Florida Rail Facts

- Going the distance. In Florida alone, 15 freight railroads operate across 2,851 miles of track.
- Supporting jobs. As of 2017, Florida freight railroads and their suppliers employed 12,210 people; nationwide, freight rail supported about 1.1 million jobs.
- Connecting markets. The most common commodities originating from Florida markets are, in carloads/year: intermodal (442,500), nonmetallic minerals (248,600), chemicals (68,500), pulp and paper (21,400), and food products (17,000).
- 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 4.8 million truckloads off Florida roads annually.
- Reducing pollution. Moving freight by rail instead of trucks reduces greenhouse gas emissions by an average of 75 percent.



