

Texas Rail Facts

- **Going the distance.** In Texas alone, 52 freight railroads operate across 10,506 miles of track.
- **Supporting jobs.** As of 2017, Texas freight railroads and their suppliers employed 29,572 people; nationwide, freight rail supported about 1.1 million jobs.
- **Connecting markets.** The most common commodities originating from Texas markets are, in carloads/year: intermodal (1,025,800), chemicals (442,600), nonmetallic minerals (309,200), petroleum (123,100), and glass and stone (36,600).
- **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 22.1 million truckloads off Texas roads annually.
- **Reducing pollution.** Moving freight by rail instead of trucks reduces greenhouse gas emissions by an average of 75 percent.

