

CALIFORNIA RAIL FACTS

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Rail Overview

California is home to dozens of passenger, freight, and commuter rail lines, as well as rail suppliers. California ranks 5th in the country for the total rail miles and 4th for the number of freight rail employees. It's also home to some of the busiest passenger rail stations and corridors in the country.



Freight

25 freight railroads, including Class I's like Union Pacific and BNSF and short line railroads like the San Joaquin Valley Railroad and the Arizona & California Railroad, move more than **7.2** million carloads of intermodal, food products, minerals, chemicals and other types of freight over **4,800** miles with more than **8,000** employees.



Amtrak

CA has **4** long distance routes and **3** state supported Amtrak routes, including:

- California Zephyr
- Coast Starlight
- Southwest Chief
- Sunset Limited
- Capitol Corridor State Supported
- Pacific Surfliner State Supported
- San Joaquins State Supported

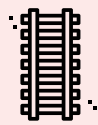
More than **12** million train riders are served at CA stations each year.



Commuter

Commuter rail provides more than **35** million passenger trips each year on the following systems:

- Caltrain in San Francisco
- Metrolink in LA
- SMART in Sonoma and Marin Counties
- ACE in San Jose
- Coaster (NCTD) in San Diego



Suppliers

The rail supply industry contributes more than **\$6** billion to CA's GDP and supports more than **46,000** jobs, including **10,000** direct jobs in CA through companies like Wabtec, Alstom, Siemens, Progress Rail and TTX.

Did you know?

It would have taken approximately **9** million additional trucks to handle the **160** million tons of freight that originated in, terminated in, or moved through CA by rail in 2017. Passenger trains also help the environment - Caltrain alone displaces the equivalent of **10,000** vehicles per day.

OneRail is a diverse group of rail stakeholders who have come together to educate America about the benefits of a strong freight and passenger rail system. Our members include:

- American Public Transportation Association (APTA)
- American Short Line and Regional Railroad Association (ASLRRA)
- Amtrak
- Association of American Railroads (AAR)
- Brotherhood of Railroad Signalmen (BRS)
- International Association of Sheet Metal, Air, Rail, and Transportation Workers (SMART Transportation Division)
- National Association of Railroad Passengers (NARP)
- National Railroad Construction and Maintenance Association (NRC)
- Railway Engineering-Maintenance Suppliers Association (REMSA)
- Railway Supply Institute (RSI)
- States for Passenger Rail Coalition (SPRC)
- Teamsters Rail Conference (BLET and BMW)
- Transportation Communications International Union/International Association of Machinists (TCU/IAM)
- Corporate Supporters include AECOM, Alstom, Caterpillar, HNTB, Wabtec Corporation, and WSP USA

Additional Resources

- **Rail101** - <https://www.onerail.org/rail-101/>
- **Safety** - <https://www.onerail.org/rail-safety-u-s/>

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