

# Rail Logistics Market Outlook 2026–2030: Freight Optimization and Infrastructure Growth

*The Business Research Company's Rail Logistics Market Report 2026 – Market Size, Trends, And Global Forecast 2026-2035*

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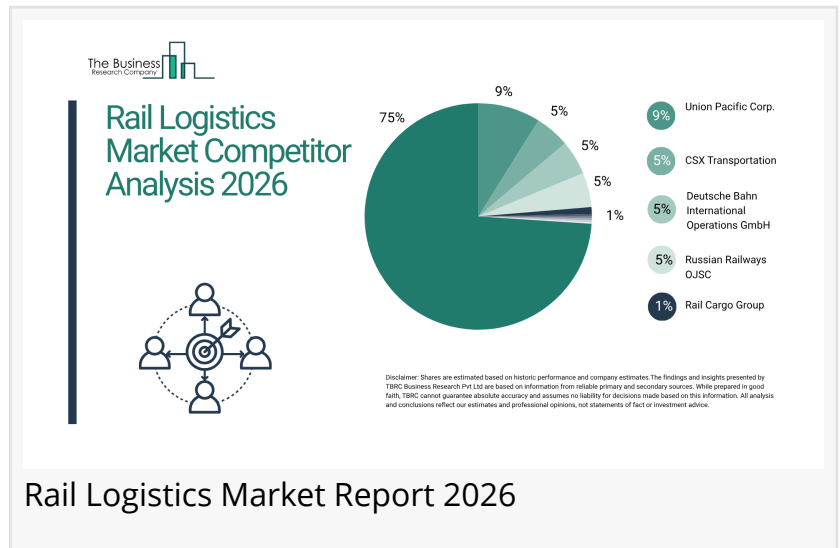
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## Which Market Player Is Leading The Rail Logistics Market?

- According to our research, Union Pacific Corp. led global sales in 2024 with a 9% market share. The railroad operations division of the company, which is directly involved in the rail logistics market, provides an extensive rail freight network, intermodal transportation services, bulk commodity transport, and integrated logistics solutions that support large-scale cargo movement across industrial, agricultural, and consumer supply chains.

## Who Are The Major Players In The Rail Logistics Market?

Major companies operating in the rail logistics market are Union Pacific Corp., CSX Transportation, Deutsche Bahn International Operations GmbH, Russian Railways OJSC, Rail Cargo Group, Canadian National Railway Co., United Parcel Service Inc., FedEx Corporation, Japan



Freight Railway Co., VTG AG, Schenker Deutschland AG, Aurizon Holdings Limited, Nippon Express Co. Ltd., C.H. Robinson Worldwide Inc., Mærsk A/S, Brookfield Business Partners LP, Kuehne + Nagel International AG, CEVA Logistics Inc., Trinity Industries Inc., CTL Logistics Sp. z o.o., Gebrüder Weiss GmbH, Geodis SA, SBB Cargo International AG, Ferromex, BLR Logistik Ltd., Interport Global Logistics Private Limited, Tschudi Logistics Holding AS, GeoMetrix Rail Logistics Inc.

### How Concentrated Is The Rail Logistics Market?

- The market is moderately fragmented, with the top 10 players accounting for 25% of total market revenue in 2024. This level of concentration reflects moderate operational and infrastructure entry barriers, driven by high capital investment requirements in rail networks and rolling stock, regulatory compliance with transportation and safety standards, the need for efficient freight management systems, and the importance of reliable large-scale cargo transportation across regional and international supply chains. Leading players such as Union Pacific Corp., CSX Transportation, Deutsche Bahn International Operations GmbH, Russian Railways OJSC, Rail Cargo Group, Canadian National Railway Co., United Parcel Service Inc., FedEx Corporation, Japan Freight Railway Co., and VTG AG, hold notable market shares through extensive rail freight networks, integrated intermodal transportation services, advanced logistics management systems, and strategic partnerships across industrial, agricultural, and consumer supply chains. As demand for efficient bulk transportation, intermodal connectivity, and sustainable freight solutions grows, strategic investments in rail infrastructure, digital logistics platforms, and network expansion are expected to strengthen the competitive positioning of these leading companies in the market.

- Leading companies include:

- o Union Pacific Corp. (9%)
- o CSX Transportation (5%)
- o Deutsche Bahn International Operations GmbH (5%)
- o Russian Railways OJSC (5%)
- o Rail Cargo Group (1%)
- o Canadian National Railway Co. (0.3%)
- o United Parcel Service Inc. (0.3%)
- o FedEx Corporation (0.3%)
- o Japan Freight Railway Co. (0.3%)
- o VTG AG (0.2%)

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### Who Are The Key Raw Material Suppliers In The Rail Logistics Market?

- Major raw material suppliers in the rail logistics market include ArcelorMittal SA, Nippon Steel Corporation, POSCO Holdings Inc., Tata Steel Limited, JSW Steel Limited, Nucor Corporation,

United States Steel Corporation, Thyssenkrupp AG, JFE Steel Corporation, Evraz plc, Voestalpine AG, Sumitomo Metal Mining Co Ltd, Rio Tinto Group, BHP Group Limited, Vale SA, Cleveland-Cliffs Inc., Carpenter Technology Corporation, ATI Inc., TimkenSteel Corporation, SKF AB, Wabtec Corporation, CRRC Corporation Limited, Progress Rail Services Corporation, Trinity Industries Inc., and Greenbrier Companies Inc.

Who Are The Major Wholesalers And Distributors In The Rail Logistics Market?

- Major wholesalers or distributors in the rail logistics market include Union Pacific Railroad Company, BNSF Railway Company, Canadian National Railway Company, Canadian Pacific Kansas City Limited, Norfolk Southern Railway Company, CSX Transportation Inc., DB Cargo AG, SBB Cargo AG, PKP Cargo SA, Fret SNCF SAS, Genesee and Wyoming Inc., Pacific National Pty Ltd, Qube Holdings Limited, Japan Freight Railway Company, Container Corporation of India Limited, Gateway Rail Freight Limited, Adani Logistics Limited, DP World Limited, PSA International Pte Ltd, Nippon Express Holdings Inc., DHL Group, Kuehne and Nagel International AG, C.H. Robinson Worldwide Inc., Expeditors International of Washington Inc., and OmniTRAX Inc.

Who Are The Major End Users Of The Rail Logistics Market?

- Major end users in the rail logistics market include Toyota Motor Corporation, Volkswagen AG, Hyundai Motor Company, Ford Motor Company, General Motors Company, Stellantis NV, Coca-Cola Company, PepsiCo Inc., Nestlé SA, Walmart Inc., Amazon.com Inc., Home Depot Inc., Target Corporation, Samsung Electronics Co Ltd, LG Electronics Inc., BASF SE, Dow Inc., Exxon Mobil Corporation, Shell plc, Chevron Corporation, Cargill Incorporated, Archer Daniels Midland Company, Bunge Limited, Glencore plc, and A.P. Moller Maersk AS.

What Are The Major Competitive Trends In The Market?

- Artificial intelligence-based workforce scheduling platforms are transforming the rail logistics market by improving operational efficiency, optimizing workforce allocation, and enabling data-driven planning across rail freight operations.
- Example: In May 2025, ZEDAS GmbH launched an AI-powered staff scheduling feature within its ZEDAS cargo platform for rail logistics operations.
- Its automated scheduling capability generates ready-to-use personnel schedules by considering employee qualifications, mandatory rest periods, absences, and travel requirements, thereby reducing manual planning effort, improving workforce utilization, and enhancing overall operational efficiency in rail freight management.

Which Strategies Are Companies Adopting To Stay Ahead?

- Strengthening Cold Chain Logistics Through Integrated Rail Freight Solutions
- Improving Supply Chain Predictability With Fixed-Schedule Rail Freight Networks
- Enhancing Fleet Visibility And Safety Through Railcar Telematics And Digital Monitoring
- Expanding Cross-Border Connectivity With Trailer-On-Rail Intermodal Transportation

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