

TEXAS RAIL FACTS

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Rail Overview

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



Freight

52 freight railroads, including Class I's like Union Pacific, BNSF, Kansas City Southern and short line railroads like Texas Pacifico Transportation and Lubbock & Western Railway, move nearly **10** million carloads of intermodal, petroleum, minerals, chemicals and other types of freight over **10,500** miles with more than **17,000** employees.



Amtrak

TX has **2** long distance routes and **1** state supported Amtrak routes, including:

- Sunset Limited
- Texas Eagle
- Heartland Flyer State Supported

Nearly **400,000** train riders are served at TX stations each year.

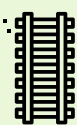
Amtrak employs nearly **200** TX residents and spent nearly **\$48** million on goods and services in TX.



Commuter

Commuter rail provides nearly 3 million passenger trips each year in TX, including:

- Trinity Railway Express in the Dallas and Fort Worth
- Denton County Transportation Authority in Denton and Carrollton
- Capital MetroRail in Austin



Suppliers

The rail supply industry contributes more than **\$15** billion to TX's GDP and supports more than **106,000** jobs, including **12,000** direct jobs in TX through companies like Progress Rail, Union Tank Car, Greenbrier and Trinity Rail Group.

Did you know?

It would have taken approximately **22** million additional trucks to handle the **398** million tons of freight that originated in, terminated in, or moved through TX 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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