

# Connecticut Rail Facts

- **Going the distance.** In Connecticut alone, 8 freight railroads operate across 522 miles of track.
- **Supporting jobs.** As of 2017, Connecticut freight railroads and their suppliers employed 871 people; nationwide, freight rail supported about 1.1 million jobs.
- **Connecting markets.** The most common commodities originating from Connecticut markets are, in carloads/year: waste and scrap (10,700), nonmetallic minerals (5,100), and other commodities (2,400).
- **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 211,000 truckloads off Connecticut roads annually.
- **Reducing pollution.** Moving freight by rail instead of trucks reduces greenhouse gas emissions by an average of 75 percent.

