

Wisconsin Rail Facts

- **Going the distance.** In Wisconsin alone, 9 freight railroads operate across 3,253 miles of track.
- **Supporting jobs.** As of 2017, Wisconsin freight railroads and their suppliers employed 5,362 people; nationwide, freight rail supported about 1.1 million jobs.
- **Connecting markets.** The most common commodities originating from Wisconsin markets are, in carloads/year: stone, sand & gravel (155,500), grain (33,100), chemicals (12,500), food products (10,800), and glass and stone (9,600).
- **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 9.5 million truckloads off Wisconsin roads annually.
- **Reducing pollution.** Moving freight by rail instead of trucks reduces greenhouse gas emissions by an average of 75 percent.

