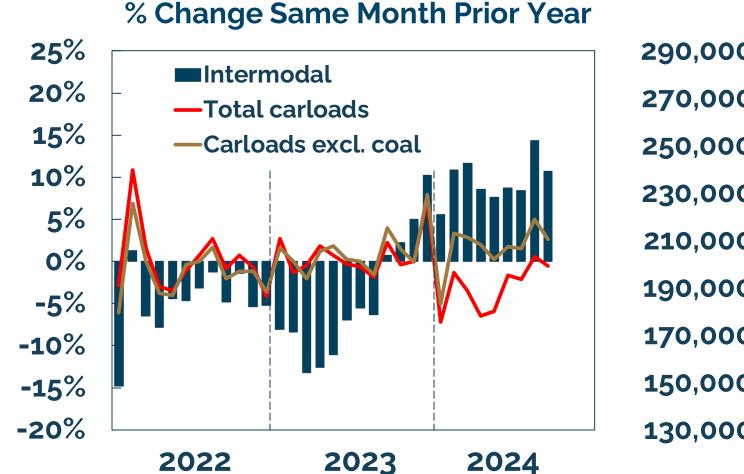


# **Railroad Update**

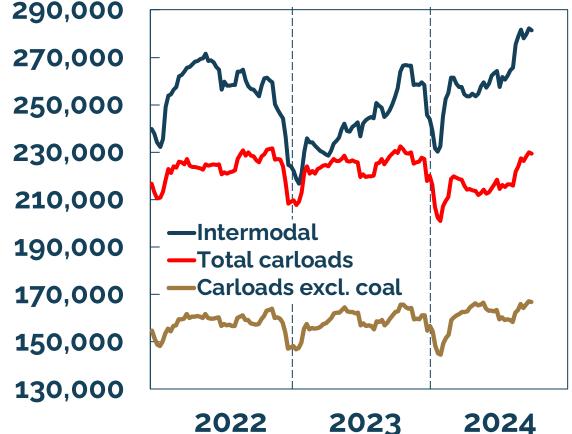
# **Rail Energy Transportation Advisory Committee**

October 9, 2024

#### U.S. Rail Traffic: Jan. 2022-Sept. 2024



#### 6-Week Moving Average



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**Change in U.S. Rail Traffic:** Jan.-Sept. 2024 vs. **Jan.-Sept. 2023** 

Total carloads: -285,871, -3.3%

Total carloads excl. coal: 86,782, 1.4%

Intermodal: 882,064, 9.5%

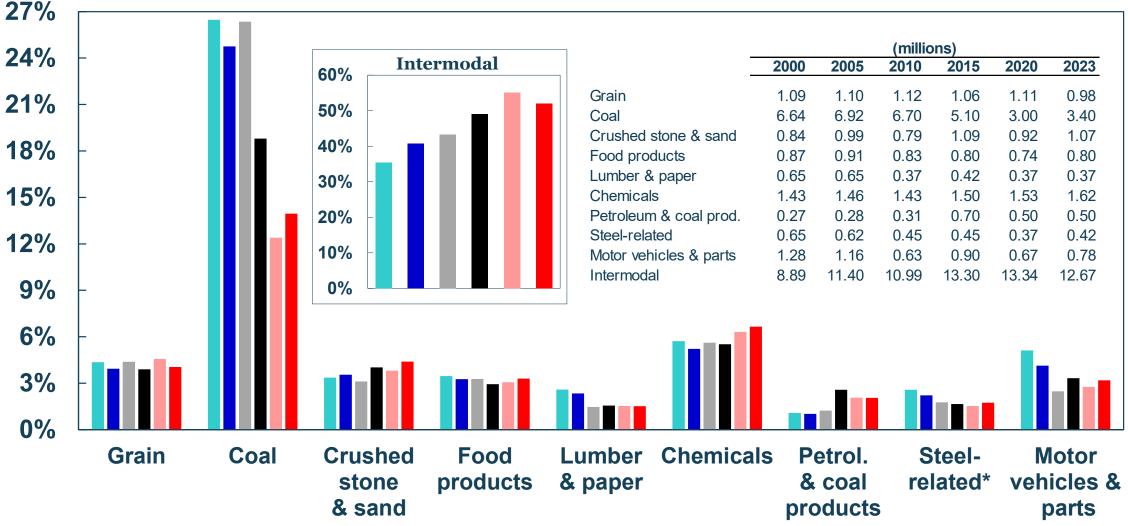
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Coal: -372,653, -14.6%

Grain: 71,704, 10.2% Chemicals: 50,588, 4.2% Petrol. & petr. products: 38,245, 10.4% Grain mill products: 15,671, 4.4% Motor veh. & parts: 11,700, 2.0% Waste & nonferrous scrap: 4,716, 3.3% Pulp & paper products: 3,646, 2.2% Stone, clay & glass prod.: 3,587, 1.2% Primary forest products: 3,544, 8.8% Carloads n.e.c.: 2,893, 1.5% Coke: 1.314. 1.3% Food products: -113, -0.05% Farm products excl. grain: -585, -1.9% Lumber & wood prod.: -1,494, -1.3% Iron & steel scrap: -4,640, -2.8% Metallic ores: -9,856, -4.5% Nonmetallic minerals: -10,236, -7.9% Primary metal products: -13,498, -4.2% Crushed stone, sand, gravel: -80,404, -9.8%

#### **Share of Originated Units on U.S. Railroads**

■ 2000 ■ 2005 ■ 2010 ■ 2015 ■ 2020 ■ 2023



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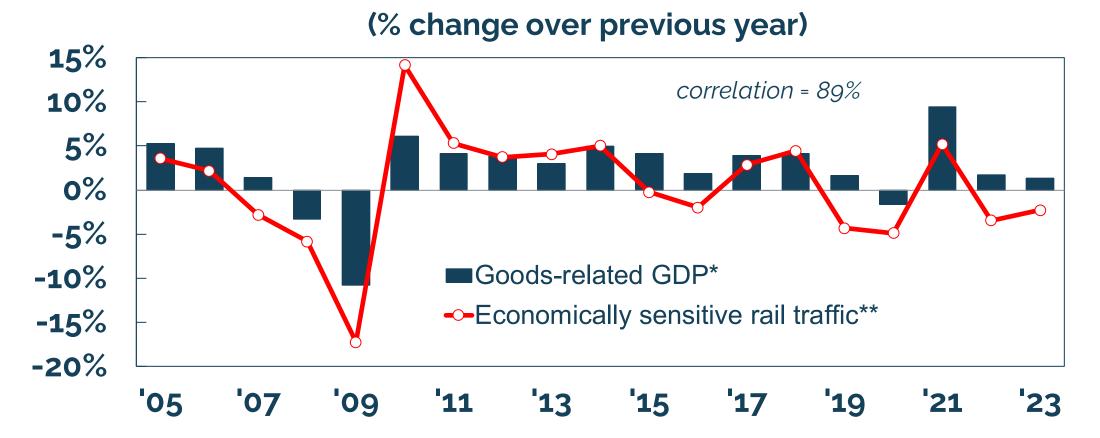
## Weakness in Manufacturing

#### **Manufacturing PMI® U.S. Manufacturing** (< 50% = contraction) Output (2012 = 100) 102 62% **58%** 100 54% 98 50% 96 46% 94 **42%** 92 38% 34% 90 2024 2022 2023 2022 2023 2024

Source: Federal Reserve Board

Source: Institute for Supply Management®

### **Best Correlation: Goods-Related GDP\* and Economy-Sensitive Rail Traffic\*\***

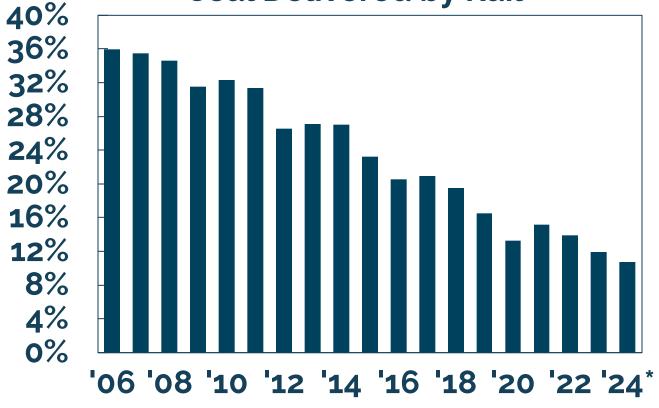


 Imports, exports, & personal consumption of goods; fixed residential investment; business investment in equipment & structures; govt. gross investment; and change in inventories.
\*\*Originated U.S. intermodal units plus U.S. carloads excluding coal and grain. Rail traffic excludes the U.S. operations of Canadian and Mexican railroads. Source: BEA, AAR

### Continued Decline for Coal: Carloads Down 55% 2008-2023

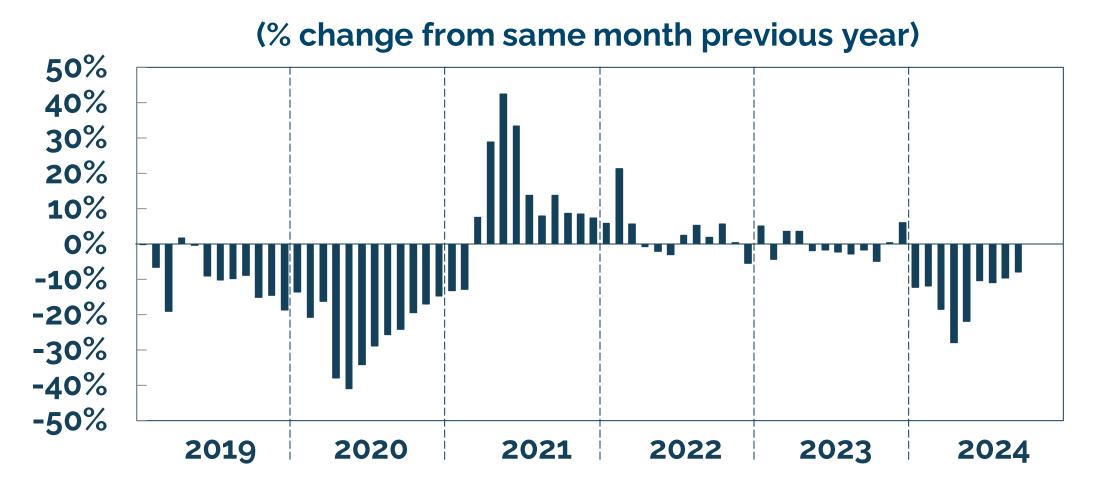
% U.S. Electricity Generation					
_	2000	2010	2020	2024*	
Coal	<b>52%</b>	45%	19%	15%	
Natural gas	16%	24%	41%	43%	
Nuclear	20%	20%	20%	18%	
Renewables	2%	4%	12%	18%	
Hydro	7%	6%	7%	6%	
*Through July Source: EIA					

#### Share of U.S. Electricity Generated by Coal Delivered by Rail



\*Based on Jan.-July. Figures are estimates based on AAR analysis of EIA data.

## **U.S. Rail Carloads of Coal**



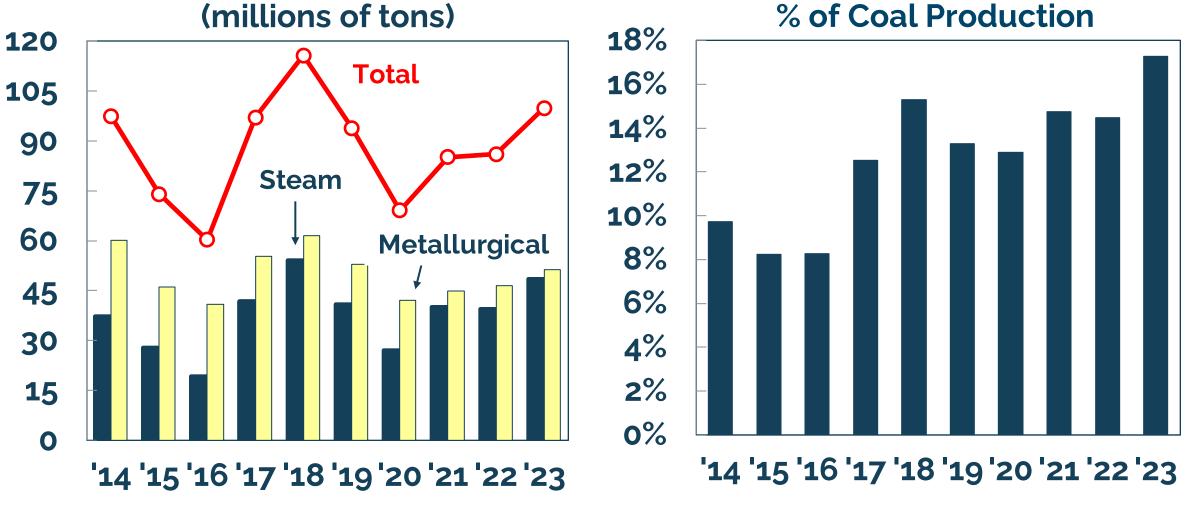
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### **Consequences of Coal's Decline**

- Reduced resources and assets across coal supply chain
- Less stable energy markets
- Coal volumes more volatile
- Stranded rail assets continue to incur expenses

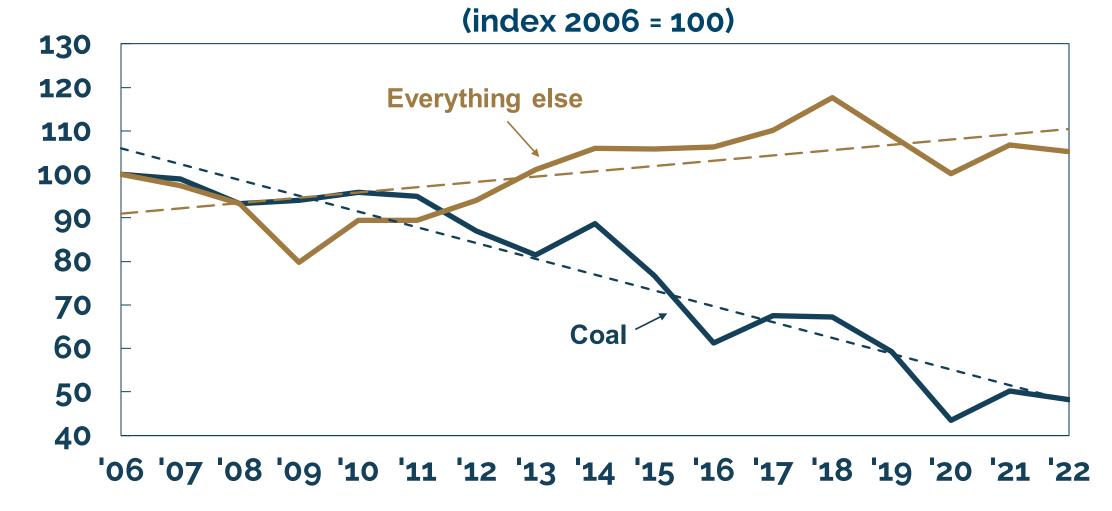


#### **U.S. Coal Exports**



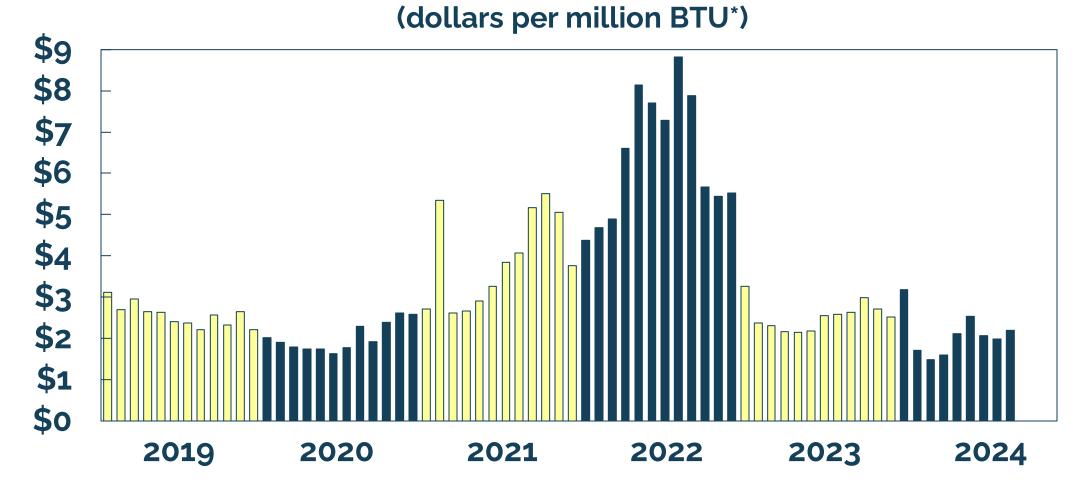
Source: EIA

#### **U.S. Rail Ton-Miles**



Dashed lines = trend lines. Source: STB

#### **Extremely Low Recent Natural Gas Prices**



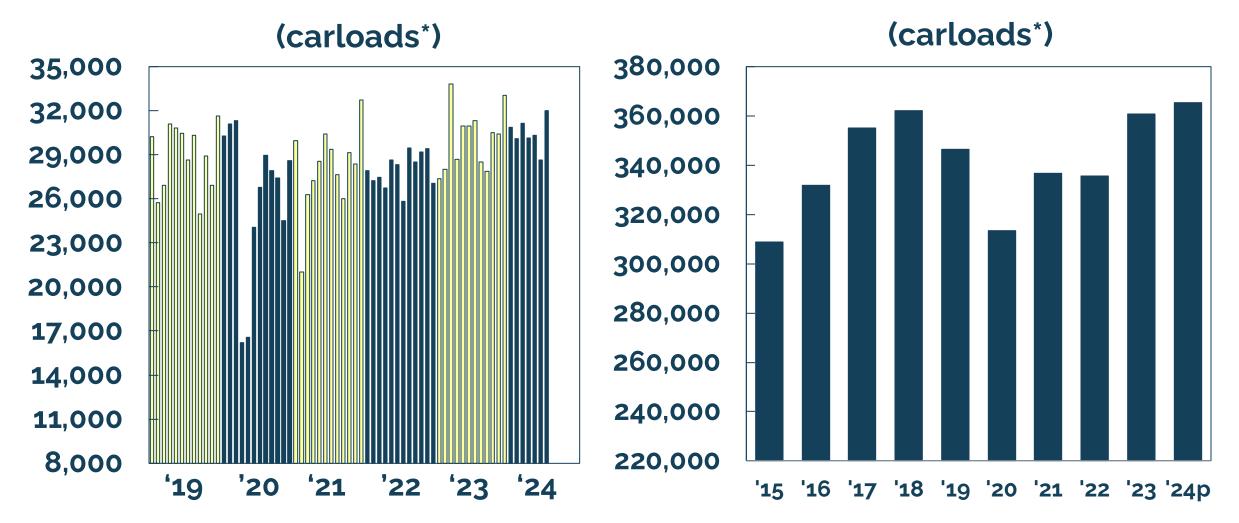
\*Henry Hub spot price. Source: Energy Information Administration

### U.S. Rail Carloads of Crude Oil by Quarter



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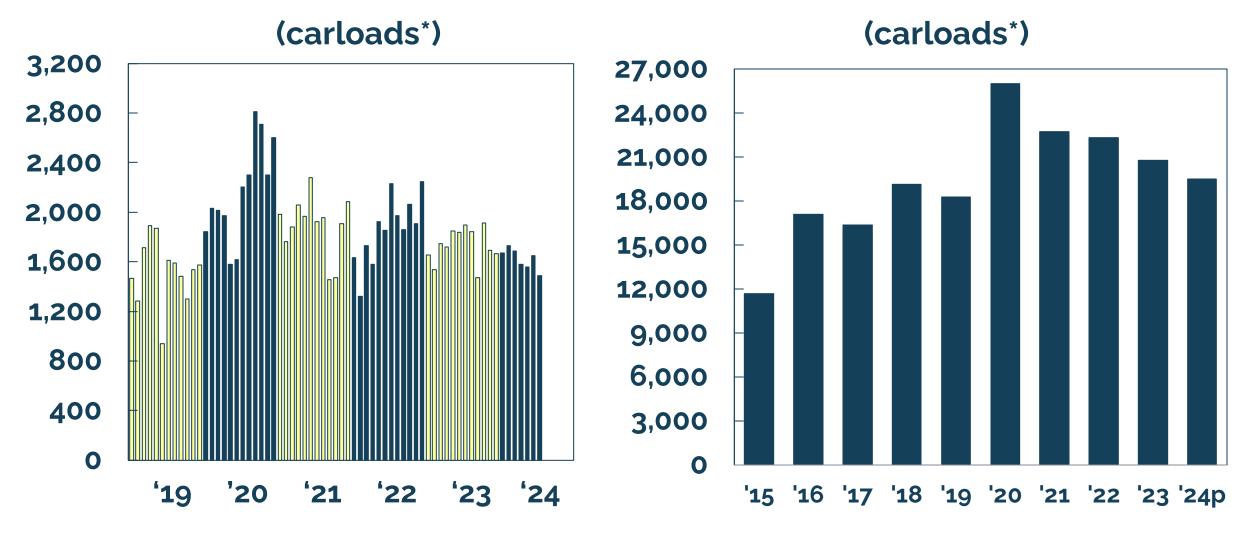
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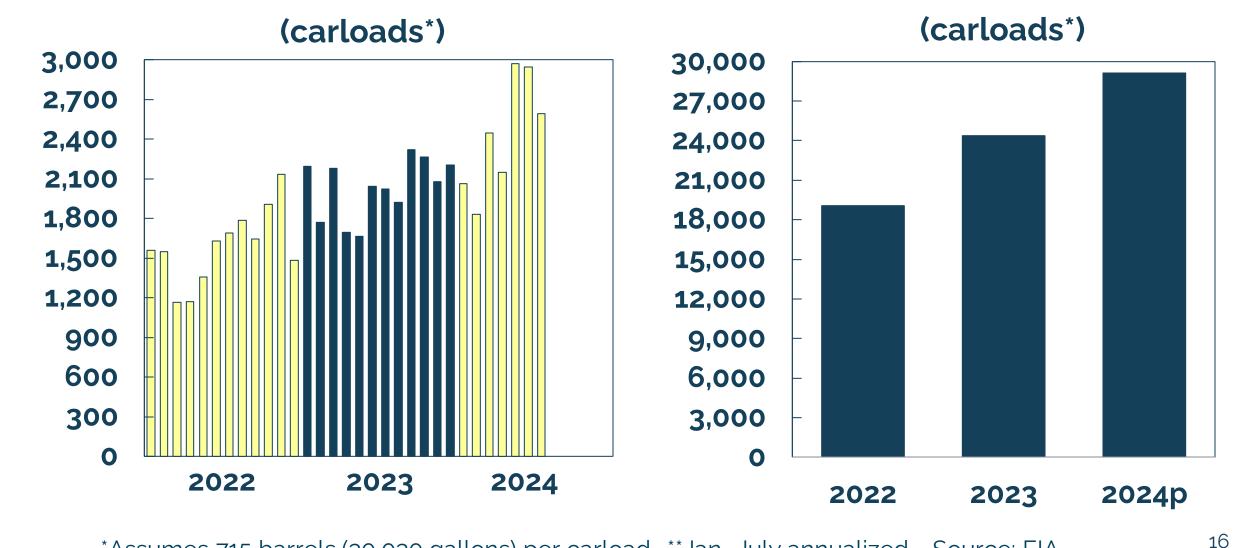
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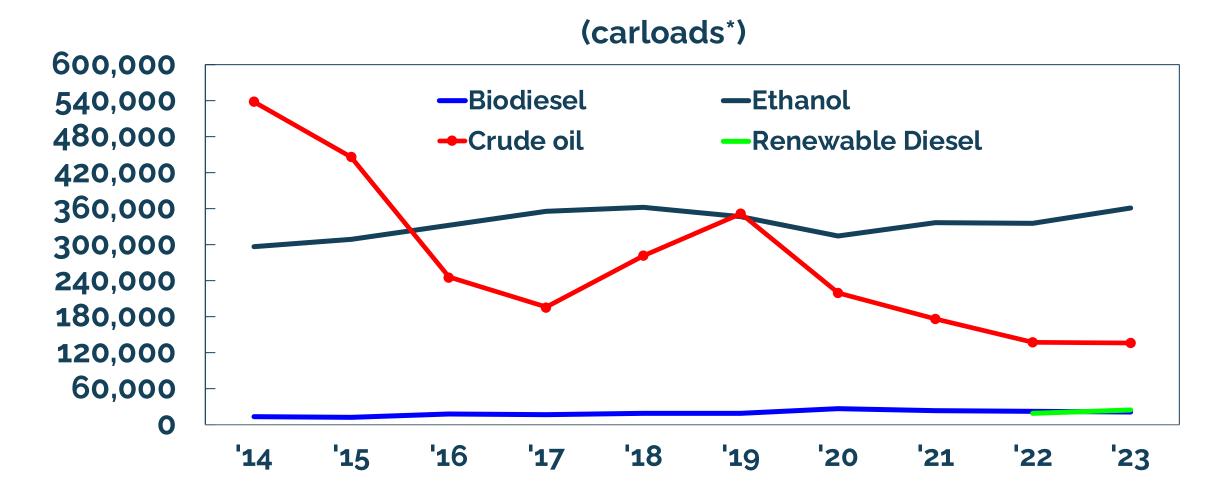
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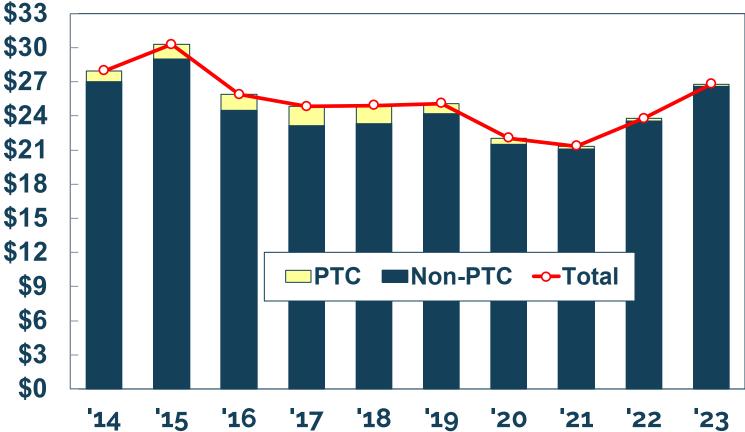
#### U.S. Shipments of Energy Products by Rail: 2014–2023



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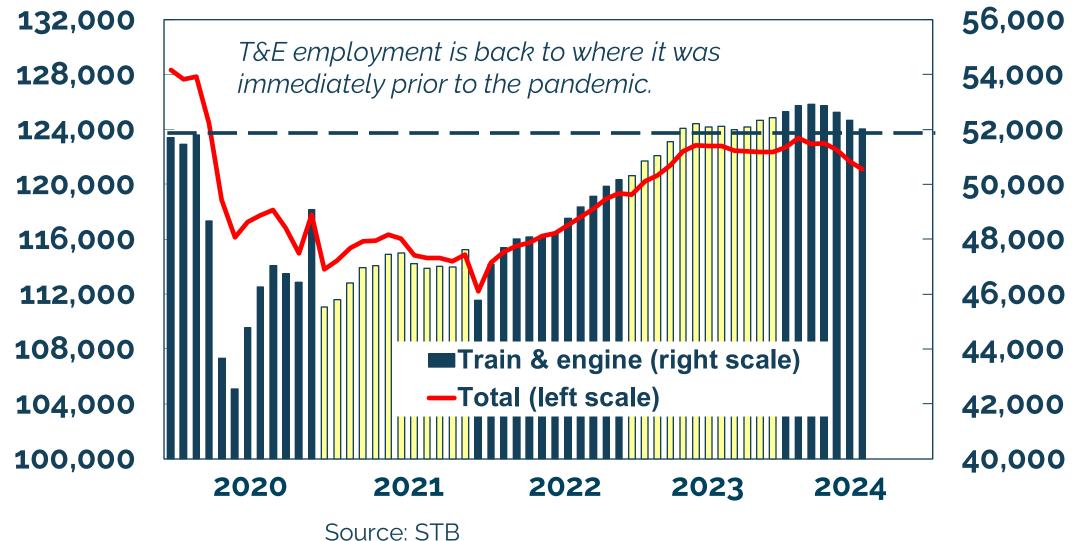
#### (\$ billions)\*



\*Class I railroad capital spending + maintenance expenses on infrastructure and equipment. Source: AAR Capital Spending as % of Revenue\*

Avg. all manufacturing	3.0%
Petroleum & coal products	2.3%
Food	2.3%
Machinery	2.6%
Motor vehicles & parts	2.8%
Fabricated metal products	3.2%
Primary metal products	3.2%
Wood producs	3.4%
Plastics & rubber products	3.8%
Chemicals	3.8%
Paper	4.3%
Nonmetallic minerals	4.4%
Computer & electr. products	5.0%
Class I Railroads	18.4%
*Avg. 2012-2021 Source: Census Bureau, AAR	

### **Railroads Continue to Invest in Human Capital to Serve Their Customers**



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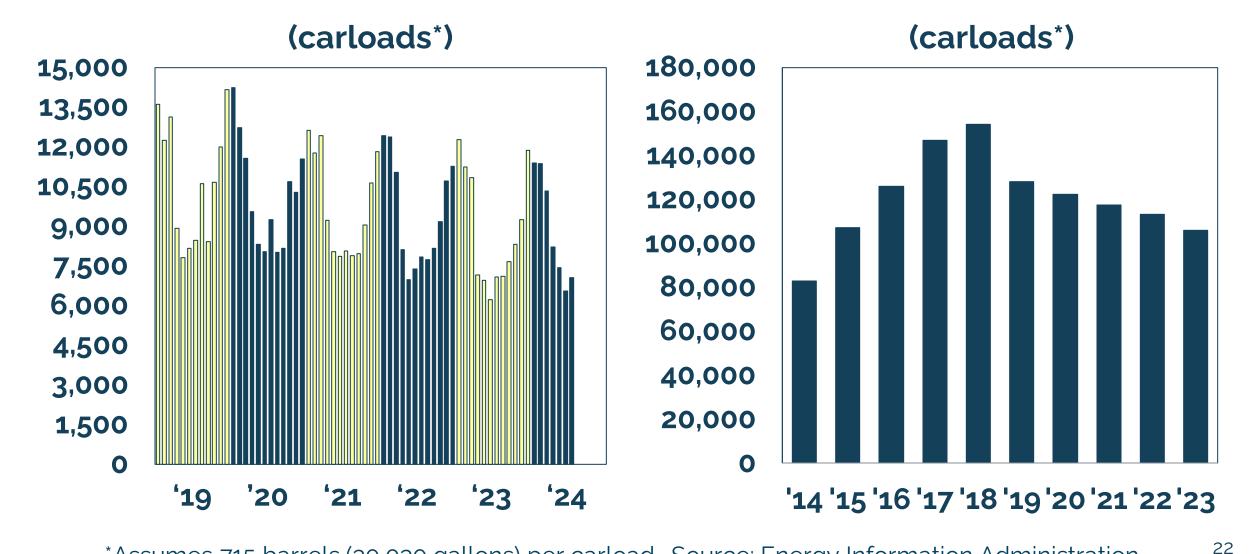






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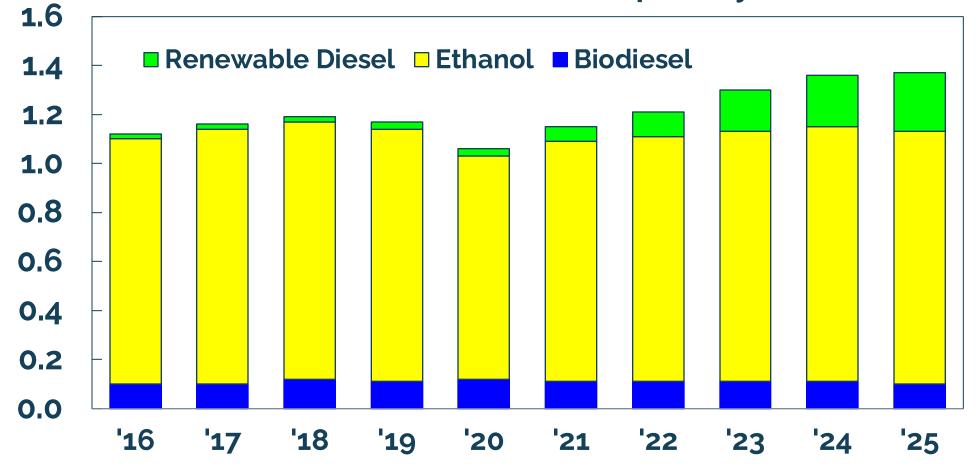
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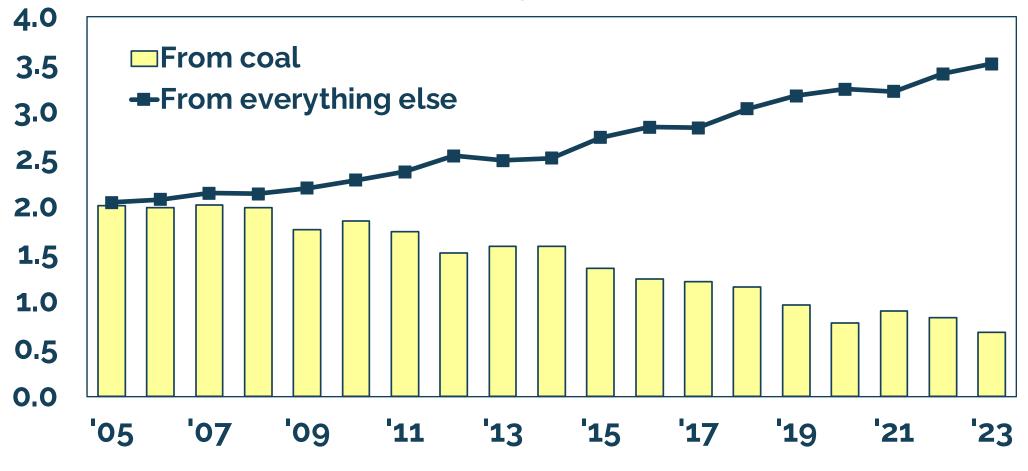
#### (millions of barrels per day)



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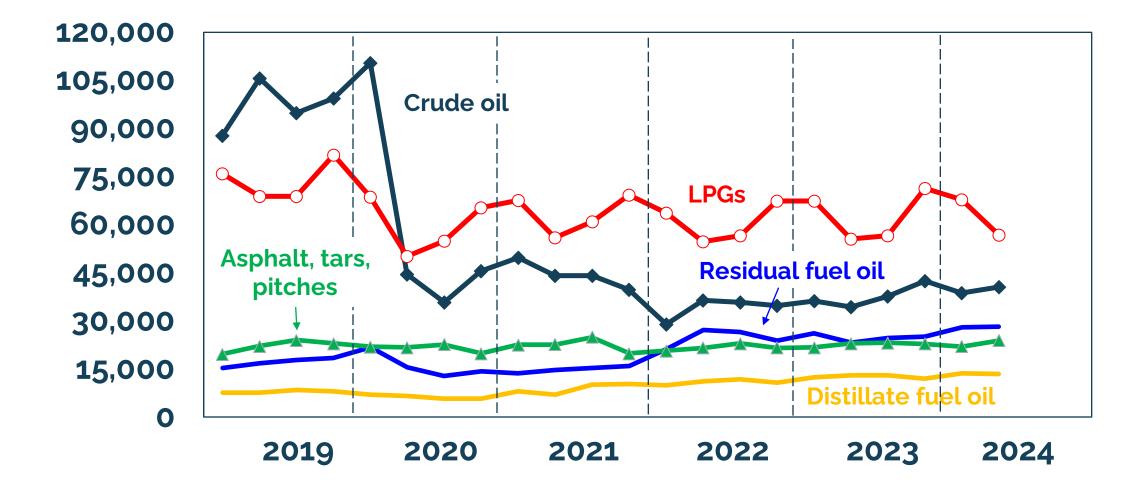
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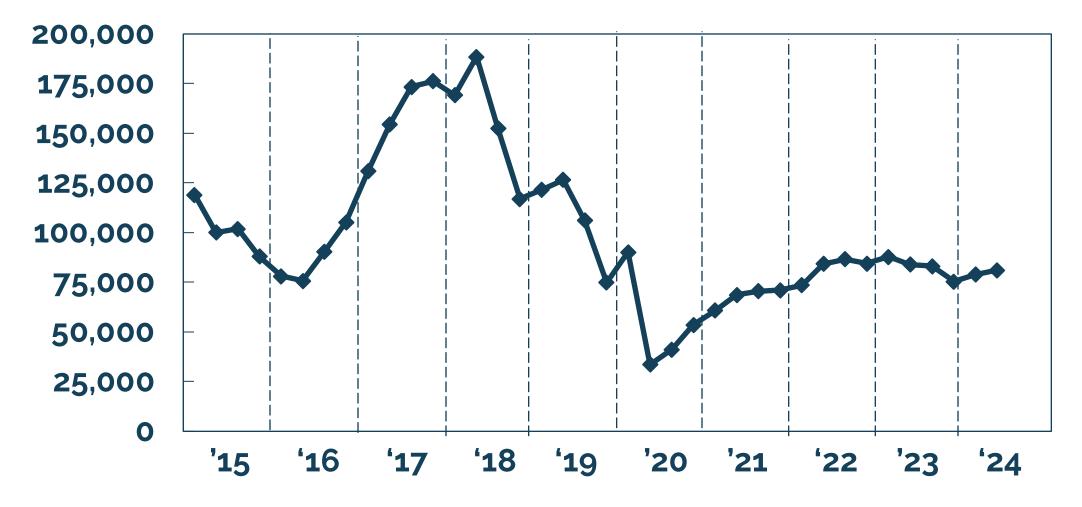
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#### **U.S. Rail Carloads of Refined Petroleum Products – Terminations**



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