

Oklahoma Rail Facts

- **Going the distance.** In Oklahoma alone, **17** freight railroads operate across **3,158 miles** of track.
- **Supporting jobs.** As of 2017, Oklahoma freight railroads and their suppliers employed **3,148 people**; nationwide, freight rail supported about **1.1 million jobs**.
- **Connecting markets.** The most common commodities originating from Oklahoma markets are, in carloads/year: **nonmetallic minerals** (154,700), **chemicals** (21,700), **farm products** (15,700), **petroleum** (13,900), and **other commodities** (31,000).
- **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 **15.5 million truckloads** off Oklahoma roads annually.
- **Reducing pollution.** Moving freight by rail instead of trucks reduces greenhouse gas emissions by an average of **75 percent**.

