Georgia Rail Facts

- Going the distance. In Georgia alone, 28 freight railroads operate across 4,607 miles of track.
- Supporting jobs. As of 2017, Georgia freight railroads and their suppliers employed 10,765 people; nationwide, freight rail supported about 1.1 million jobs.
- Connecting markets. The most common commodities originating from Georgia markets are, in carloads/year: intermodal (911,100), nonmetallic minerals (115,800), pulp and paper (36,900), glass and stone (33,100), and lumber, wood products (30,400).
- 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 10 million truckloads off Georgia roads annually.
- Reducing pollution. Moving freight by rail instead of trucks reduces greenhouse gas emissions by an average of 75 percent.



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