Mississippi Rail Facts

- Going the distance. In Mississippi alone, 26 freight railroads operate across 2,455 miles of track.
- Supporting jobs. As of 2017, Mississippi freight railroads and their suppliers employed 3,206 people; nationwide, freight rail supported about 1.1 million jobs.
- Connecting markets. The most common commodities originating from Mississippi markets are, in carloads/year: chemicals (24,600), primary metal products (14,400), and other commodities (74,300).
- 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 6.2 million truckloads off Mississippi roads annually.
- Reducing pollution. Moving freight by rail instead of trucks reduces greenhouse gas emissions by an average of 75 percent.



