

# Michigan Rail Facts

- **Going the distance.** In Michigan alone, 28 freight railroads operate across 2,417 miles of track.
- **Supporting jobs.** As of 2017, Michigan freight railroads and their suppliers employed 6,321 people; nationwide, freight rail supported about 1.1 million jobs.
- **Connecting markets.** The most common commodities originating from Michigan markets are, in carloads/year: intermodal (222,900), motor vehicles and equip. (195,100), metallic ores (79,600), primary metal products (28,900), and farm products (26,800).
- **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 4.7 million truckloads off Michigan 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

