

# West Virginia Rail Facts

- **Going the distance.** In West Virginia alone, 11 freight railroads operate across 2,214 miles of track.
- **Supporting jobs.** As of 2017, West Virginia freight railroads and their suppliers employed 2,785 people; nationwide, freight rail supported about 1.1 million jobs.
- **Connecting markets.** The most common commodities originating from West Virginia markets are, in carloads/year: coal (464,300), stone, sand & gravel (27,900), petroleum (25,400), chemicals (17,100), and glass and stone (10,000).
- **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 8.7 million truckloads off West Virginia roads annually.
- **Reducing pollution.** Moving freight by rail instead of trucks reduces greenhouse gas emissions by an average of 75 percent.

- BNSF
- CN
- CP
- CSX
- KCS
- NS
- UP
- Short Line/Regional
- Multiple Owners

