



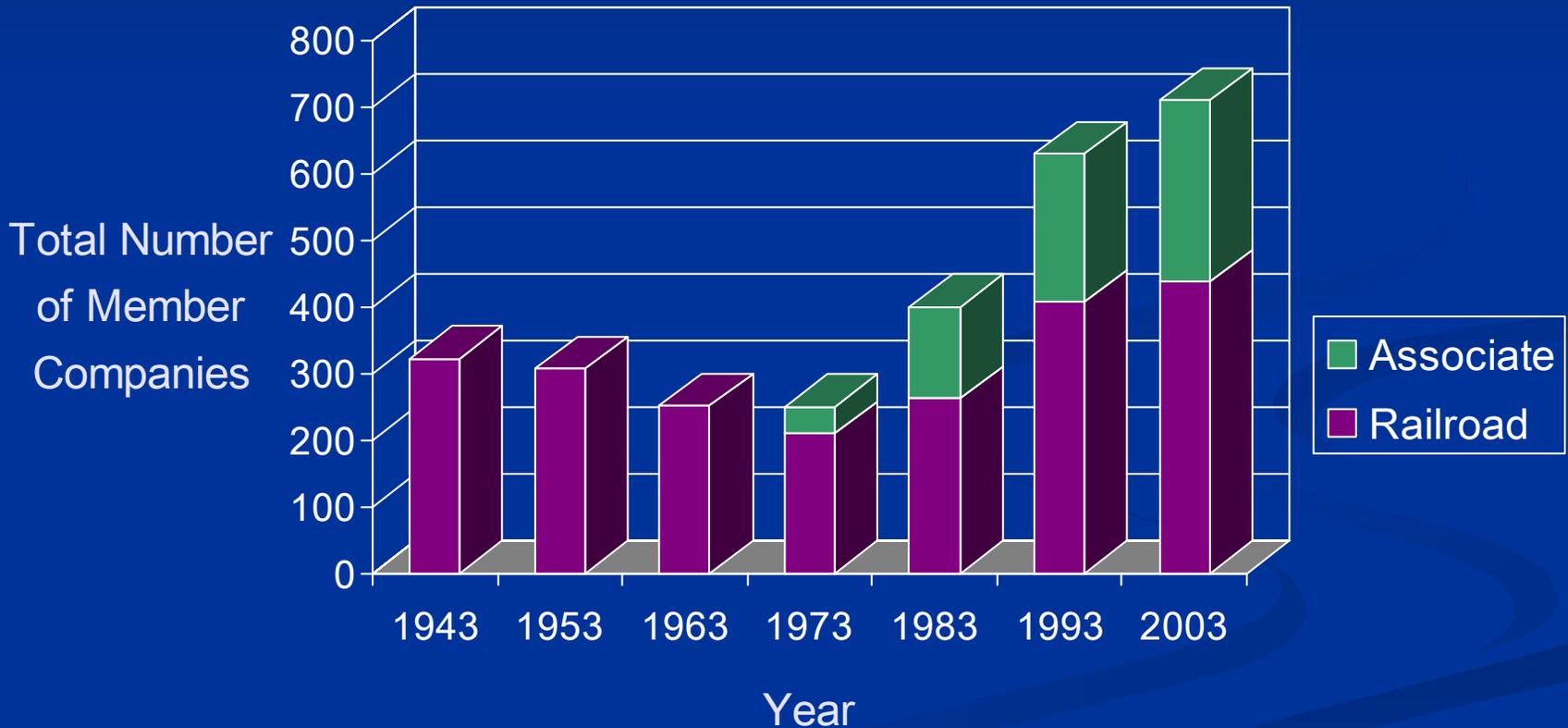
American Short Line and Regional Railroad Association

"The Voice of America's Independent Railroads"



ASLRRA Membership

ASLRRA Member History (1943 - 2003)





A Profile of the Industry

- System Size: 46,474 miles of right of way. This is nearly 1/3 of the U.S. freight rail network.
- Average Short Line Length: 82 miles; (Median: 32 miles)
- Number: 545 Railroads (Class II and Class III)
- Customers: 2002 - 11,156, Employing over 1.3 million workers
- New Customer Facilities: 2002 – 629, Employing 25,229 workers
- Short Line Commodities by Carload (11 million annually) in Priority:
 1. Intermodal
 2. Coal
 3. Farm Products
 4. Primary Metals
 5. Iron Ores
 6. Chemicals
 7. Lumber & Wood Products
 8. Transportation Equipment
 9. Food Products
 10. Pulp and Paper



A Profile of the Industry (cont'd.)

- Interchange: 25% of all rail freight traffic on Class I railroads is dependent on a Class II or III railroad for delivery or pick-up of freight
- HazMat: Approximately 50% of short lines and regional railroads handle hazardous materials.
- Revenues: \$2.8 billion annually
- Annual Expenses: Transportation, Equipment, Way and Structures, General and Administrative
- Railroad Locations: 49 States (i.e. PA 59 lines, TX 41 lines, IL 31 lines, CA 28 lines); as well as Canada and Mexico.



A Profile of the Industry (cont'd.)

- Capital Expenditures: \$300 million annually
- Maintenance Expenditures: \$460 million annually
- Liability Protection: Federal Employees Liability Act (FELA)
- Employees: 20K
- Average Annual Railroad Employee Salary: \$47K /
With Benefits: \$54K



Class II / III Safety Performance

The Safest Year Ever!

January – December / 2000-2004

Year	Employee Hours	Categories*			Fatalities	Severity Index	Rate
		1	2	3			
2000	41,158,108	1151	53	6	6	13.49	5.88
2001	39,390,893	989	47	2	2	11.55	5.32
2002	37,494,551	779	36	3	3	9.76	4.36
2003	35,121,492	695	35	2	2	9.51	4.17
2004	35,090,088	694	29	1	1	8.37	4.13

**Categories:*

1 = Non severe and non life-threatening injuries

2 = More severe; amputations, concussions, loss of sight, hearing, etc.

3 = Fatality



SHORT LINE STANDARDS

- UNIFORMITY:
 - FRA standards and inspections apply to short lines too
 - Infrastructure
 - Safety standards
 - Train crew licensing
 - Security

- VARIABILITY WITHIN INDUSTRY:
 - 286K lb Axle Weight Car Handling
 - Higher weights for DOE SNF 8 axle cars
 - Bridges
 - Track structures and right of way



PREPARING FOR SNF CARS

- Funding Rail Infrastructure Upgrades (Track, Bridges) to Handle 286K lb+ Cars
 - I.R.C. §45G Short Line Tax Credit
 - government owned short lines
 - State grants
 - D.O.E. investment



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