Nebraska Rail Facts

- Going the distance. In Nebraska alone, 9 freight railroads operate across 3,117 miles of track.
- Supporting jobs. As of 2017, Nebraska freight railroads and their suppliers employed 11,842 people; nationwide, freight rail supported about 1.1 million jobs.
- Connecting markets. The most common commodities originating from Nebraska markets are, in carloads/year: grain (150,200), chemicals (68,700), food products (68,200), and other commodities (37,100).
- 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 21.7 million truckloads off Nebraska roads annually.
- Reducing pollution. Moving freight by rail instead of trucks reduces greenhouse gas emissions by an average of 75 percent.



