

MASSACHUSETTS RAIL FACTS

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Rail Overview

Massachusetts is home to vital passenger, freight, and commuter rail lines, as well as rail suppliers. Massachusetts has the 6th largest commuter rail system in the country.



Freight

12 freight railroads, including Class I's like CSX and short line railroads like Pan Am Railways, Providence & Worcester Railroad and Massachusetts Coastal Railroad, move more than **460,000** carloads of intermodal, petroleum, minerals, chemicals and other types of freight over **1,000** miles with **650** employees.



Amtrak

MA has the Northeast Corridor, which runs Acela and regional trains. It also has **1** long distance train, the Lakeshore Limited, and **2** state supported Amtrak trains, including:

- Downeaster
- Vermonter

More than **3.2** million train riders are served at MA stations each year. Amtrak employs more than **700** residents and spent more than **\$108** million on goods and services in MA.



Commuter

MA is home to the **6th** busiest commuter rail system in the country. Commuter rail provides more than **32** million passenger trips each year on MBTA, which runs trains over **398** miles of track to **137** stations.

MBTA infrastructure is also critical to Amtrak, which runs Northeast Corridor trains over MBTA track.



Suppliers

The rail supply industry contributes more than **\$755** million to MA's GDP and supports more than **6,800** jobs, including **1,545** direct jobs in MA through companies like Progress Rail and Siemens Mobility.

Did you know?

It would have taken approximately **874,000** additional trucks to handle the **15.7** million tons of freight that originated in, terminated in, or moved through MA by rail in 2017.



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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