



Traveling on the Texas Electric Railway

Today, you can board Car 360 for free, but the Texas Electric Railway used to be a business. So, from 1908 until 1948, you had to pay for your ticket. How much was a ticket? Let's find out.

How much you paid depended on how far you wanted to go. The farther you went, the more you paid. Sounds fair, right? Let's find out how much a trip from Plano to Dallas was. Use our ticket on the left and follow the steps:

The image shows a map of the Texas Electric Railway network with various lines and stations. Below the map is a Form 70 ticket stub. The ticket has a table of fares and a section for the route.

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0.10	DALLAS	1	
0.10	Keating		Form 70
0.10	Works		
0.15	VICKERY	2	<p>TEXAS ELECTRIC RAILWAY</p> <p>PASSENGER'S RECEIPT: To be retained as evidence of fare paid. Good only for one continuous trip between stations punched. NOT REDEEMABLE. Punch marks indicate the stations between which fare has been paid and the amount thereof. If more than two stations are punched this receipt is void.</p> <p>Passengers are requested to purchase tickets before boarding cars. Your Local Agent will appreciate it as it will improve his standing. The operator will appreciate it as it lessens his labors.</p> <p><i>A. J. Faye</i> T. E. MURPHY TRADING MANAGER</p>
0.20	Kirkland	3	
0.25	Huffines	4	
0.30	RICHARDSON	5	
0.35	Roller	6	
0.40	PLANO	7	
0.45	Jasper	8	
0.50	ALLEN	9	
0.55	Murray	10	
0.60	Waddill	11	
0.65	McKINNEY	12	
0.70	Wilson	13	
0.75	Heard	14	
0.80	MELISSA	15	
0.85	Williams	16	
0.90	ANNA	17	
0.95	Fulton	18	
1.00	VAN ALSTYNE	19	
1.05	Dixie	20	
1.10	HOWE	21	
1.15	Holt	22	
1.20	Brents	23	
1.25	Payne	24	
1.30	SHERMAN	25	
1.35	Highland	26	
1.40	Woodlake	27	
1.45	Willow Grove	28	
1.50	DENISON	29	
	CHILD		

1) Find the price next to Plano in the left column (red circle). It should read "0.40" which means 40¢.

2) Then find the price for Dallas, also in the left column (Blue circle). It should say "0.10" which means 10¢.

3) The price you had to pay was the **difference** between the prices of Plano and Dallas. 40¢ minus 10¢ equals 30¢.

.40
- .10
.30

So, a one-way trip from Plano to Dallas would have cost 30¢.

Children payed half price, in this case 15¢.

Now let's pretend that we are a super train station. All Texas Electric Railway Passengers come to us for tickets. Let's help these passengers figure out how much money they'll need to take the train to where they want to go.

- 1) Bob lives in Brents, and he want to go to Waddill. How much money does he need to catch an interurban?
- 2) Willy lives in Wilson. He wants to go to Dixie. He has 40 cents. Does he have enough money for the trip?
- 3) Katy wants to travel from McKinney to Anna, but she only has 5 cents. How much more money does she need?
- 4) Dani and Jen from Holt want to go to the county fair in Fulton. How much money do they need for both to catch the train?

Bonus:

Olivia lives in Van Alstyne. She has 35 cents to go anywhere she can reach. What is the farthest station that Olivia can reach? (There are two possible answers!)

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