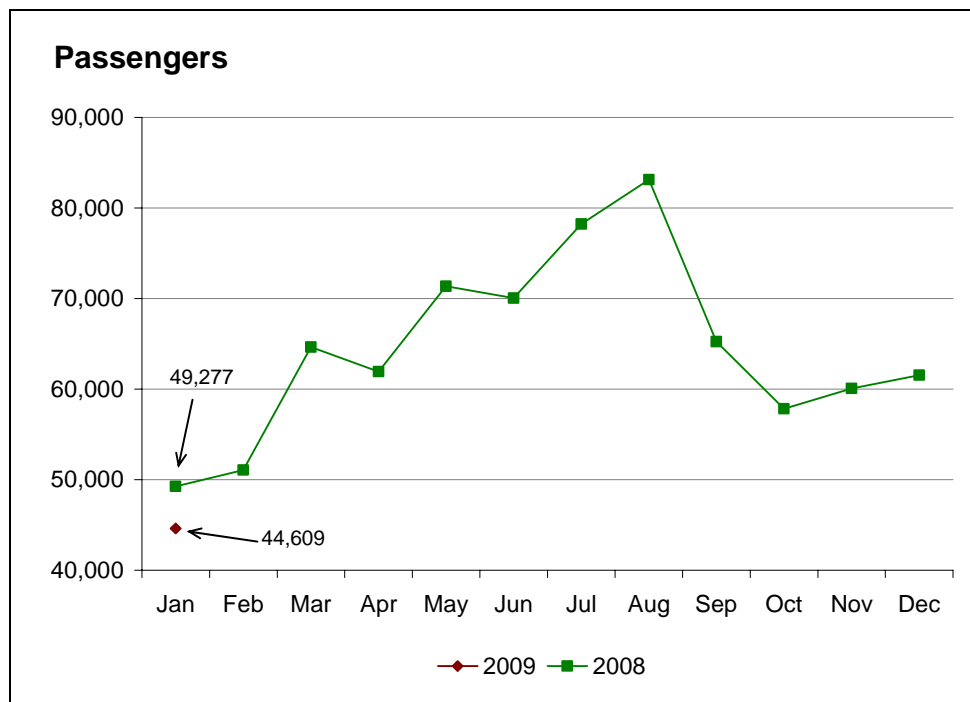




Amtrak Cascades Ridership Report – January 2009

The following information is a snapshot of ridership performance, average trip length, and year-to-date summary.

Ridership



Ridership in January 2009 was affected by flooding. Some trains did not operate over several days this month due to the disruption cause by the flooding¹. In comparison with January 2008:

- Overall ridership decreased 9.5 percent.
- Ridership for train 500 (EUG-PDX) increased 0.9 percent.
- Ridership for trains 501 (SEA-PDX) decreased 1.4 percent.
- Ridership for train 509 (SEA-PDX) decreased 6.7 percent and 509 (PDX-EUG) decreased 1.2 percent.
- Ridership for trains 513 and 516 decreased 4.4 percent and 13.1 percent, respectively.
- 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, 2008. January ridership for this new bus service was 1,190. This was a 47.4 percent decrease from December 2008.

¹ In January 2009 several Amtrak *Cascades* trains were cancelled due to serious flooding which closed the tracks. Alternate transportation was not available due to the closure of I-5 as well. On January 7, trains 508, 509, 513, and 516 did not operate between Seattle and Portland. On January 8 and 9, trains 500, 501, 506, 507, 508, 509, 513, and 516 did not operate between Seattle and Portland. On January 10, trains 500, 501, 513, and 516 did not operate between Seattle and Portland.

Monthly 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.

In comparison with January 2008:

- Ridership for Washington State funded trains decreased 9.7 percent.
- Ridership for Oregon funded trains decreased 11.9 percent.
- Ridership for Amtrak funded trains decreased 5.6 percent.

Agency	2009	2008
Washington Funded Trains	29,737	32,945
Oregon Funded Trains*	7,597	8,627
Amtrak Funded Trains**	7,275	7,705
Route Totals	44,609	49,277

- 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

YTD Jan	Ridership	Passenger Miles (PM)	Ave. Trip Length (miles)
2009	44,609	7,113,265	159.5
2008	49,277	7,569,678	153.6

- Average trip length increased 3.8 percent when compared with 2008.