## **Tennessee Rail Facts**

- Going the distance. In Tennessee alone. 25 freight railroads operate across 2.552 miles of track.
- Supporting jobs. As of 2017, Tennessee freight railroads and their suppliers employed 6,356 people; nationwide, freight rail supported about 1.1 million jobs.
- Connecting markets. The most common commodities originating from Tennessee markets are, in carloads/year: intermodal (379,600), transportation equip. (47,100), chemicals (21,100), glass and stone (16,800), and pulp and paper (15,300).
- 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 11.5 million truckloads off Tennessee roads annually.
- Reducing pollution. Moving freight by rail instead of trucks reduces greenhouse gas emissions by an average of 75 percent.







