2022 FAST FACTS
Miles of Track ...................................................... 2,384
Annual Payroll....................................................... $299.8 million
In-State Purchases ................................................ $1.6 billion
Capital Investment ............................................... $170.3 million
Community Giving ............................................... $693,000
Employees ........................................................... 2,940
U.S. Jobs Supported* .............................................. 23,520
*Each American freight rail job supports 8 jobs elsewhere in the U.S. economy. (Association of American Railroads)

RAIL CARS ORIGINATED IN ILLINOIS
2018 ............................................................. 731,172
2019 ............................................................. 633,992
2020 ............................................................. 590,957
2021 ............................................................. 574,288
2022 ............................................................. 631,217

RAIL CARS TERMINATED IN ILLINOIS
2018 ............................................................. 664,336
2019 ............................................................. 593,827
2020 ............................................................. 576,155
2021 ............................................................. 559,386
2012 ............................................................. 618,354

TOP FIVE COMMODITIES SHIPPED
2022 BY VOLUME
1. INTERMODAL-WHOLESALE
2. AUTO PARTS
3. GRAIN
4. COAL
5. ASSEMBLED AUTOS

TOP FIVE COMMODITIES RECEIVED
2022 BY VOLUME
1. INTERMODAL-WHOLESALE
2. AUTO PARTS
3. COAL
4. ASSEMBLED AUTOS
5. PLASTICS

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 currently operates Metra service on its North, Northwest and West lines. Metra and Union Pacific are working collaboratively to transfer this rail operation directly to Metra. Union Pacific and Metra are working on a $110 million project to add a third main line to the area’s Geneva Subdivision, serving freight and passenger trains.

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. Working together, 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.

Union Pacific proudly supports Illinois organizations through its Community Ties Giving Program. In 2022, Union Pacific provided more than $693,000 to groups, including the MABAS Foundation, Historic Pullman Foundation Inc. and Chicago Cares. Grants are awarded to programs meeting one of Union Pacific’s philanthropic objectives: helping communities prevent and prepare for accidents and emergencies; fostering skills development for family-supporting jobs; and creating vibrant community spaces.

INVESTING IN SAFETY

The safety of Union Pacific’s employees, customers and the communities it operates in is the company’s No. 1 priority. From 2018-2022, Union Pacific invested more than $767 million strengthening its Illinois infrastructure. Annual 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 rail safety. The goal is decreasing crossing accidents and, ultimately, eliminating them.

DRIVING INNOVATION AND SUSTAINABILITY

Union Pacific’s rails are technological runways enhanced with GPS, specialized sensors and, in some areas, Positive Train Control (PTC). PTC is an advanced system designed to automatically stop a train before certain incidents occur, such as train-to-train collisions and derailments caused by excessive speed or movement through misaligned track switches. PTC is installed on 100% of required Union Pacific rail lines; implementation efforts also ensured interoperability with other freight and passenger railroads operating on our tracks.

Unmanned Aerial Systems (UAS), or drones, are part of Union Pacific’s safety tool kit, collecting valuable information at derailment sites and natural disaster incidents, allowing the company to assess its infrastructure and respond while keeping employees out of harm’s way. Union Pacific is researching autonomous drone infrastructure inspection technology, enabling the company to fly drones in places without GPS coverage, such as within or under a large metal bridge or into deep culverts.

The company also is using technology to drive fuel efficiency. One train can take several hundred trucks off Illinois’ already congested highways. Union Pacific can move a ton of freight 463 miles on a single gallon of diesel fuel, generating a carbon footprint that is 75% less than trucks.

AMERICA’S PREMIER RAILROAD

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 2013-2022 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 roughly 10,000 customers by delivering products in a safe, reliable, fuel-efficient and environmentally responsible manner.

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