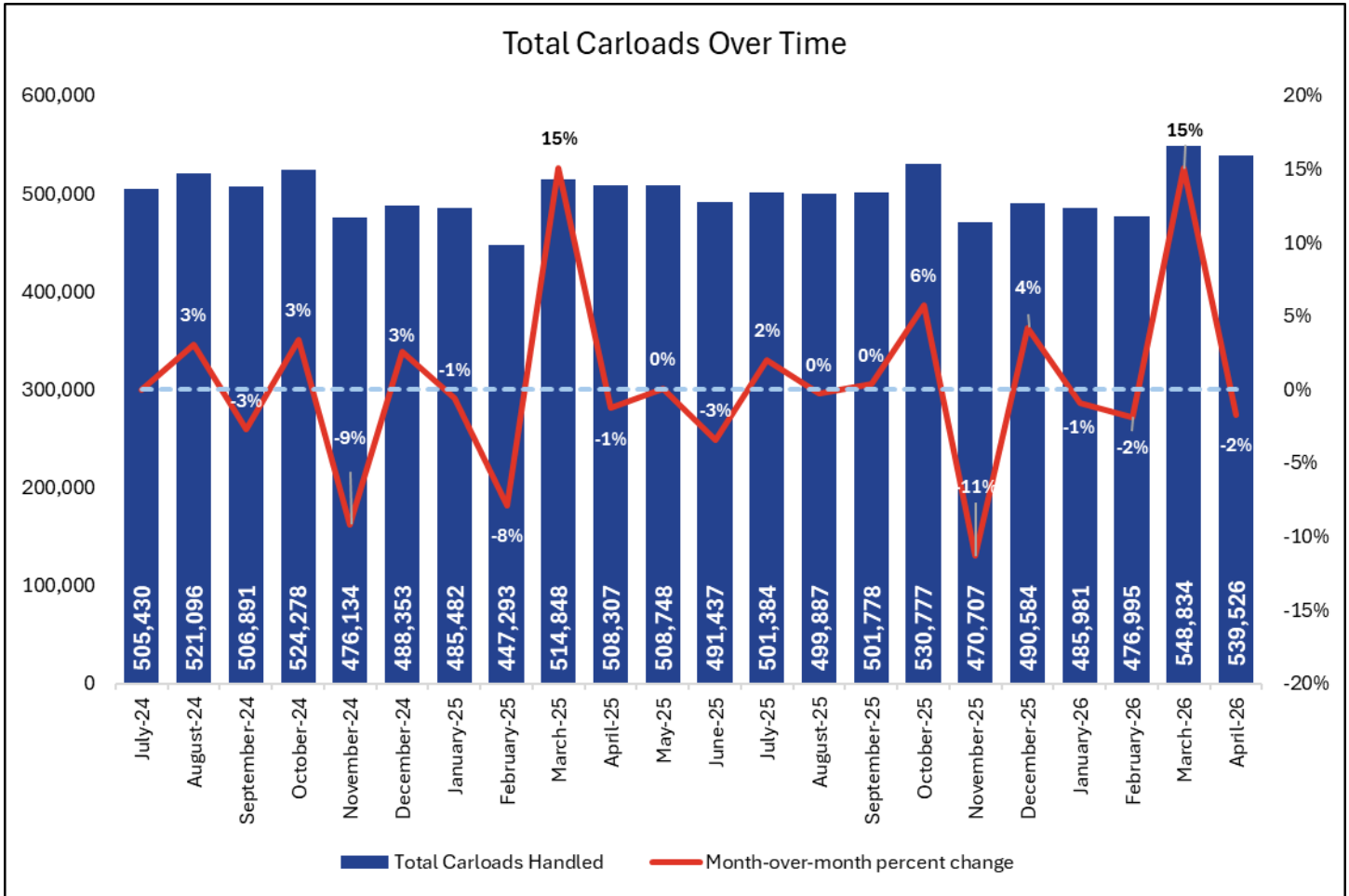




## Short Line Carloads Report – June 2026

### Overall Short Line Carloads Volumes

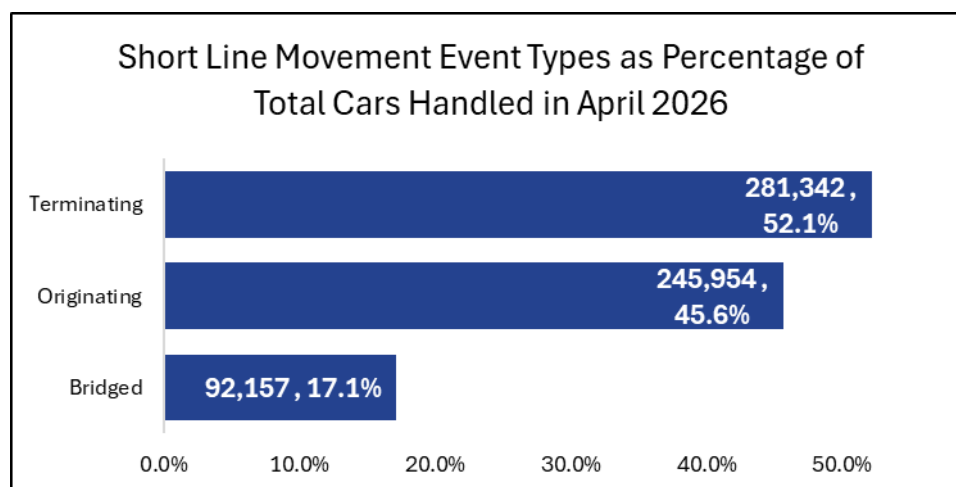
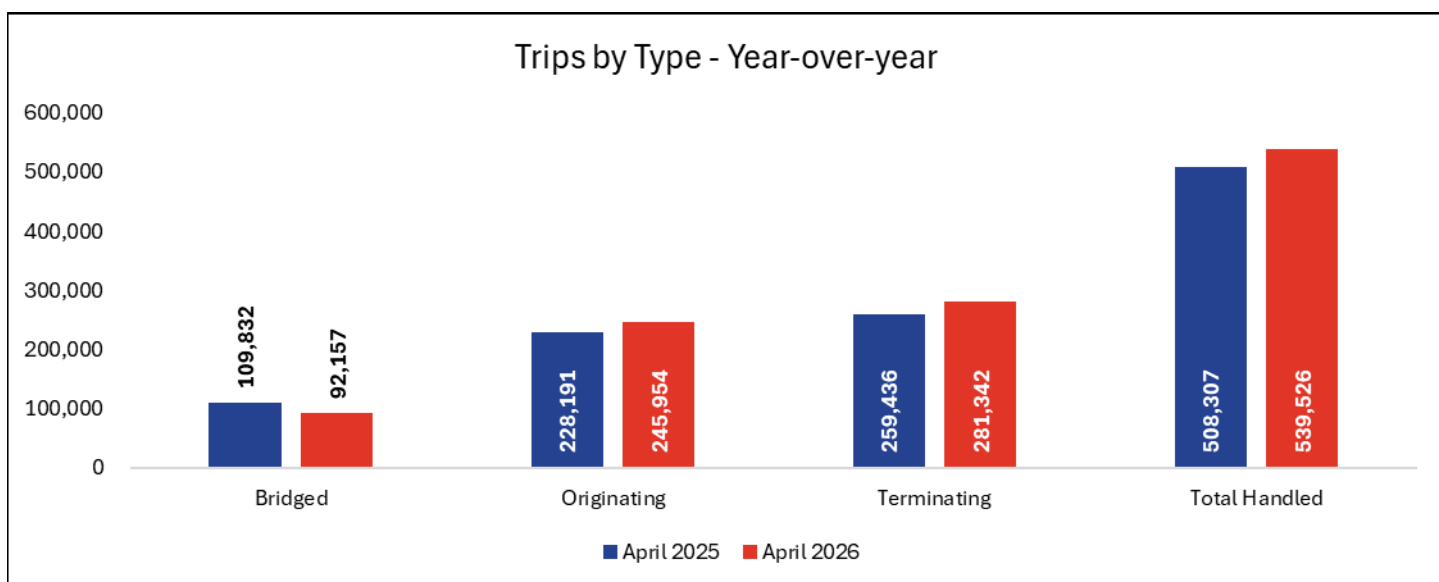
This table presents the long-term trends of carloads handled by short lines and the respective month-over-month percent change. This data series begins with July 2024 carloads, hence there is no data for a month to month change in that field. As seen below, April 2026 experienced a moderate drop from March but is still significantly higher than preceding months.



## Short Line Carload Trends

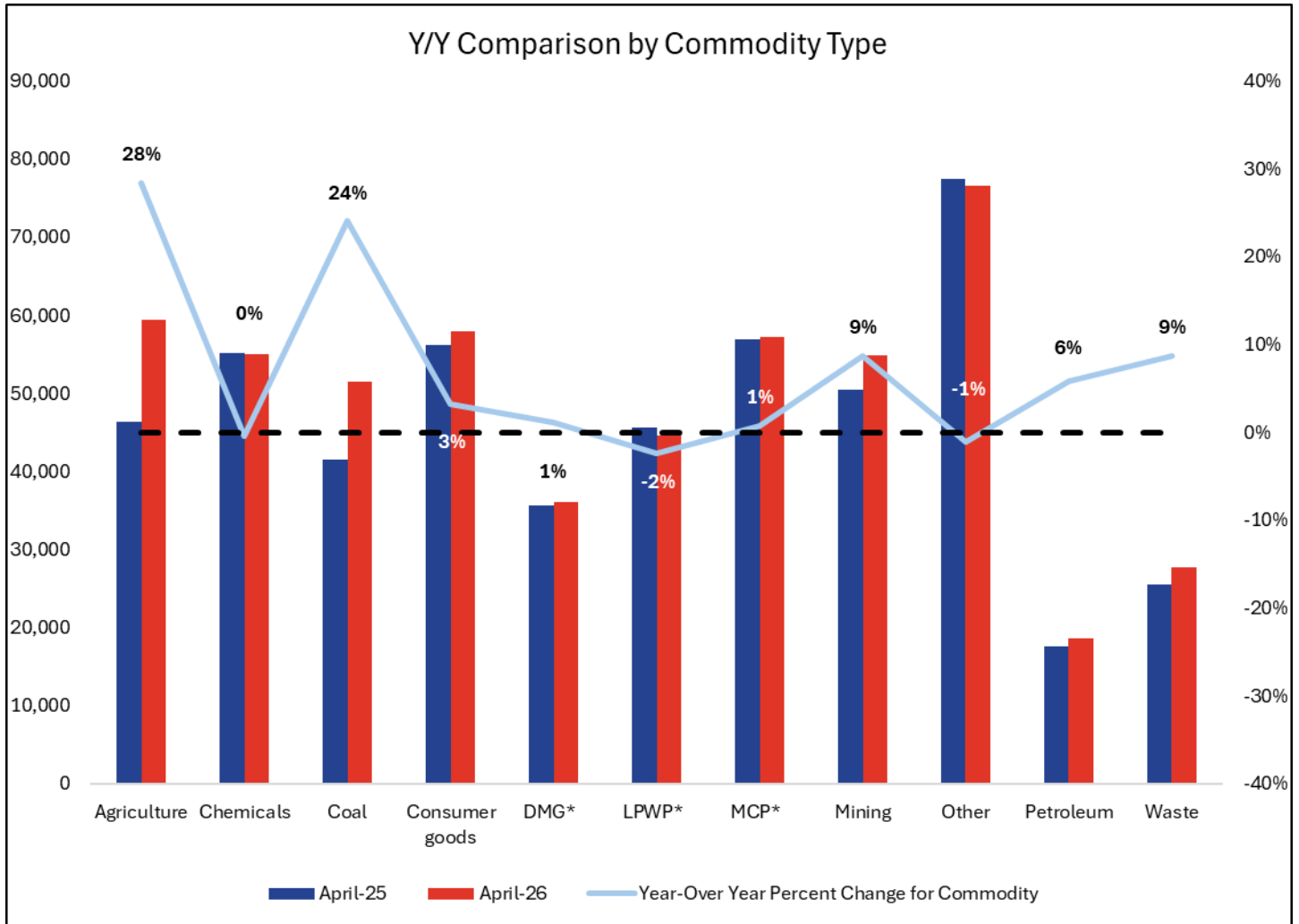
Originations and terminations were both up 8% compared to April 2025, while total carloads handled were up 6% in annual comparisons. Bridged movements once again contracted, but at 16% they are decreasing from the highs seen earlier. While the positive percentage increases for those growing categories may not seem significant, the raw carload totals increased by approximately 18,000 originations, 22,000 terminations and 30,000 carloads handled.

	April 2025	April 2026	Percent change
Bridged	109,832	92,157	-16%
Originating	228,191	245,954	8%
Terminating	259,436	281,342	8%
Total Handled	508,307	539,526	6%



Note – These values may add to more than 100%. This is due to the nature of some carloads being handled multiple times by multiple railroads across the three movement event types.

The following chart provides the Year-Over-Year monthly comparison by commodity, identifying the drivers of overall carload volume.

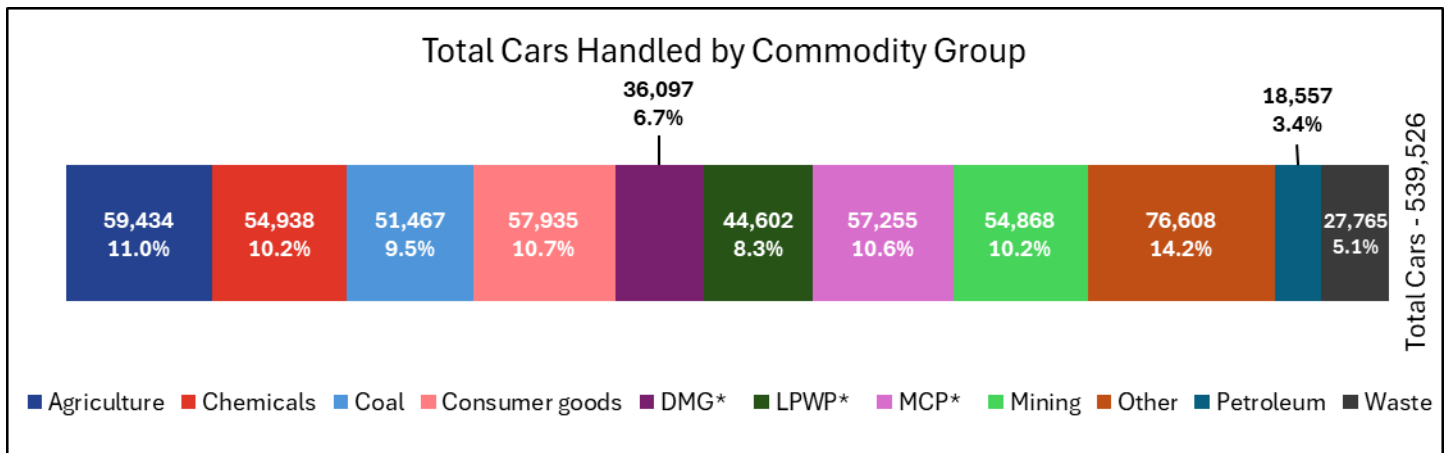


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 MCP – Manufacturing and Construction Products

April 2026 carloads handled grew the most in Agriculture (28%), Coal (24%), Mining (9%) and Waste (9%) commodity groups compared to April 2025. The largest commodity decrease was Lumber, Paper and Wood Products, which fell by 2%. Agriculture also saw the greatest annual growth of raw carloads handled with an increase of 13,132. Lumber, Paper and Wood Products suffered a net loss 1,078 carloads handled compared to April 2025.

The following table and chart show the individual commodity volumes as well as their percentage of total carloads handled.

	April 2026	Percentage of Total Carloads Handled
Agriculture	59,434	11.0%
Chemicals	54,938	10.2%
Coal	51,467	9.5%
Consumer goods	57,935	10.7%
DMG*	36,097	6.7%
LPWP*	44,602	8.3%
MCP*	57,255	10.6%
Mining	54,868	10.2%
Other	76,608	14.2%
Petroleum	18,557	3.4%
Waste	27,765	5.1%
Total	539,526	100.0%



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### Carloads Table

Commodity Group	Trip Type	April 2025	April 2026	Percent change
Agriculture	Originated	29,509	36,639	<b>24%</b>
	Bridged	3,921	4,527	<b>15%</b>
	Terminated	18,930	26,862	<b>42%</b>
	Total Handled	46,302	59,434	<b>28%</b>
Chemicals	Originated	14,152	13,901	<b>-2%</b>
	Bridged	14,295	14,190	<b>-1%</b>

Commodity Group	Trip Type	April 2025	April 2026	Percent change
Chemicals	Terminated	32,435	32,398	0%
	Total Handled	55,199	54,938	0%
Coal	Originated	18,337	25,395	38%
	Bridged	7,678	3,698	-52%
	Terminated	24,309	29,154	20%
	Total Handled	41,468	51,467	24%
Consumer Goods	Originated	22,628	23,074	2%
	Bridged	11,236	10,551	-6%
	Terminated	29,512	30,801	4%
	Total Handled	56,110	57,935	3%
Durable Manufactured Goods	Originated	9,094	9,154	1%
	Bridged	29,810	29,892	0%
	Terminated	7,488	8,146	9%
	Total Handled	35,689	36,097	1%
Lumber, Paper, and Wood Products	Originated	23,367	23,078	-1%
	Bridged	3,228	3,130	-3%
	Terminated	24,503	23,476	-4%
	Total Handled	45,680	44,602	-2%
Manufacturing or Construction Products	Originated	31,129	32,564	5%
	Bridged	5,996	5,713	-5%
	Terminated	26,512	26,294	-1%
	Total Handled	56,857	57,255	1%
Mining	Originated	25,798	25,824	0%
	Bridged	4,796	2,222	-54%
	Terminated	33,032	37,980	15%
	Total Handled	50,466	54,868	9%
Petroleum Products	Originated	7,964	8,516	7%
	Bridged	1,951	1,483	-24%
	Terminated	11,815	12,823	9%
	Total Handled	17,531	18,557	6%
Other <i>Includes but not limited to misc. freight shipments; mail, express or other contract traffic; freight forwarder traffic; misc. mixed shipments, etc.</i>	Originated	32,916	32,156	-2%
	Bridged	23,517	13,735	-42%
	Terminated	37,341	38,807	4%
	Total Handled	77,456	76,608	-1%
Waste	Originated	13,297	15,653	18%
	Bridged	3,404	3,016	-11%
	Terminated	13,559	14,601	8%
	Total Handled	25,549	27,765	9%

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- **Terminated** - A carload shipment of a commodity that originated on one railroad but was unloaded from the receiving railroad at its final destination, with no further rail transportation planned.
- **Total handled** – Total number of individual carloads that were either an origination, termination, or a bridge movement, moved by at least one short line. This total will generally be smaller than the sum of originated, bridged and terminated movements as adding those together results in double (or triple) counting of the same carload.

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