

# PENNSYLVANIA RAIL FACTS

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## Rail Overview

Pennsylvania is home to dozens of passenger, freight, and commuter rail lines, as well as rail suppliers. Pennsylvania ranks 1st in the country for the total number of railroads and 8th for the number of freight rail employees.



### Freight

**60** freight railroads, including Class I's like Norfolk Southern and CSX and short line railroads like Buffalo & Pittsburgh, Nittany & Bald Eagle and Reading, Blue Mountain & Northern move nearly **4.9** million carloads of intermodal, coal, minerals and other types of freight over **5,130** miles with more than **6,150** employees.



### Amtrak

PA has the Northeast Corridor, which runs Acela and regional trains, as well as commuter trains. PA also has **7** long distance trains and **1** state supported Amtrak route.

Over **6.5** million train riders are served at PA stations each year. Amtrak employs more than **2,760** PA residents, including more than 450 people at Philadelphia reservation call center, and spent over **\$228** million on goods and services in PA.



### Commuter

PA is home to the 5th busiest commuter rail system in the country. Commuter rail provides more than **34** million passenger trips each year on Septa, which has **13** branches and **150** stations.

Septa relies on Amtrak infrastructure, in addition to its own, as it operates over the Northeast Corridor and Amtrak's Harrisburg Line.



### Suppliers

The rail supply industry contributes **\$3.7** billion to PA's GDP and supports more than **34,000** jobs, including **5,720** direct jobs in PA through companies like GE Transportation, RJ Corman Signaling and Siemens Mobility.

## Did you know?

It would have taken approximately **10.6** million additional trucks to handle the **190** million tons of freight that originated in, terminated in, or moved through PA 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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