

UNION PACIFIC IN ILLINOIS



SAFETY, SERVICE & OPERATIONAL EXCELLENCE = GROWTH

The Union Pacific team is focused on being the best in **Safety, Service and Operational Excellence**. It defines how we win and grow: Safely delivering the service we sold our customers, investing in our railroad, using our resources and assets efficiently, and proactively engaging with our teams and stakeholders.

2024 FAST FACTS

Miles of Track	2,383
Annual Payroll	\$316.2 million
In-State Purchase	\$1.4 billion
Capital Investment	\$105 million
Community Giving	\$1 million
Employees	2,702

RAIL CARS IN ILLINOIS

Year	Originated	Terminated
2020	590,957	576,155
2021	574,288	559,386
2022	631,217	618,354
2023	633,541	612,529
2024	593,392	634,617

TOP FIVE COMMODITIES IN 2024*

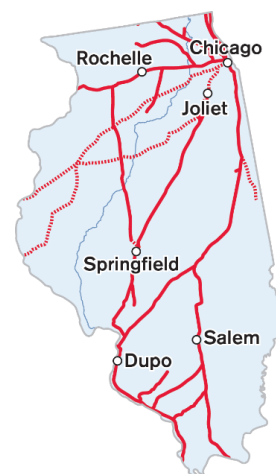
Shipped	Received
1. Intermodal-Wholesale	1. Intermodal-Wholesale
2. Auto Parts	2. Auto Parts
3. Grain	3. Coal
4. Coal	4. Assembled Autos
5. Assembled Autos	5. Plastics

* By volume

SUPPORTING ILLINOIS' ECONOMY

Union Pacific's employees, facilities and rail infrastructure form a vital artery for state economic success. In Chicago, the nation's largest rail hub, Union Pacific's intermodal facilities handle consumer products, such as clothing, TVs and other electronics, moving between the East and West coasts, as well as Canada and Mexico. Other major commodities include corn, soybeans, finished vehicles and auto parts.

Along with a complex freight network, Union Pacific hosts Metra's commuter service on its North, Northwest and West lines. We have successfully collaborated with Metra to safely transition most services without impacting Chicago commuters. Union Pacific and Metra also recently completed a \$110 million project to add a third main line to the area's Geneva Subdivision, serving more than 100 freight and passenger trains daily.



Union Pacific is a key member of CREATE, a partnership between the U.S. Department of Transportation, State of Illinois, Cook County, City of Chicago, Metra, Amtrak and the nation's freight railroads.

The group coordinates traffic challenges and oversees projects designed to create rail network efficiencies and enhance the lives of Chicago-area residents. The Westside Gateway (WA1) project will invest \$170 million to improve a 1.9-mile segment of Union Pacific rail line along Rockwell Avenue, between Fulton Street on the north and 16th Street on the south. Bridge improvements and signal modernization will enhance freight and passenger rail as well as community connectivity, resulting in safety upgrades and improving aesthetics of viaduct passageways for pedestrians and cyclists traveling on local streets and sidewalks.

HELPING COMMUNITIES THRIVE

Union Pacific proudly supports Illinois organizations through its [Community Ties Giving Program](#). In 2024, Union Pacific provided more than \$1 million to groups, including the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library Foundation, Chicago Cook Workforce Partnership and Chicagoland Prison Outreach. Grants were awarded to programs meeting one of Union Pacific's philanthropic objectives: helping communities prevent and prepare for incidents and emergencies; fostering skills development for family-supporting jobs; equipping community members with opportunities to live healthy, vital lives; and advancing the health of our environment.



INVESTING IN SAFETY

Rail is the safest way to move large quantities of freight over land. In fact, freight rail is 17 times safer than trucks per gross ton miles, according to data from the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) and U.S. Department of Transportation.



Union Pacific continues to advance its commitment to safety through enhanced training, a strengthened safety culture, targeted infrastructure investments and the integration of cutting-edge technology.

From 2020-2024, Union Pacific invested more than \$698 million strengthening its Illinois infrastructure. Projects include new ties and rail, as well as bridge maintenance.

Union Pacific special agents work in tandem with local law enforcement officers to enhance safety along rail corridors. In 2024, Union Pacific trained 6,000 first responders in communities across our network to support emergency preparedness and share best practices.

HARNESSING TECHNOLOGY

Union Pacific leverages cutting-edge technology to keep people, communities and freight safe. From real-time monitoring systems to predictive analytics, innovation is helping the railroad operate smarter and more sustainably.

As part of more than \$30 million in safety and security investments, Union Pacific uses drones to gather aerial data and help crews safely assess infrastructure.

Programs like Train Builder enable us to safely increase train length and deliver goods faster, while customer-facing platforms like UPGO and Fast Gate streamline intermodal terminal access. GPS tracking improves shipment visibility across the network, enhancing efficiency and service.

Foundational to these efforts is Positive Train Control (PTC), a GPS- and sensor-based system that monitors train speed and track conditions in real time. When a potential hazard is detected, PTC alerts the crew or automatically stops the train.

Working alongside PTC is the Energy Management System (EMS), installed on more than 3,500 locomotives. Acting like intelligent cruise control, EMS uses real-time data to improve train handling and optimize fuel consumption.

These technologies enhance safety while advancing sustainability. One train can move 1 ton of freight nearly 500 miles on a gallon of fuel, reducing greenhouse gas emissions by up to 75% compared to trucks.

CONNECTING THE NATION

One of America's most recognized companies, Union Pacific Railroad (NYSE: UNP) connects 23 states in the western two-thirds of the country by rail, providing a critical link in the global supply chain. From 2015-2024, Union Pacific invested approximately \$34 billion in its network and operations to support America's transportation infrastructure. The railroad's diversified business mix includes its Bulk, Industrial and Premium business groups. Union Pacific serves many of the fastest-growing U.S. population centers, operates from all major West Coast and Gulf Coast ports to eastern gateways, connects with Canada's rail systems and is the only railroad serving all six major Mexico gateways. Union Pacific provides value to its approximately 10,000 customers by delivering products in a safe, reliable and fuel-efficient manner.

UNLEASHING ECONOMIC INNOVATION

The [Association of American Railroads](#) estimates U.S. railroads contributed \$233.4 billion in total economic output in 2023, supporting business activity and nearly 750,000 jobs across the economy. Rail is not just a means of moving goods and people – it is a force multiplier for the U.S. economy. It sustains jobs, reduces business costs, fuels supply chains, facilitates trade, and delivers critical public benefits like lower emissions and reduced highway congestion. A strong rail industry is essential to keeping the U.S. competitive, resilient and vibrant – a pillar in America's economic success.

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