

ILLINOIS RAIL FACTS

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Rail Overview

Illinois is a critical rail hub for the country ranking 1st in rail tons and rail carloads move, 2nd for the number of rail miles, freight rail employment and wages, and 3rd for the number of railroads. IL also has significant passenger rail service, including the 4th busiest commuter rail service in the country.



Freight

49 freight railroads, including all the Class I's like BNSF, Union Pacific, Norfolk Southern, CP and CN and short line railroads like the Iowa Interstate Railroad, Illinois & Midland, and Toledo, Peoria & Western move more than **12.7** million carloads of intermodal, coal, minerals, farm products and other types of freight over **7,151** miles with more than **12,000** employees.



Amtrak

IL has **8** long distance Amtrak routes and **8** state supported routes, including:

- Capitol Limited
- Empire Builder
- Lake Shore Limited
- Hiawatha
- Illinois Zephyr
- Wolverine

More than **4.8** million train riders are served at IL stations each year.

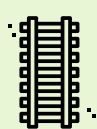
In FY17, Amtrak spent **\$236** million on goods and services in IL and employed more than **1,300** residents.



Commuter

Commuter rail provides more than **68** million passenger trips each year on Metra at **242** stations on **11** different rail lines, including:

- Heritage Corridor
- BNSF Railway Line
- Metra Electric District
- Rock Island District
- Milwaukee District
- North Central Service



Suppliers

The rail supply industry contributes more than **\$5** billion to IL's GDP and supports more than **41,200** jobs, including **9,418** direct jobs in IL through companies like Progress Rail, Wabtec, Greenbrier, and R.J. Corman.

Did you know?

It would have taken approximately **26.8** million additional trucks to handle the **483** million tons of freight that originated in, terminated in, or moved through IL by rail in 2017.