

FREIGHT RAIL IN
ILLINOIS



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Illinois is literally at the center of the freight rail network, with 40 freight railroads and North America's busiest rail hub in Chicago.



6,769
FREIGHT TRACK
MILES



9,875
FREIGHT RAIL
EMPLOYEES



23.1M
TRUCKLOADS SAVED

ORIGINATING

Top Commodities Originating

Intermodal	45.7M Tons 3.1M Cars
Grain	25.6M Tons 242.2K Cars
Coal	21.7M Tons 184.9K Cars
Crushed Stone & Sand	10.2M Tons 90.3K Cars
Food Products	9.6M Tons 96.6K Cars
Other	19.5M Tons 263.6K Cars
4M TOTAL CARS 132.3M TOTAL TONS	

RECEIVED

Top Commodities Received / Terminated

Intermodal	42.6M Tons 3.2M Cars
Coal	18.3M Tons 153.3K Cars
Chemicals	10.1M Tons 103.7K Cars
Food Products	9.6M Tons 99.7K Cars
Grain	5M Tons 48.8K Cars
Other	16.8M Tons 255.8K Cars
3.8M TOTAL CARS 102.4M TOTAL TONS	



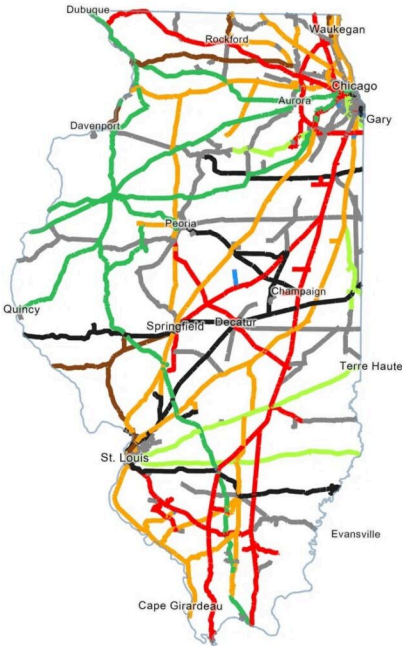
Class I Railroads

BNSF Railway	1,538
Canadian National	1,276
Canadian Pacific Kansas City	571
CSX Transportation	698
Norfolk Southern	1,261
Union Pacific	2,368
Total	7,712

Short Line Railroads

A & R Terminal Railroad	2
Ag Valley Railroad	3
Belt Railway Company of Chicago	28
Bloomer Line	50
Burlington Junction Railway	20
Chicago Junction Railway	2
Chicago Rail Link	72
Chicago Sugar Express Railroad	1
Chicago, Ft. Wayne & Eastern Railroad	8
Chicago, South Shore & South Bend Railroad	25
Chicago, St. Paul & Pacific Railroad	3
Cicero Central Railroad	1
Crab Orchard & Egyptian Railway	14
Decatur & Eastern Illinois Railroad	164
Decatur Junction Railway	21
Effingham Railroad	5
Elwood Joliet & Southern Railroad	2
Evansville Western Railway	46
Great Lakes Terminal Railroad	2
Illinois & Midland Railroad	189
Illinois Railway	133
Illinois Terminal Belt Railroad	11
Illinois Western Railroad	2
Indiana Harbor Belt Railroad	69
Indiana Rail Road	119
Iowa Interstate Railroad	218
Kankakee, Beaverville & Southern Railroad	102
Keokuk Junction Railway	130
KM Railways	2
Manufacturers Junction Railway	6
Missouri North Central Railroad	2
Peru Industrial Railroad	3
Pioneer Industrial Railway	3
Port Harbor Railroad	3
Riverport Railroad	4
South Chicago & Indiana Harbor Rwy	8
Tazewell & Peoria Railroad	18
Terminal Railroad Assn. of St. Louis	17
Toledo, Peoria & Western Railway	202
Vandalia Railroad	4
Vermillion Valley Railroad	2
Wisconsin & Southern Railroad	108
Total	1,824

ILLINOIS
State Rail Network



- SHORT LINE / REGIONAL
- UP
- CN
- BNSF
- CPKC
- CSX
- NS
- MULTIPLE OWNERS
- AMTRAK
- GMXT

Why Freight Rail Matters



Supports Manufacturing
Rail connects manufacturers with suppliers and customers across North America, efficiently moving raw materials and finished goods.



Strengthens Agriculture
Rail helps move crops, forest products, fertilizers and other agricultural goods efficiently and affordably.



Reduces Congestion
Moving freight by rail removes trucks from highways, helping reduce traffic and wear on road infrastructure.



Protects the Environment
Freight rail is significantly more fuel efficient than moving freight by truck, helping reduce fuel use and greenhouse gas emissions.

