

# Rhode Island Rail Facts

- **Going the distance.** In Rhode Island alone, **1** freight railroad operate across **58 miles** of track.
- **Supporting jobs.** As of 2017, Rhode Island freight rail and their suppliers employed **247 people**; nationwide, freight rail supported about **1.1 million jobs**.
- **Connecting markets.** The most common commodities originating from Rhode Island markets are **petroleum, gravel and stone** and **intermodal**.
- **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 rail takes **100,000 truckloads** off Rhode Island 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

