

Missouri Rail Facts

- **Going the distance.** In Missouri alone, 19 freight railroads operate across 3,862 miles of track.
- **Supporting jobs.** As of 2017, Missouri freight railroads and their suppliers employed 9,596 people; nationwide, freight rail supported about 1.1 million jobs.
- **Connecting markets.** The most common commodities originating from Missouri markets are, in carloads/year: intermodal (298,000), glass and stone (35,700), grain (22,900), food products (19,500), and nonmetallic minerals (13,500).
- **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 21.4 million truckloads off Missouri roads annually.
- **Reducing pollution.** Moving freight by rail instead of trucks reduces greenhouse gas emissions by an average of 75 percent.

