Tennessee provides many options for industrial rail transportation. There are six Class 1 railroads in the state. The three largest carriers are CSX Transportation, Norfolk-Southern Corporation and Canadian National/Illinois Central Railroad.

Memphis is the third largest rail center in the United States. The city is one of only five U.S. cities served by five or more of the United States’ six long-haul Class 1 rail systems. These railroad systems offer single system shipments to all 48 contiguous states and Alaska, as well as Mexico and Canada.

**Shortline Railroads**
- Twenty-two railroads serving small communities and rural areas.
- Substantial investments have been made in intermodal facilities to accommodate TOFC, COFC, and bulk storage transfers at several Tennessee locations.