Delaware Rail Facts

- Going the distance. In Delaware alone, 8 freight railroads operate across 243 miles of track.
- Supporting jobs. As of 2017, Delaware freight railroads and their suppliers employed 418 people; nationwide, freight rail supported about 1.1 million jobs.
- Connecting markets. The most common commodities originating from Delaware markets are chemicals, nonmetallic minerals, and petroleum.
- 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 1.8 million truckloads off Delaware 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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