

Ohio Rail Facts

- **Going the distance.** In Ohio alone, 41 freight railroads operate across 5,132 miles of track.
- **Supporting jobs.** As of 2017, Ohio freight railroads and their suppliers employed 11,530 people; nationwide, freight rail supported about 1.1 million jobs.
- **Connecting markets.** The most common commodities originating from Ohio markets are, in carloads/year: intermodal (556,100), nonmetallic minerals (105,000), coal (83,200), petroleum (82,000), and metallic ores (62,000).
- **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 16.1 million truckloads off Ohio roads annually.
- **Reducing pollution.** Moving freight by rail instead of trucks reduces greenhouse gas emissions by an average of 75 percent.

