



U.S. Department of Transportation
Federal Transit Administration



2013 Statistical Summaries FTA Grant Assistance Programs

Background

The mission of the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) is to improve public transportation for America's communities. FTA seeks to deliver products and services that are valued by its customers and to assist transit agencies in better meeting the needs of their customers. This comprehensive report presents detailed FY funding data for FTA's major financial aid programs. Use of these funds is identified by program, program element, urbanized area, and state.

Objectives

The 2013 Statistical Summaries provides information about FTA's major financial aid programs for Federal Fiscal Year (FY) 2013. The report covers the following programs: Urbanized Area Formula, Non-urbanized Area Formula, Rural Transit Assistance Program, Special Needs for Elderly Individuals and Individuals with Disabilities, Capital, Paul S. Sarbanes Transit in Parks Program, Alternative Analysis, Interstate Substitution, Job Access and Reverse Commute, New Freedom, Over-the-Road Bus, Clean Fuels, Metropolitan Transportation Planning, Statewide Transportation Planning, Consolidated Planning Grants, Emergency Supplemental funding, and State Infrastructure Banks. The data used in this report are compiled from the capital, operating, and planning assistance grants to transit authorities, states, planning agencies, and other units of local government and eligible recipients.

Findings and Conclusions

Funds obligated by the Federal Transit Administration to support transit continue to rise, and the transfer of certain Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) funds to FTA for use in transit projects has continued to play a key role in project funding.

The 2013 Statistical Summaries report provides information about the Federal Transit Administration's (FTA) major financial aid programs for Federal Fiscal Year (FY) 2013. The FY 2013 Statistical Summaries reflect changes to FTA's Programs as a result of the "Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century" (MAP-21) surface transportation authorization, which was signed into law in July 2012. Under MAP-21, the following programs were repealed: Job Access and Reverse Commute (JARC), New Freedom, Over-the-Road Bus, Clean Fuels, Fixed Guideway Modernization, Bus and Bus Facilities Discretionary Program, Transit in Parks, and Alternative Analysis. However, the report will continue to provide data on these programs since FTA continued to make grants funded by these programs in FY 2013. A number of FTA programs were reauthorized under MAP-21, including Urbanized Area Formula, Non-urbanized Area Formula, Rural Transit Assistance Program, Special Needs for Elderly Individuals and Individuals with Disabilities, Capital, Interstate Substitution, Metropolitan Transportation Planning, Statewide

Transportation Planning, Consolidated Planning Grants, Emergency Supplemental Funding, and State Infrastructure Bank. MAP-21 also created new programs and restructured some existing programs. New programs include the Section 5337 State of Good Repair Program and the Section 5339 Bus Formula Program.

FY 2013 was the first year that FTA incorporated 2010 Census data into its formula apportionments. In this report, obligations (beginning with FY 2013) are reported according to the urbanized area (UZA) code used to obligate the funds. FY 2013 funds were apportioned and obligated to UZAs as defined by the 2010 Census. For carryover funds prior to FY 2013, (1) if the UZA name associated with the UZA code changed in the 2010 census (due to mergers, splits, or name change), then the obligations are shown under the new name; or (2) if the UZA was deleted in the 2010 census, the obligations are shown under the old name associated with the obsolete UZA code.

Transit continues to receive significant funding to support projects. For FY 2013, FTA's grant obligations totaled about \$11.7 billion. Of the \$11.7 billion, capital expenses accounted for about 87% (\$10.3 billion) of the obligations. In FY 2013, funds were obligated for the purchase of 8,934 motor vehicles (buses, vans, sedans, station wagons, ferry boats) and 2,038 rail cars, totaling approximately \$1.5 billion and \$504 million, respectively.

Benefits

Obligations for FTA major financial programs are distributed among various population and programmatic categories and must be used for certain purposes to meet all legal and administrative requirements for program eligibility. The statistical summaries contained in this report promote accountability and foster transparency by providing accurate, user-friendly information on FTA programs.

Project Information

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