NEW YORK RAIL FACTS

Rail Overview
New York is home to dozens of critical passenger, freight, and commuter rail lines, as well as rail suppliers. New York ranks 6th in the country for the number of railroads and has the largest commuter rail system in the country.

Freight
37 freight railroads, including Class Is like CSX, Norfolk Southern, Canadian Pacific and short line railroads like New York & Atlantic Railway and Rochester & Southern Railroad, move nearly 1.8 million carloads of intermodal, farm and food products, chemicals and other types of freight over 3,200 miles with more than 2,900 employees.

Commuter
NY is home to the busiest commuter rail systems in the country. Commuter rail provides more than 275 million passenger trips each year in NY, including:
- Long Island Rail Road
- Metro-North Railroad
- New Jersey Transit
Over 500,000 passengers per day pass through New York Penn Station, which is served by these commuters and Amtrak.

Amtrak
NY has the Northeast Corridor, which runs Acela and regional trains, as well as commuter trains. NY also has 6 long distance routes and 7 state supported Amtrak routes throughout the state.
Over 12 million train riders are served at NY stations each year. Amtrak employs more than 1,600 NY residents and spent over $682 million on goods and services in NY.

Suppliers
The rail supply industry contributes more than $3 billion to NY’s GDP and supports more than 24,600 jobs, including 5,000 direct jobs in NY through companies like Alstom, R.J. Corman, and Progress Rail.

Did you know?
It would have taken approximately 3.6 million additional trucks to handle the 64.5 million tons of freight that originated in, terminated in, or moved through NY 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 (ASLRAA)
- 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 BMWE)
- Transportation Communications International Union/International Association of Machinists (TCU/IAM)
- Corporate Supporters include AECOM, Alstom, Caterpillar, HNTB, Wabtec Corporation, and WSP USA

Additional Resources


Need more info? Contact Us:

Anne Canby
acanby@onerail.org
202.466.2641

Devon Barnhart
dbarnhart@onerail.org
202.779.1779

https://twitter.com/OneRailUSA

Sources

- https://www.aar.org/data-center/railroads-states/
- https://www.rsiweb.org/eis-states