HOW MUCH FREIGHT SHIPS BY RAIL IN THE U.S.

Class I Railroad Shipments in 2019



4 million carloads of coal (with each rail car carrying enough coal to power 21 homes for an entire year)



2.2 million carloads of chemicals (including plastics, synthetic fibers, drugs and soaps — and much more Approximately 2 millior carloads of construction-related materials (including lumber, steel, stone, sand and gravel)



1.8 million carloads of motor vehicles and auto parts



13.7 million units of intermodal shipments (via both rail and truck), including electronics, home goods and clothing. Intermodal shipments continue to increase as shippers leverage the flexibility of truck combined with the efficiencies and environmental benefits of rail.





1.6 million carloads of food products



1.6 million carloads of grain and other farm products

