Maine Rail Facts

- Going the distance. In Maine alone, 7 freight railroads operate across 1,077 miles of track.
- Supporting jobs. As of 2017, Maine freight railroads and their suppliers employed 1,127 people; nationwide, freight rail supported about 1.1 million jobs.
- Connecting markets. The most common commodities originating from Maine markets are, in carloads/year: pulp and paper (11,200), and other commodities (13,900).
- 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 248,000 truckloads off Maine roads annually.
- Reducing pollution. Moving freight by rail instead of trucks reduces greenhouse gas emissions by an average of 75 percent.



