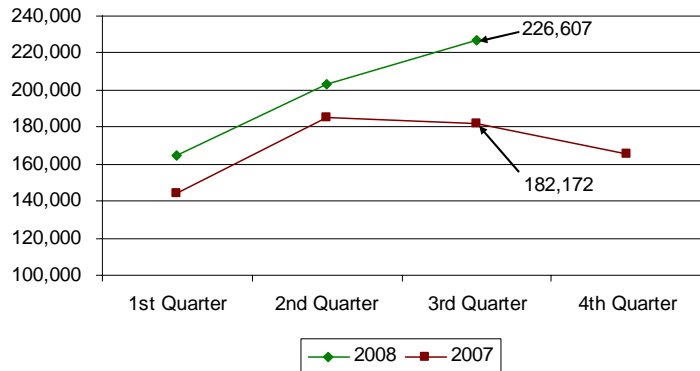
The following information is a snapshot of ridership performance (with a few observations), average trip length, a year-to-date summary, and other Amtrak Cascades news.

## Ridership

**This quarter showed record ridership for the every month.**

Ridership decreased in third quarter 2007 due to mechanical issues with the Talgo equipment. When compared with the third quarter of 2007:

- Ridership increased 24.4 percent.
- Ridership for train 501(Sea-Pdx) increased 47.4 percent.
- Ridership for trains 507 (Sea-Pdx) and 507 (Pdx-Eug) increased 2.6 and 52.0 percent.
- Ridership for train 508 (Pdx-Sea) increased 30.2 percent.
- Ridership for trains 513 and 516 increased 45.3 and 32.1 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 third quarter of 2007:

- Ridership for Washington State funded trains increased 21.9 percent.
- Ridership for Oregon funded trains increased 43.3 percent.
- Ridership for Amtrak funded trains increased 19.3 percent.
- See "Other Amtrak Cascades News" below for explanation.

Agency	2008	2007
Washington Funded Trains	154,315	126,617
Oregon Funded Trains*	35,867	25,025
Amtrak Funded Trains**	36,425	30,530
<b>Route Totals</b>	<b>226,607</b>	<b>182,172</b>

\*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 increased by one mile per passenger when compared with 2007.
- Passenger Miles increased by 16.3 percent when compared with 2007.

YTD	Ridership	Passenger Miles (PM)	Ave. Trip Length (miles)
2008	594,970	91,785,304	154.3
2007	511,507	78,379,608	153.2

## Other Amtrak Cascades News

- 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 4,894. The second quarter total ridership was less than 2,000, but it was only available 1.5 months.