

FREIGHT RAIL IN MASSACHUSETTS



*It would have taken
755,000 TRUCKS
to handle the freight that moved
by rail in Massachusetts in 2022.*

Class I Railroads

CSX	329
	329

Short Line Railroads

Berkshire & Eastern Railroad	188
Connecticut Southern Railroad	7
East Brookfield & Spencer Railroad	4
Fore River Transportation Corp.	3
Grafton & Upton Railroad	23
Housatonic Railroad	38
Massachusetts Central Railroad	25
Massachusetts Coastal Railroad	135
New England Central Railroad	60
Pioneer Valley Railroad	18
Providence and Worcester Railroad	123
	624



FREIGHT RR EMPLOYEES

538

FREIGHT RRS

12

FREIGHT RR MILEAGE

760

RR RETIREMENT BENEFICIARIES

4,300

RR RETIREMENT BENEFITS

\$108M

RAIL TRAFFIC ORIGINATED

COMMODITY	TONS (M)	CARLOADS
Waste & scrap	1.8	18,900
Intermodal	1.0	81,800
Stone, clay, & glass pr.	0.1	1,200
Chemicals	0.1	1,500
Other	0.2	2,400
TOTAL	3.2M	105.8K

RAIL TRAFFIC TERMINATED

COMMODITY	TONS (M)	CARLOADS
Intermodal	1.4	99,400
Food products	1.0	11,700
Chemicals	0.9	9,900
Lumber & wood prod.	0.7	8,000
Motor vehicles & parts	0.7	34,300
Other	2.5	30,800
TOTAL	7.3M	194.2K

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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.

