North Carolina Rail Facts

- Going the distance. In North Carolina alone, 22 freight railroads operate across 3,161 miles of track.
- Supporting jobs. As of 2017, North Carolina freight railroads and their suppliers employed 5,255 people; nationwide, freight
 rail supported about 1.1 million jobs.
- Connecting markets. The most common commodities originating from North Carolina markets are, in carloads/year: intermodal (137,600), waste and scrap (45,300), stone, sand & gravel (36,000), chemicals (26,100), and lumber, wood products (10,400).
- 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 5.2 million truckloads off North Carolina roads annually.
- Reducing pollution. Moving freight by rail instead of trucks reduces greenhouse gas emissions by an average of 75 percent.





