

FREIGHT RAIL IN ARKANSAS



*It would have taken
8.6 MILLION TRUCKS
to handle the freight that moved
by rail in Arkansas in 2022.*

Class I Railroads

BNSF	1,056
CPKC	162
Union Pacific	1,324
	2,542

Short Line Railroads

Arkansas & Missouri Railroad	117
Arkansas Midland Railroad	140
Arkansas Southern Railroad	56
Arkansas, Louisiana & Mississippi Railroad	73
Bauxite & Northern Railway	7
Camden & Southern Railroad	3
Dardanelle & Russellville Railroad	5
De Queen & Eastern Railroad	47
Delta Valley & Southern Railway	2
El Dorado & Wesson Railway	6
Fort Smith Railroad	24
Kiamichi Railroad	36
Little Rock & Western Railway	87
Little Rock Port Authority Railroad	12
Louisiana & North West Railroad	24
Missouri & Northern Arkansas Railroad	126
North Louisiana & Arkansas Railroad	46
Ouachita Railroad	13
Prescott and Northwestern Railroad	9
Warren & Saline River Railroad	3
	836

FREIGHT RR EMPLOYEES

2,401

FREIGHT RRS

23

FREIGHT RR MILEAGE

2,502

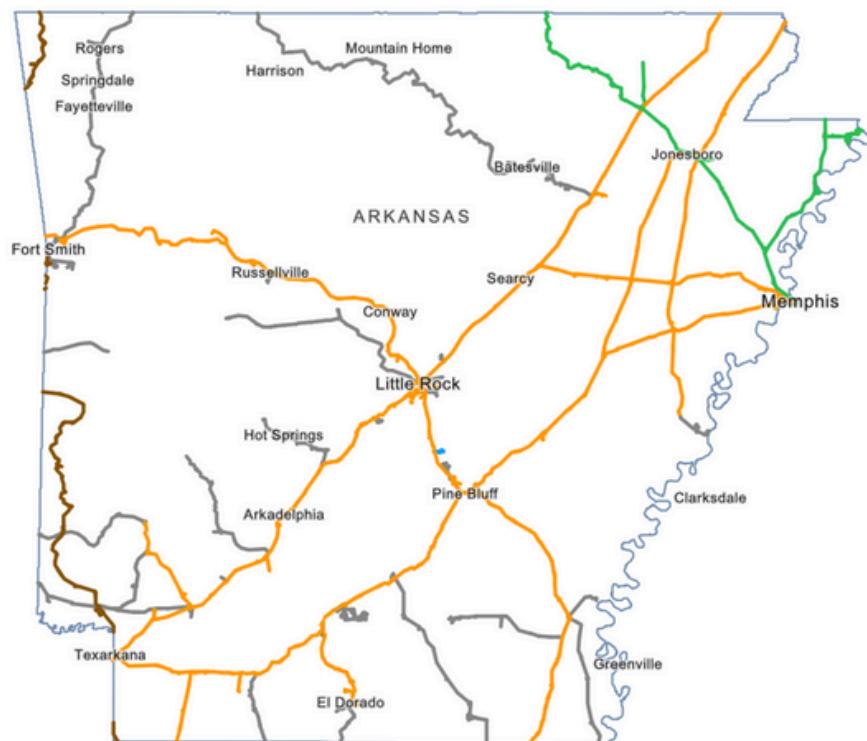
RR RETIREMENT BENEFICIARIES

11,200

RR RETIREMENT BENEFITS

\$265M

- Short Line
- UP
- CN
- BNSF
- CPKC
- CSX
- NS
- Multiple Owners
- Amtrak
- GMXT



RAIL TRAFFIC ORIGINATED

COMMODITY	TONS (M)	CARLOADS
Crushed stone & sand	6.5	57,000
Steel products	3.2	35,300
Intermodal	1.7	118,800
Lumber & wood prod.	1.5	16,500
Food products	1.1	11,200
Other	5.6	68,100
TOTAL	19.5M	306.8K

RAIL TRAFFIC TERMINATED

COMMODITY	TONS (M)	CARLOADS
Coal	11.1	91,900
Waste & scrap	2.3	24,000
Food products	2.2	22,500
Chemicals	2.0	21,000
Grain	1.9	18,500
Other	5.1	164,300
TOTAL	24.7M	342.2K

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THE SAFEST WAY TO MOVE FREIGHT OVER LAND

Thanks in part to technologies like train inspection portals and cracked wheel detection, the Class I mainline accident rate is down 42% since 2000, and the last decade was the safest ever, with the 2023 hazmat accident rate at its lowest ever.



\$23B ANNUAL INVESTMENTS

Capital spending as a share of revenue for freight railroads is six times what it is for the average U.S. manufacturer.



HIGH PAYING JOBS

The average Class I railroad employee earns \$135,000 to nearly \$190,000 annually in pay and benefits.



MOVING ONE TON NEARLY 500 MILES ON ONE GALLON OF FUEL.

On average, railroads are three to four times more fuel efficient than trucks, and one train can take hundreds of trucks off the road.

