

FREIGHT RAIL IN

MAINE



Moving Maine's Economy. Connecting Communities.

Paper production remains an important part of Maine's economy and the Pine Tree State has made a priority of improving the capacity of the rail system to link paper producers to national and international markets.



1,011
FREIGHT TRACK
MILES



419
FREIGHT RAIL
EMPLOYEES



0.261M
TRUCKLOADS SAVED

ORIGINATING

Top Commodities Originating

Pulp & Paper	0.9M Tons 11.4K Cars
Lumber & Wood Products	0.3M Tons 3.1K Cars
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	0.2M Tons 2.3K Cars
Waste & Scrap	0.1M Tons 1.2K Cars
Intermodal	N/A Tons 1.4K Cars
Other	0.5M Tons 9.3K Cars



28.7K
TOTAL CARS



2M
TOTAL TONS

RECEIVED

Top Commodities Received / Terminated

Petroleum Products	0.5M Tons 6.7K Cars
Chemicals	0.3M Tons 3K Cars
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	0.2M Tons 2.4K Cars
Pulp & Paper	0.2M Tons 2.7K Cars
Food Products	0.1M Tons 1K Cars
Other	0.4M Tons 7.2K Cars



23K
TOTAL CARS



1.7M
TOTAL TONS



MAINE'S Rail Heritage

Wooden rails laid over log ties carried Maine's first trains, and horses pulled them before steam locomotives arrived. The Bangor, Oldtown and Milford Railroad, chartered in 1833 and opened in 1836, struggled financially in its early years, but the railroads that followed it went on to connect Maine's timber country and Aroostook County's potato farms to markets across New England. That combination of forest and farmland shipped by rail became central to Maine's economy, and it remains so today, with freight railroads still carrying paper, wood products, and agricultural goods out of the state's rural interior.



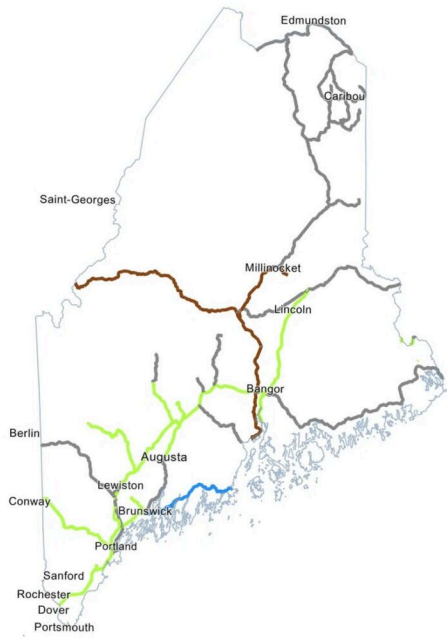
Class I Railroads

Canadian Pacific Kansas City	174
CSX Transportation	397
Total	571

Short Line Railroads

Berkshire & Eastern Railroad	0
Eastern Maine Railway	176
Maine Northern Railway	223
Midcoast Railservice	59
New Hampshire Northcoast	1
St. Lawrence & Atlantic Railroad	93
Turners Island	2
Total	554

MAINE
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.

