

Kentucky Rail Facts

- **Going the distance.** In Kentucky alone, 12 freight railroads operate across 2,624 of track.
- **Supporting jobs.** As of 2017, Kentucky freight railroads and their suppliers employed 6,718 people; nationwide, freight rail supported about 1.1 million jobs.
- **Connecting markets.** The most common commodities originating from Kentucky markets are, in carloads/year: coal (200,500), transportation equip. (104,000), intermodal (95,400), chemicals (9,400), and farm products (7,000).
- **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 12.6 million truckloads off Kentucky roads annually.
- **Reducing pollution.** Moving freight by rail instead of trucks reduces greenhouse gas emissions by an average of 75 percent.

- BNSF
- CN
- CP
- CSX
- KCS
- NS
- UP
- Short Line/Regional
- Multiple Owners

