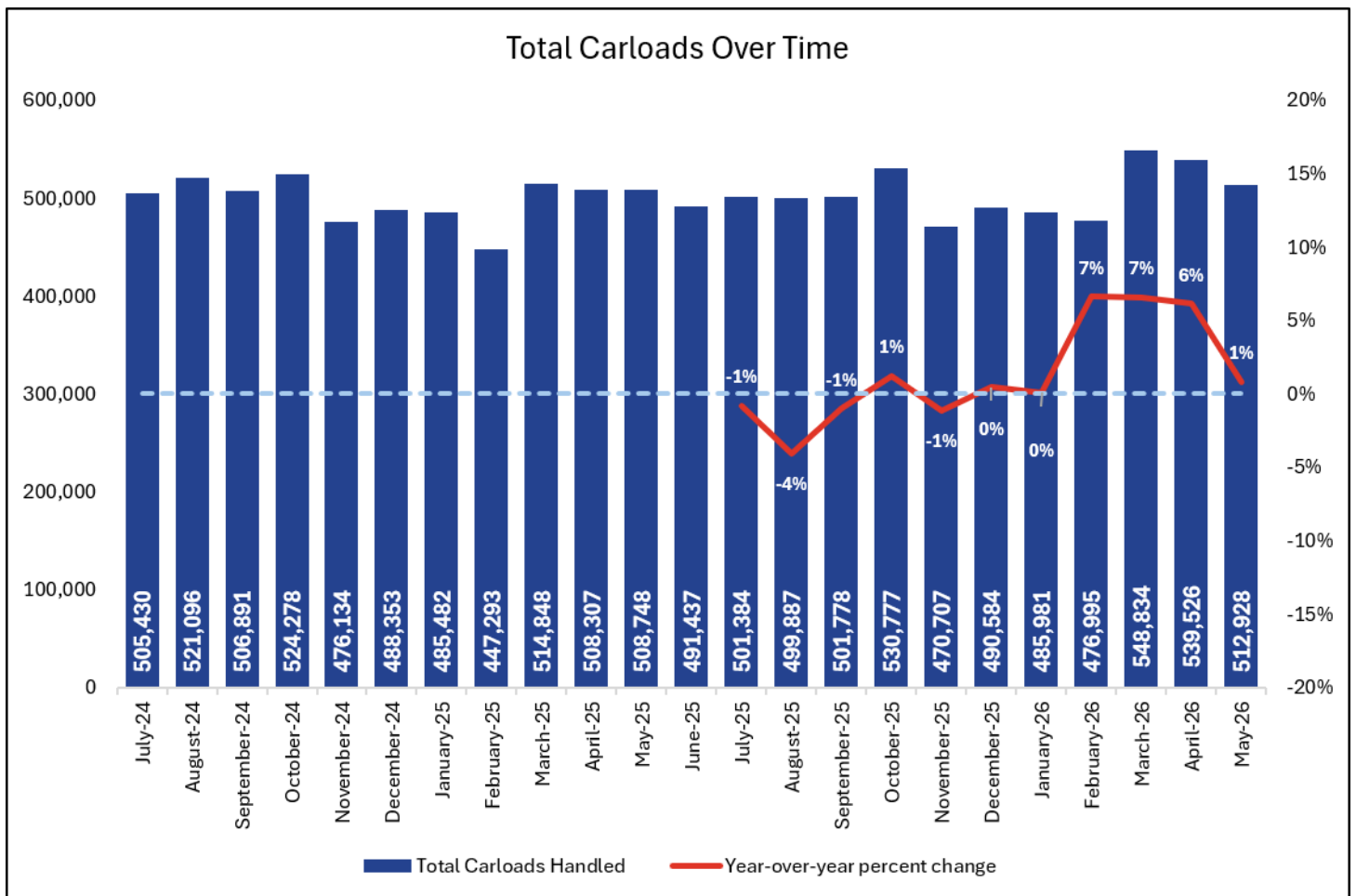




Short Line Carloads Report – July 2026

Overall Short Line Carloads Volumes

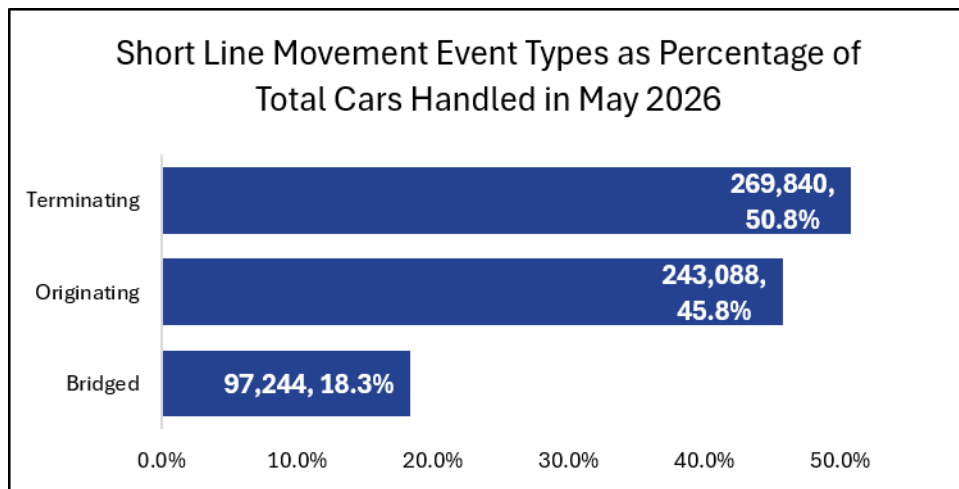
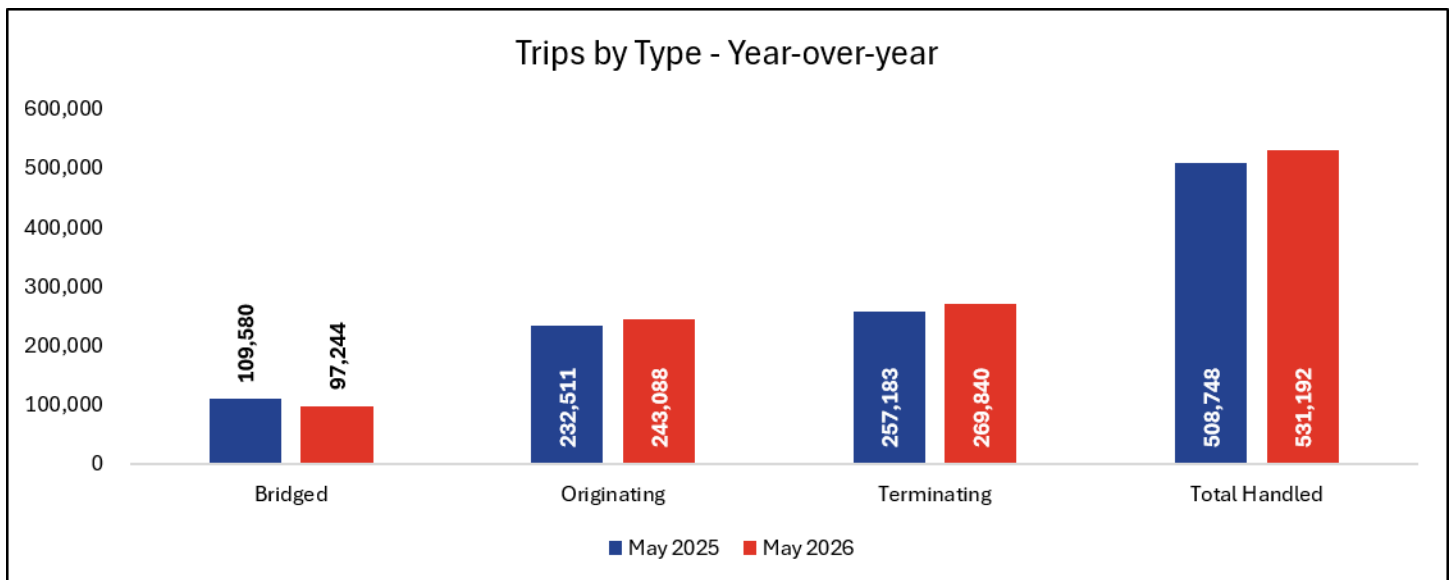
This table presents the long-term trends of carloads handled by short lines and the respective month-over-month percent change. This data series begins with July 2024 carloads, hence there is no data for a month to month change in that field. As seen below, May 2026 experienced a slight drop from preceding months but is essentially flat compared to last year.



Short Line Carload Trends

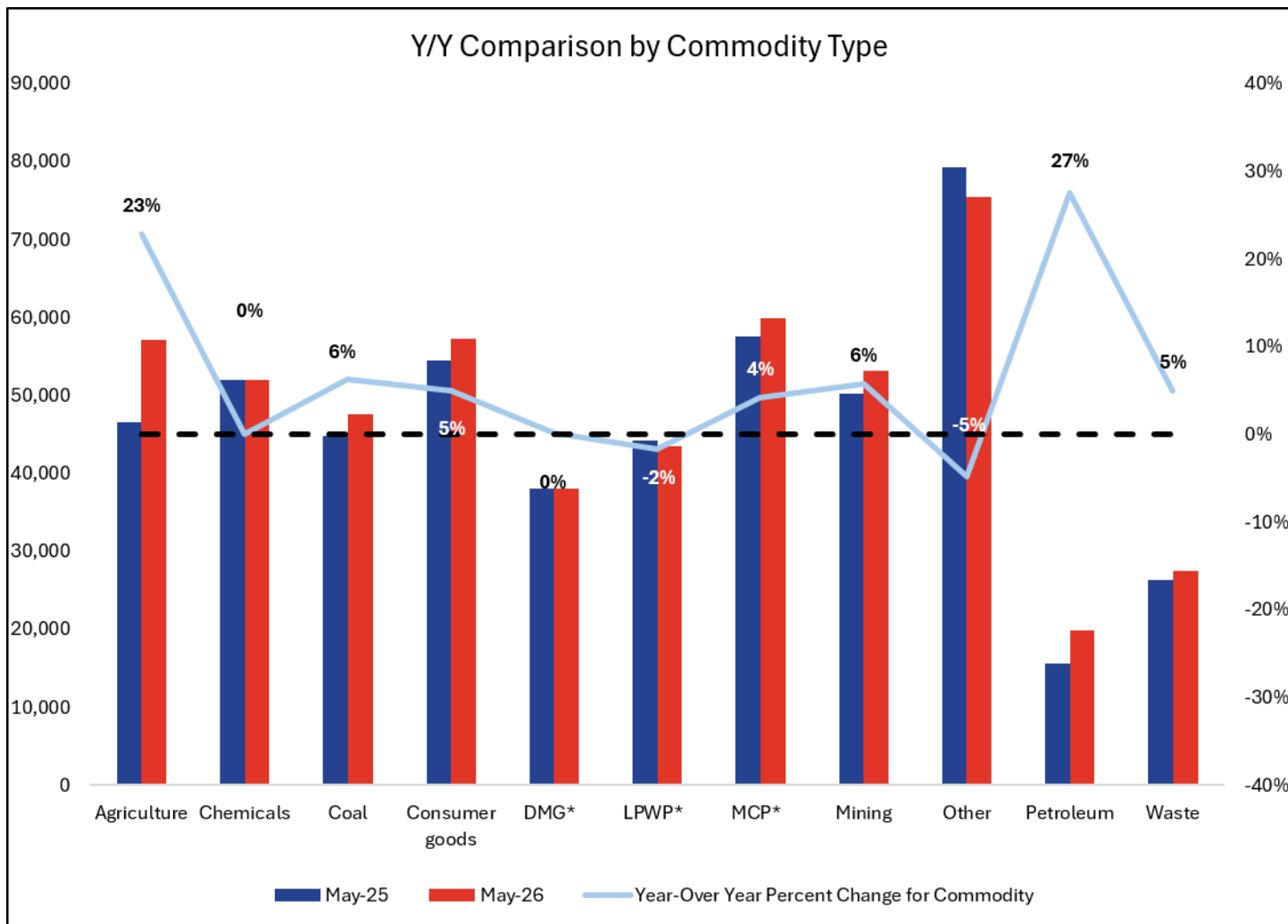
Originations and terminations were both up 5% compared to May 2025, while total carloads handled were up 4% in annual comparisons. Bridged movements once again contracted, but at 11% they are decreasing from the highs seen earlier. While the positive percentage increases for those growing categories may not seem significant, the raw carload totals increased by approximately 11,000 originations, 13,000 terminations and 22,000 carloads handled.

	May 2025	May 2026	Percent change
Bridged	109,580	97,244	-11%
Originating	232,511	243,088	5%
Terminating	257,183	269,840	5%
Total Handled	508,748	531,192	4%



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.

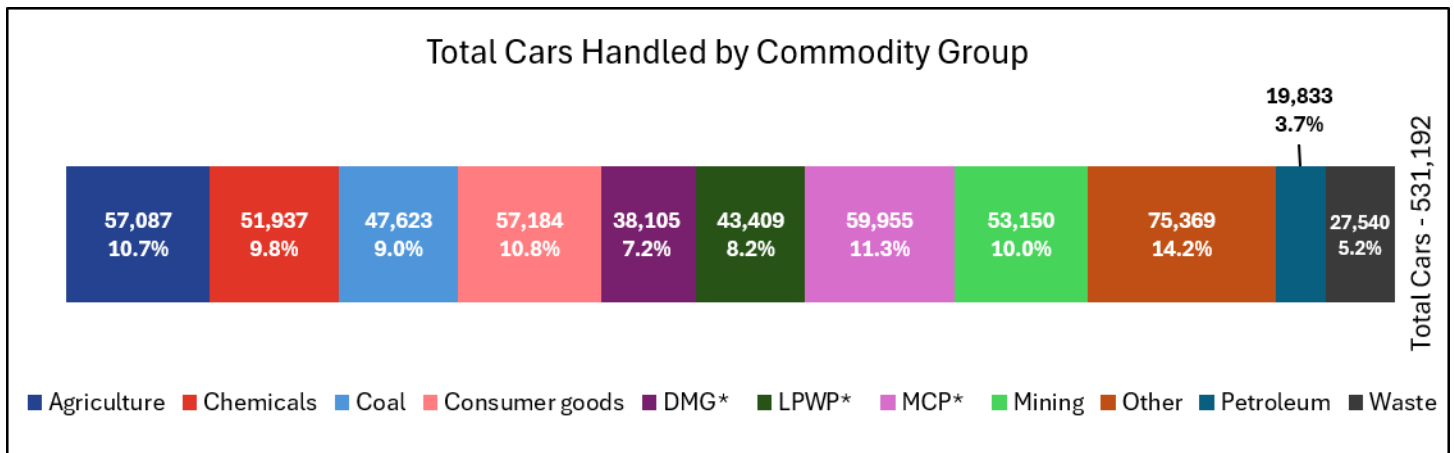


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May 2026 carloads handled grew the most in Petroleum (27%), Agriculture (23%), Mining (6%) and Coal (6%) commodity groups compared to May 2025. The largest commodity decrease was Other which fell by 5%. Agriculture also saw the greatest annual growth of raw carloads handled with an increase of 10,606. Other had a net loss of 3,078 carloads handled compared to May 2025.

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

	May 2026	Percentage of Total Carloads Handled
Agriculture	57,087	10.7%
Chemicals	51,937	9.8%
Coal	47,623	9.0%
Consumer goods	57,184	10.8%
DMG*	38,105	7.2%
LPWP*	43,409	8.2%
MCP*	59,955	11.3%
Mining	53,150	10.0%
Other	75,369	14.2%
Petroleum	19,833	3.7%
Waste	27,540	5.2%
Total	531,192	100.0%



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Carloads Table

Commodity Group	Trip Type	May 2025	May 2026	Percent change
Agriculture	Originated	29,535	33,995	15%
	Bridged	4,113	3,769	-8%
	Terminated	19,074	26,799	41%
	Total Handled	46,481	57,087	23%
Chemicals	Originated	13,600	13,469	-1%
	Bridged	13,813	14,120	2%

Commodity Group	Trip Type	May 2025	May 2026	Percent change
Chemicals	Terminated	29,770	30,059	1%
	Total Handled	51,947	51,937	0%
Coal	Originated	21,412	22,400	5%
	Bridged	9,103	4,662	-49%
	Terminated	25,777	26,365	2%
	Total Handled	44,808	47,623	6%
Consumer Goods	Originated	21,526	23,086	7%
	Bridged	12,513	11,413	-9%
	Terminated	28,113	29,204	4%
	Total Handled	54,455	57,184	5%
Durable Manufactured Goods	Originated	9,717	9,665	-1%
	Bridged	31,733	31,667	0%
	Terminated	8,262	8,471	3%
	Total Handled	38,060	38,105	0%
Lumber, Paper, and Wood Products	Originated	22,605	22,157	-2%
	Bridged	3,475	3,428	-1%
	Terminated	23,513	22,789	-3%
	Total Handled	44,176	43,409	-2%
Manufacturing or Construction Products	Originated	31,900	34,779	9%
	Bridged	6,779	6,970	3%
	Terminated	26,840	25,579	-5%
	Total Handled	57,526	59,955	4%
Mining	Originated	26,244	25,248	-4%
	Bridged	3,263	2,375	-27%
	Terminated	33,750	36,125	7%
	Total Handled	50,248	53,150	6%
Petroleum Products	Originated	7,834	10,077	29%
	Bridged	1,201	1,374	14%
	Terminated	10,256	13,408	31%
	Total Handled	15,560	19,833	27%
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	34,548	32,538	-6%
	Bridged	20,052	14,221	-29%
	Terminated	37,627	36,650	-3%
	Total Handled	79,242	75,369	-5%
Waste	Originated	13,590	15,674	15%
	Bridged	3,535	3,245	-8%
	Terminated	14,201	14,391	1%
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Definitions

- **Originated**- A carload's initial point of shipment.
- **Bridged** - A carload shipment that originates on one railroad, is transported by a bridge railroad, and then transferred to another railroad for its final destination.
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- **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.

Carload data is based on a custom short line carload report created in cooperation between ASLRRRA and Railinc based on waybill data submitted by railroads.

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