

FREIGHT RAIL IN

KENTUCKY



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Moving Kentucky's Economy. Connecting Communities.

Kentucky produced more than 1.3 million motor vehicles in 2015, with the Bluegrass State ranking first in the nation on a per capita basis in light vehicle production.



2,616
FREIGHT TRACK
MILES



2,445
FREIGHT RAIL
EMPLOYEES



11.3M
TRUCKLOADS SAVED

ORIGINATING

Top Commodities Originating

Coal	13M Tons 114.3K Cars
Chemicals	2.5M Tons 27.3K Cars
Motor Vehicles & Equipment	2.4M Tons 98K Cars
Crushed Stone & Sand	1.1M Tons 14.8K Cars
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	1M Tons 11.3K Cars
Other	6.1M Tons 145K Cars
410.7K TOTAL CARS 26.1M TOTAL TONS	

RECEIVED

Top Commodities Received / Terminated

Coal	13M Tons 110.3K Cars
Chemicals	2.7M Tons 30.1K Cars
Petroleum Products	2.2M Tons 22.8K Cars
Steel Products	1.7M Tons 19.6K Cars
Intermodal	1.1M Tons 75.4K Cars
Other	4.9M Tons 80.3K Cars
338.5K TOTAL CARS 25.6M TOTAL TONS	



Class I Railroads

BNSF Railway	98
Canadian National	98
CSX Transportation	1,578
Norfolk Southern	429
Union Pacific	12
Total	2,215

Short Line Railroads

Fredonia Valley Railroad	10
Knoxville and Cumberland Gap Railroad	2
KWT Railway	12
Louisville & Indiana Railroad	4
Paducah & Louisville Railway	280
R. J. Corman Railroad – Bardstown Line	20
R. J. Corman Railroad – Central Kentucky Lines	148
R. J. Corman Railroad – Memphis Line	77
Tennken Railroad	9
Transkentucky Transportation Railroad	50
Total	612

KENTUCKY
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.

