Kansas Rail Facts

- Going the distance. In Kansas alone, 13 freight railroads operate across 4,675 of track.
- Supporting jobs. As of 2017, Kansas freight railroads and their suppliers employed 6,539 people; nationwide, freight rail supported about 1.1 million jobs.
- Connecting markets. The most common commodities originating from Kansas markets are, in carloads/year: intermodal (177,400), farm products (117,200), chemicals (25,700), food products (19,100), and glass and stone (8,900).
- 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 17.5 million truckloads off Kansas roads annually.
- Reducing pollution. Moving freight by rail instead of trucks reduces greenhouse gas emissions by an average of 75 percent.



