New Jersey Rail Facts

- Going the distance. In New Jersey alone, 18 freight railroads operate across 952 miles of track.
- Supporting jobs. As of 2017, New Jersey freight railroads and their suppliers employed 3,140 people; nationwide, freight rail supported about 1.1 million jobs.
- Connecting markets. The most common commodities originating from New Jersey markets are in carloads/year: intermodal (561,500), waste and scrap (18,900), primary metal products (14,600), chemicals (10,400), and petroleum (6,200).
- 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 2.8 million truckloads off New Jersey roads annually.
- Reducing pollution. Moving freight by rail instead of trucks reduces greenhouse gas emissions by an average of 75 percent.



