

Maryland Rail Facts

- **Going the distance.** In Maryland alone, **11** freight railroads operate across **769 miles** of track.
- **Supporting jobs.** As of 2017, Maryland freight railroads and their suppliers employed **2,997 people**; nationwide, freight rail supported about **1.1 million jobs**.
- **Connecting markets.** The most common commodities originating from Maryland markets are, in carloads/year: **intermodal** (57,500), **glass and stone** (8,700), **waste and scrap** (6,300), and **other commodities** (14,600).
- **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 **4.5 million truckloads** off Maryland roads annually.
- **Reducing pollution.** Moving freight by rail instead of trucks reduces greenhouse gas emissions by an average of **75 percent**.

