

FREIGHT RAIL IN LOUISIANA



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

Class I Railroads

BNSF	346
Canadian National	227
CPKC	750
CSX	43
Norfolk Southern	76
Union Pacific	1,140
	2,582

Short Line Railroads

Acadiana Railway	83
Arkansas, Louisiana & Mississippi Railroad	55
Baton Rouge Southern Railroad	26
Bogalusa & Northern Railway	1
Delta Southern Railroad	37
Dutchtown Southern Railroad	2
Geaux Geaux Railroad	26
Louisiana & Delta Railroad	298
Louisiana & North West Railroad	44
Louisiana Southern Railroad	195
New Orleans & Gulf Coast Railway	32
New Orleans Public Belt Railroad	26
North Louisiana & Arkansas Railroad	16
Port Rail	11
Timber Rock Railroad.	25
	877



FREIGHT RR EMPLOYEES

2,506

FREIGHT RRS

21

FREIGHT RR MILEAGE

3,023

RR RETIREMENT BENEFICIARIES

8,100

RR RETIREMENT BENEFITS

\$196M

RAIL TRAFFIC ORIGINATED

COMMODITY	TONS (M)	CARLOADS
Chemicals	26.8	284,700
Refined petrol. prod.	4.7	57,300
Pulp & paper	3.6	47,100
Food products	2.5	25,400
Lumber & wood prod.	2.4	26,300
Other	3.6	61,000
TOTAL	43.5M	501.9K

RAIL TRAFFIC TERMINATED

COMMODITY	TONS (M)	CARLOADS
Coal	7.8	66,100
Chemicals	7.1	75,900
Grain	5.1	49,300
Food products	3.2	33,200
Petr. & coal products	3.0	34,700
Other	13.6	175,600
TOTAL	39.9M	434.8K

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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.

