

# Pennsylvania Rail Facts

- **Going the distance.** In Pennsylvania alone, 60 freight railroads operate across 5,130 miles of track.
- **Supporting jobs.** As of 2017, Pennsylvania freight railroads and their suppliers employed 11,875 people; nationwide, freight rail supported about 1.1 million jobs.
- **Connecting markets.** The most common commodities originating from Pennsylvania markets are, in carloads/year: intermodal (543,400), coal (250,900), petroleum (41,900), stone, sand & gravel (34,900), and primary metal products (31,100).
- **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 10.6 million truckloads off Pennsylvania roads annually.
- **Reducing pollution.** Moving freight by rail instead of trucks reduces greenhouse gas emissions by an average of 75 percent.

