

FREIGHT RAIL IN

RHODE ISLAND



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Moving Rhode Island's Economy. Connecting Communities.

In addition to playing a direct role in the revitalization of the Ports of Providence and Davisville, rail infrastructure and service improvements have also created cost effective options for other businesses and industries in the Ocean State.



143

FREIGHT TRACK MILES



21

FREIGHT RAIL EMPLOYEES

ORIGINATING

Top Commodities Originating

Waste & Scrap	N/A
Chemicals	N/A
Nonmetallic Minerals	N/A
Other	N/A



N/A

TOTAL CARS



N/A

TOTAL TONS

RECEIVED

Top Commodities Received / Terminated

Chemicals	N/A
Petroleum Products	N/A
Motor Vehicles & Equipment	N/A
Waste & Scrap	N/A
Lumber & Wood Products	N/A
Other	N/A



N/A

TOTAL CARS



N/A

TOTAL TONS

RHODE ISLAND'S Rail Heritage



A stone viaduct in Canton, Massachusetts did as much for Rhode Island's economy as anything built within its own borders. The Boston and Providence Railroad, chartered in 1831 and completed in 1835, connected Providence directly to Boston by way of the Canton Viaduct, one of the more significant engineering works of the era, becoming one of the earliest rail corridors in New England. That connection tied Rhode Island's port and manufacturing economy to Boston's larger markets, spurring commerce and development along the route on both sides of the state line. The corridor those early trains ran on remains one of the busiest rail lines in the country today.



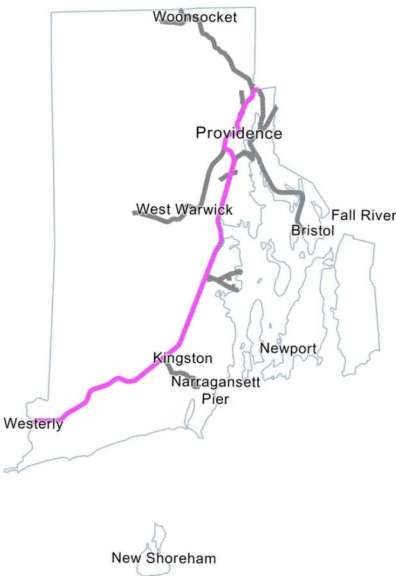
Class I Railroads

Total	0
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Short Line Railroads

Providence and Worcester Railroad	143
Total	143

RHODE ISLAND
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.

