

Arkansas Rail Facts

- **Going the distance.** In Arkansas alone, 23 freight railroads operate across 2,505 miles of track.
- **Supporting jobs.** As of 2017, Arkansas freight railroads and their suppliers employed 4,910 people; nationwide, freight rail supported about 1.1 million jobs.
- **Connecting markets.** The most common commodities originating from Arkansas markets are, in carloads/year: intermodal (111,900), nonmetallic minerals (46,600), primary metal products (20,400), glass and stone (13,300), and food products (11,600).
- **Powering state economies.** Spending by Class I railroads in 2017 generated nearly \$220 billion in U.S. economic activity and \$26 billion in state and federal tax revenues, according to a Towson University study.
- **Preserving infrastructure, cutting congestion.** Freight railroads take 8.8 million truckloads off Arkansas roads annually.
- **Reducing pollution.** Moving freight by rail instead of trucks reduces greenhouse gas emissions by an average of 75 percent.

