## **New York Rail Facts**

- Going the distance. In New York alone, 37 freight railroads operate across 3,279 miles of track.
- Supporting jobs. As of 2017, New York freight railroads and their suppliers employed 8,006 people; nationwide, freight rail supported about 1.1 million jobs.
- Connecting markets. The most common commodities originating from New York markets are, in carloads/year: intermodal (125,600), waste and scrap (21,600), chemicals (13,400), nonmetallic minerals (8,600), and farm products (3,200).
- 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 3.6 million truckloads off New York roads annually.
- Reducing pollution. Moving freight by rail instead of trucks reduces greenhouse gas emissions by an average of 75 percent.



