

Rail Fast Facts For 2019

Freight railroads	632
Freight railroad mileage	136,650
Freight rail employees	159,720
Average wages & benefits per employee	\$126,170
Railroad retirement beneficiaries	502,900
Railroad retirement benefits paid	\$13.1 billion

U.S. Economy:

According to a Towson University study, in 2017, America's Class I railroads supported:



1.1M
Jobs



\$71B
Wages



\$219B
Economic
Output



\$26B Tax
Revenues

Sustainability:

Railroads are the most fuel efficient way to move freight over land. It would have taken approximately 99 million additional trucks to handle the 1.8 billion tons of freight that moved by rail in United States in 2019.



On average,
railroads move
1 ton of freight
470+ miles on
1 gallon of fuel

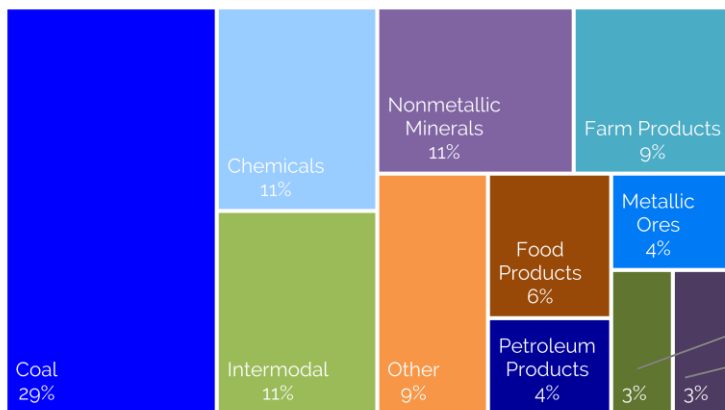


1 train can
carry as much
freight as several
hundred trucks

Rail Traffic Originated in 2019

Total Tons: 1.61 billion

Total Carloads: 27,549,000



Commodity	Tons (mil)	Carloads
Coal	473.4	4,041,000
Chemicals	181.1	1,896,000
Intermodal	173.2	12,514,000
Nonmetallic Minerals	172.4	1,663,000
Farm Products	144.1	1,394,000
Food Products	91.8	954,000
Petroleum Products	63.1	790,000
Metallic Ores	62.0	750,000
Primary Metal Products	51.9	566,000
Glass and Stone	48.7	485,000
Other	145.4	2,496,000

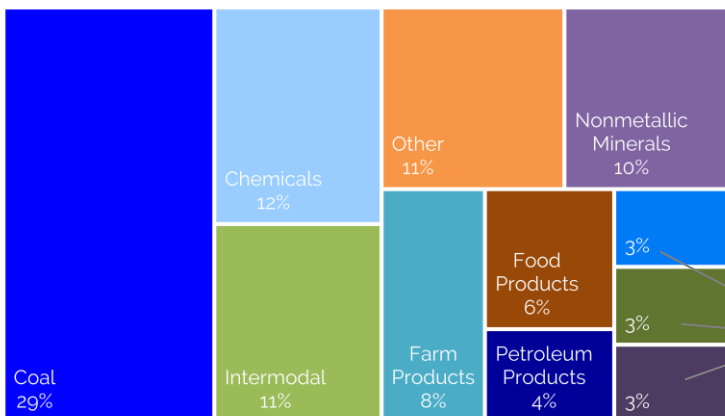
(% based on tonnage)

Source: AAR analysis of industry data

Rail Traffic Terminated in 2019

Total Tons: 1.63 billion

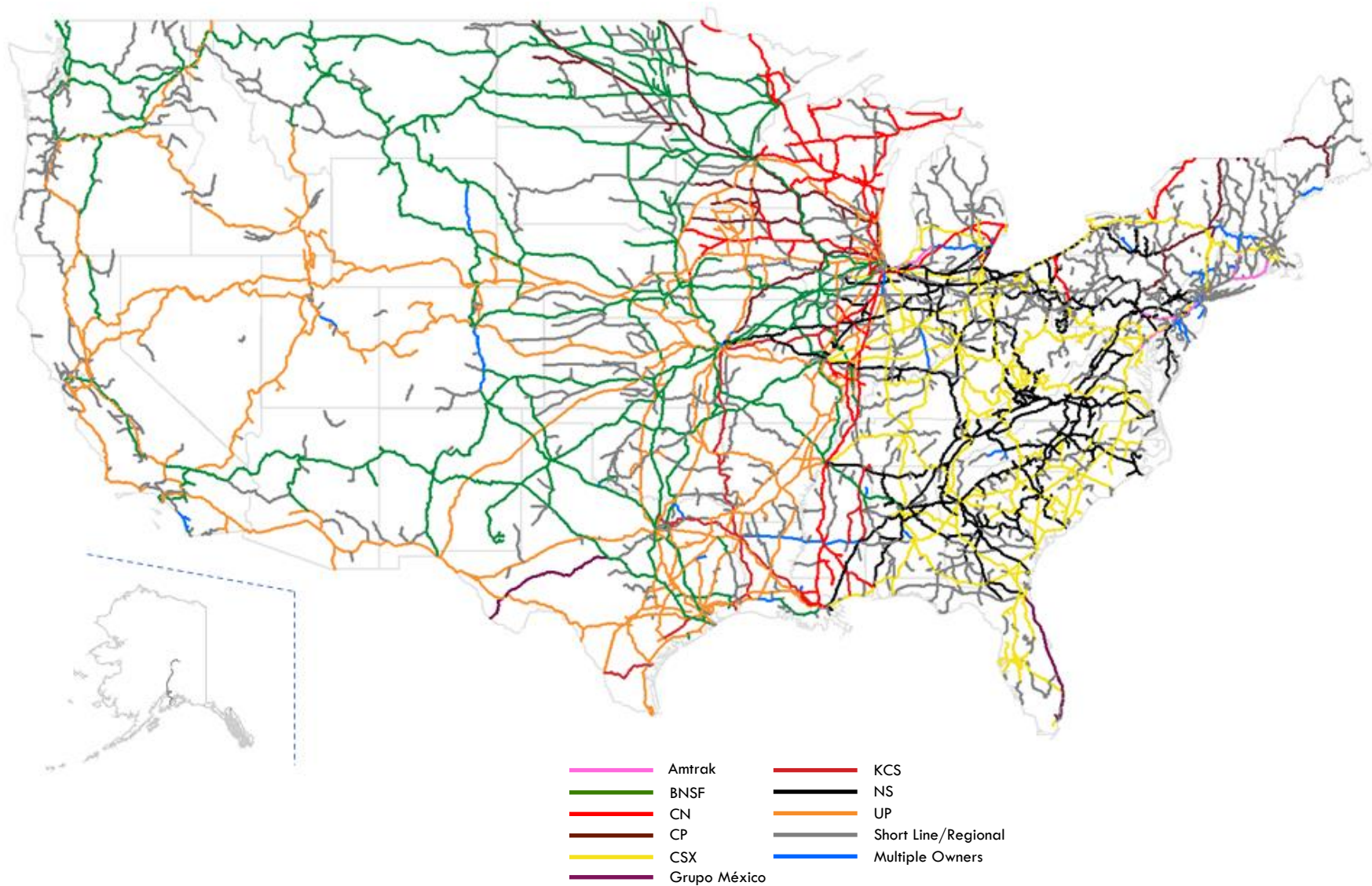
Total Carloads: 28,288,000



Commodity	Tons (mil)	Carloads
Coal	461.9	3,942,000
Chemicals	192.4	2,014,000
Intermodal	180.2	12,916,000
Nonmetallic Minerals	167.1	1,610,000
Farm Products	130.7	1,264,000
Food Products	96.3	1,001,000
Petroleum Products	65.6	822,000
Metallic Ores	55.7	707,000
Primary Metal Products	52.1	568,000
Glass and Stone	49.7	496,000
Other	178.7	2,948,000

(% based on tonnage)

Source: AAR analysis of industry data



Map is based on the 2020 National Transportation Atlas Database published by the U.S. DOT, Bureau of Transportation Statistics. Some mileage figures are AAR estimates.