

West Virginia

Freight Rail 2021 Data

Freight railroads	11
Freight railroad mileage	2,123
Freight rail employees	1,495
Average wages and benefits per employee	\$125,870
Railroad retirement beneficiaries	7,000
Railroad retirement benefits paid	\$190 million

Quick Facts



Privately Owned: Freight railroads operate on a nearly 140,000-mile network they almost exclusively own, maintain and pay for themselves.

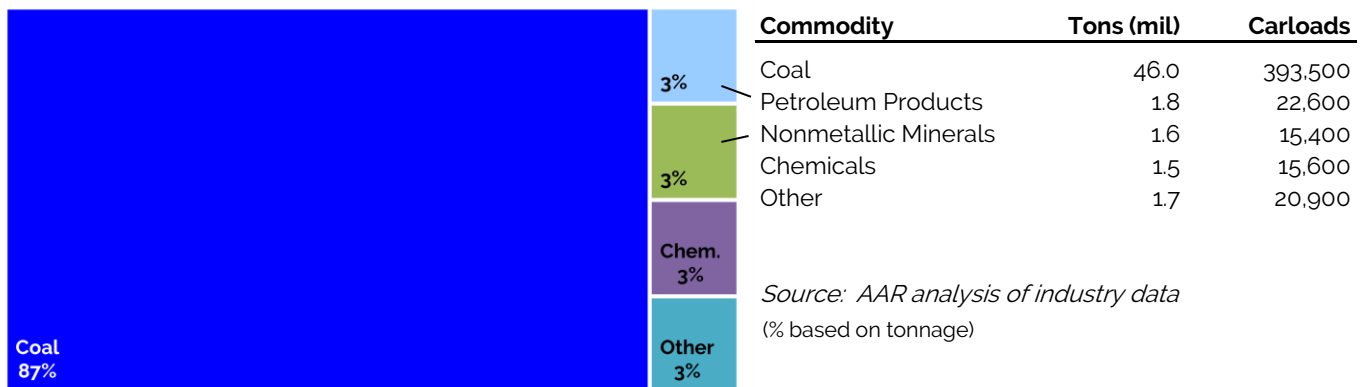


Sustainable: Railroads are the most fuel efficient way to move freight over land. It would have taken approximately 2.9 million additional trucks to handle the 52.6 million tons of freight that originated by rail in West Virginia in 2021.

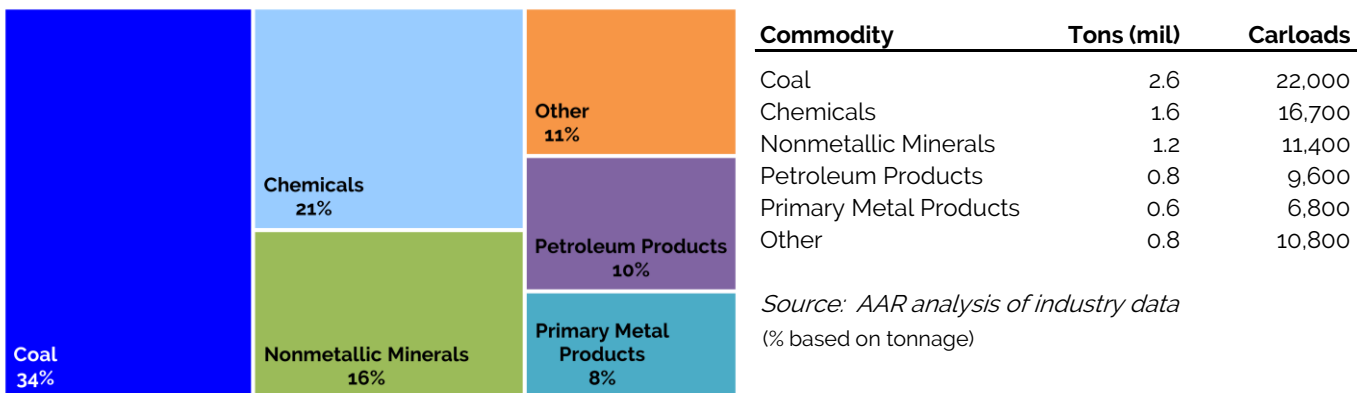


Economic Driver: Railroads haul 1/3 of U.S. exports and serve nearly every sector of the economy, from moving the food we eat to the chemicals that treat our water.

Rail Traffic Originated in 2021 Total Tons: 52.6 million Total Carloads: 468,100

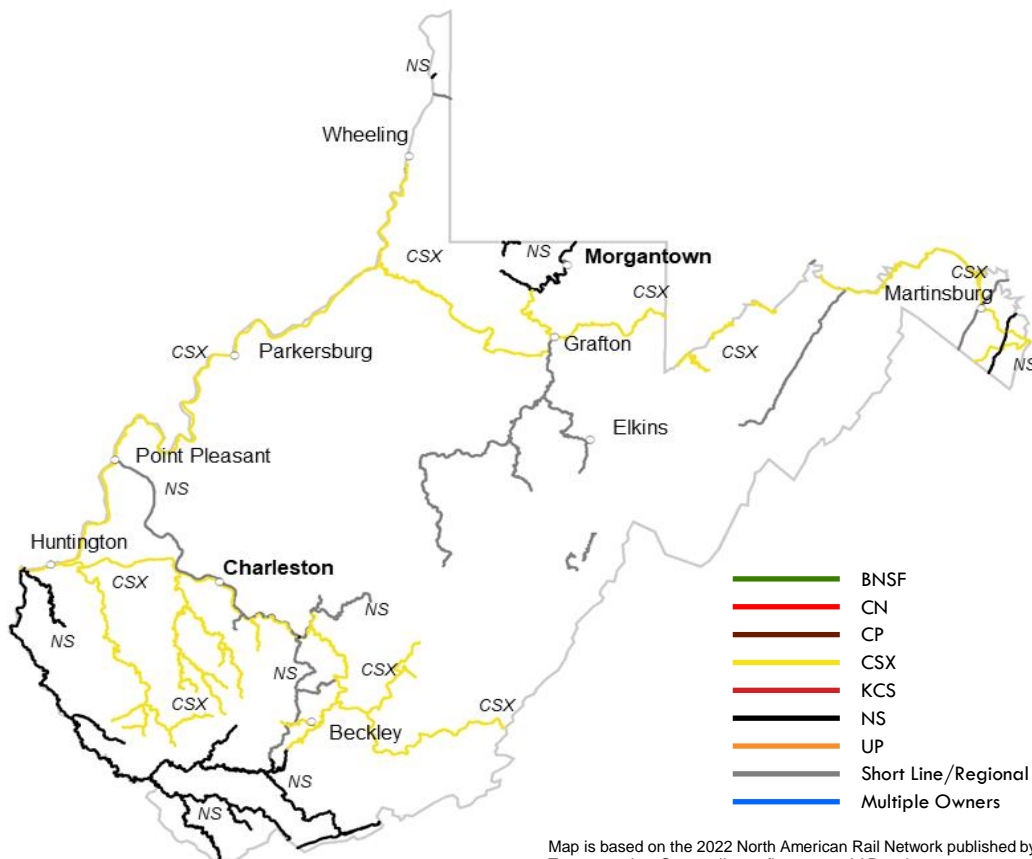


Rail Traffic Terminated in 2021 Total Tons: 7.6 million Total Carloads: 77,300



	Miles Operated In West Virginia in 2021
Class I Railroads	
CSX Transportation	1,253
Norfolk Southern Corp.	618
	<u>1,871</u>
Regional Railroads	
Wheeling & Lake Erie Railway	3
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Short Line Railroads	
Appalachian & Ohio Railroad	158
Beech Mountain Railroad	8
Durbin & Greenbrier Valley Railroad	40
Kanawha River Railroad	204
Little Kanawha River Rail	3
R. J. Corman Railroad - West Virginia Line	16
South Branch Valley Railroad	52
Winchester & Western Railroad	28
	<u>509</u>

West Virginia 2021 Totals	Number of Freight Railroads	Miles Operated	
		Excluding Trackage Rights	Including Trackage Rights
Class I	2	1,614	1,871
Regional	1	0	3
Short Line	8	509	509
Total	11	2,123	2,383



Class I Railroad: A railroad with 2021 operating revenues of at least \$943.9 million. **Regional Railroad:** A non-Class I line-haul railroad that has annual revenues of at least \$40 million, or that operates at least 350 miles of road and revenues of at least \$20 million. **Short Line Railroad:** A railroad which is neither a Class I nor a Regional Railroad.