


California Rail Facts

- **Going the distance.** In California alone, 25 freight railroads operate across 4,828 miles of track.
- **Supporting jobs.** As of 2017, California freight railroads and their suppliers employed 18,412 people; nationwide, freight rail supported about 1.1 million jobs.
- **Connecting markets.** The most common commodities originating from California markets are, in carloads/year: intermodal (3,294,200), food products (54,000), nonmetallic minerals (46,700), chemicals (31,400), and glass and stone (23,000).
- **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 9 million truckloads off California roads annually.
- **Reducing pollution.** Moving freight by rail instead of trucks reduces greenhouse gas emissions by an average of 75 percent.



-  BNSF
-  CN
-  CP
-  CSX
-  KCS
-  NS
-  UP
-  Short Line/Regional
-  Multiple Owners