

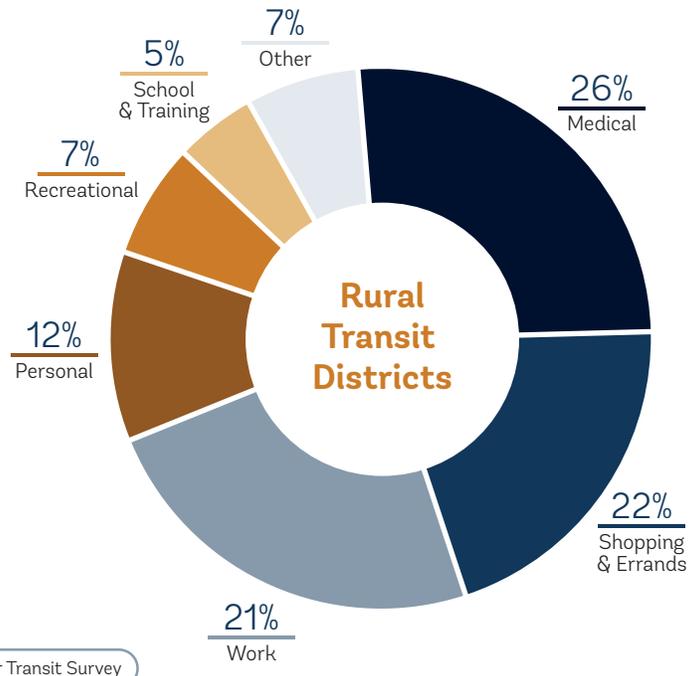
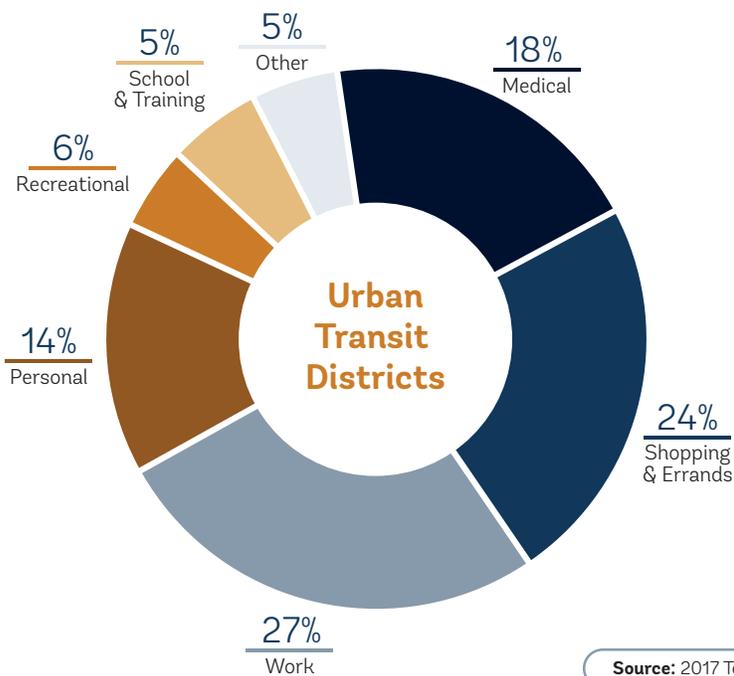
Transit plays a vital role in Texas, accounting for 283 million trips in 2017, including medical trips, shopping and errands, and commuting.

Public transit is especially important in the rural areas of the state, where one third of all public transportation trips are used to travel to and from medical appointments. In Texas' populous and growing urban areas, transit contributes to lowering highway congestion and improved air quality, and a higher portion of workers rely on transit to commute to and from work.

Texas Transit At-a-Glance:

- 132 transit agencies
- 8,855 transit vehicles
- 255 million vehicle revenue miles
- 283 million passenger trips

Source: 2018 Texas Transit Statistics Preliminary Report



Source: 2017 Texas Rider Transit Survey

Public transit ridership activity is decreasing in Texas overall. However, ridership is growing in urban areas, possibly due to increasing traffic congestion. Transit vehicles are traveling longer distances overall, which is reflected in the increase in operating costs.

Vehicle revenue mile and operating costs trends

Vehicle Revenue Miles	Operating Cost
Increased by 4.49% across all programs	Increased by 3.6% across all programs
Increased by 3.1% for MTA programs	Increased by 0.41% per year for MTA programs
Increased by 9.4% for rural programs	Increased by 2.9% per year for rural programs
Decreased by 0.8% for urbanized programs	Increased by 2.3% per for urban programs

*Vehicle Revenue Miles (VRM) traveled are the miles that vehicles have traveled while in revenue service.

Source: 2018 Texas Transit Statistics Preliminary Report