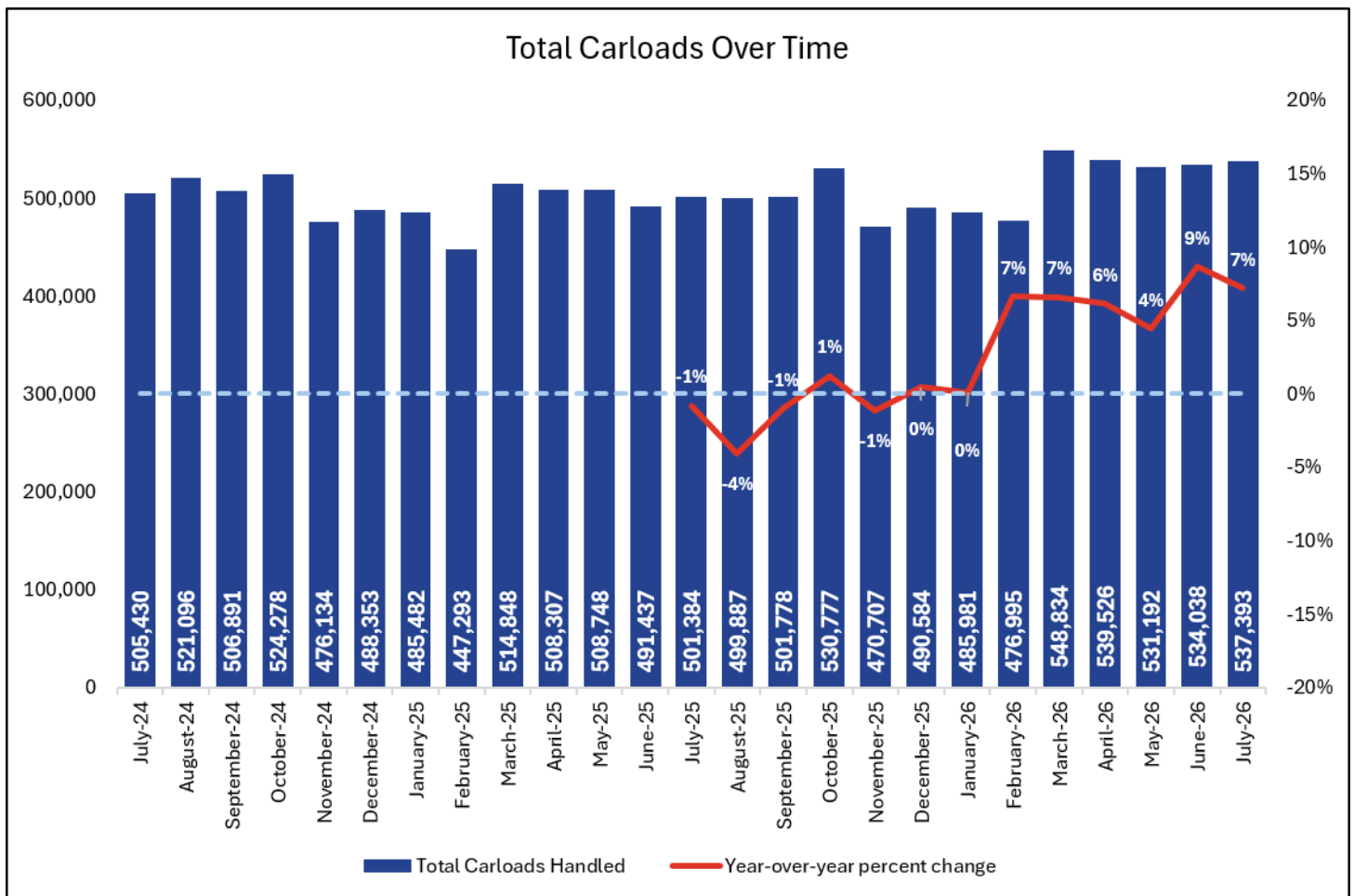




Short Line Carloads Report – September 2026

Overall Short Line Carloads Volumes

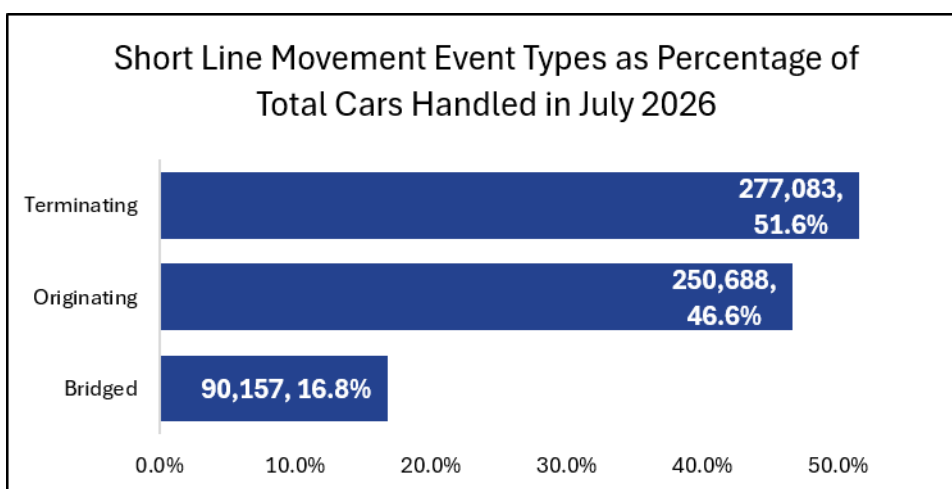
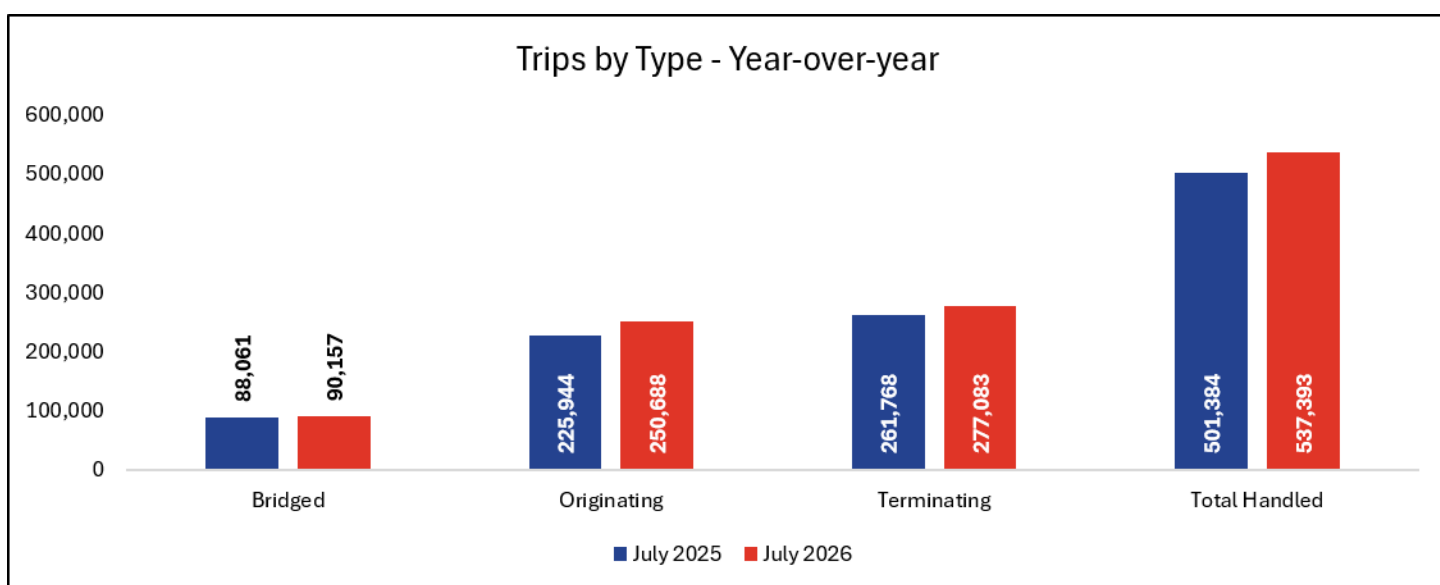
This table presents the long-term trends of carloads handled by short lines and the respective month-over-month percent change. This data series begins with July 2024 carloads, hence there is no data for a month to month change in that field. As seen below, July 2026 experienced another month of carloads handled growth, this time being up 7% year over year.



Short Line Carload Trends

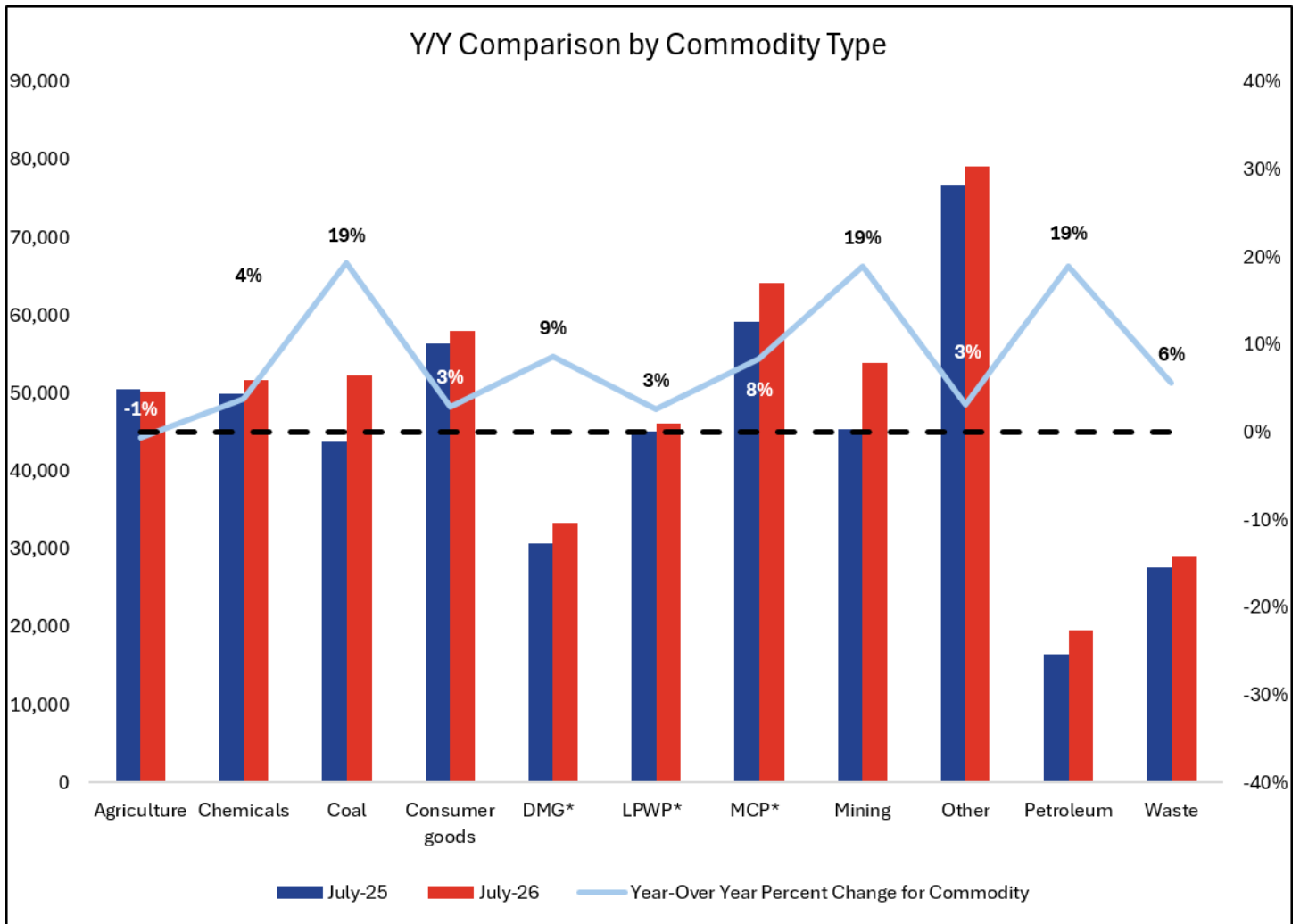
All movement types saw increased compared to July 2025. While not as high as June's data, July 2026 also saw a continuation of a year over year increase for bridged movements for short lines by increasing 2%. Terminations increased 6% with a net gain of approximately 15,000 carloads, while originations gained nearly 25,000 carloads for an increase of 11%. This combination led to a 7% increase for total carloads handled which equaled a 36,000 carload increase over last July.

	July 2025	July 2026	Percent change
Bridged	88,061	90,157	2%
Originating	225,944	250,688	11%
Terminating	261,768	277,083	6%
Total Handled	501,384	537,393	7%



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.

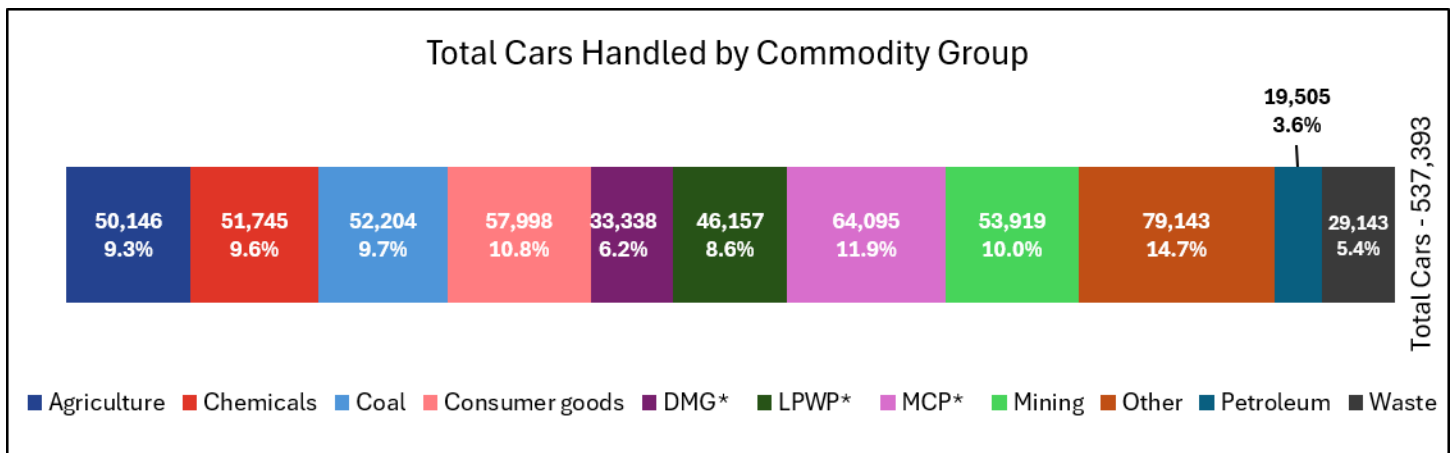


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July 2026 carloads handled grew the most in Petroleum (19%), Coal (19%), and Mining (19%) commodity groups compared to July 2025. The only commodity group to see a decrease was Agriculture which saw a loss of 1% in annual comparisons. Mining and Coal commodities saw the largest jumps in raw carloads with each seeing an increase of over 8,000 carloads handled. Agriculture's net loss was of 316 carloads handled.

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

	July 2026	Percentage of Total Carloads Handled
Agriculture	50,146	9.3%
Chemicals	51,745	9.6%
Coal	52,204	9.7%
Consumer goods	57,998	10.8%
DMG*	33,338	6.2%
LPWP*	46,157	8.6%
MCP*	64,095	11.9%
Mining	53,919	10.0%
Other	79,143	14.7%
Petroleum	19,505	3.6%
Waste	29,143	5.4%
Total	537,393	100.0%



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Carloads Table

Commodity Group	Trip Type	July 2025	July 2026	Percent change
Agriculture	Originated	29,058	30,271	4%
	Bridged	3,543	2,383	-33%

Commodity Group	Trip Type	July 2025	July 2026	Percent change
Agriculture	Terminated	24,558	24,626	0%
	Total Handled	50,462	50,146	-1%
Chemicals	Originated	12,205	12,110	-1%
	Bridged	13,440	13,146	-2%
	Terminated	29,405	31,532	7%
	Total Handled	49,870	51,745	4%
Coal	Originated	19,531	28,338	45%
	Bridged	6,539	3,928	-40%
	Terminated	24,517	27,153	11%
	Total Handled	43,739	52,204	19%
Consumer Goods	Originated	21,796	24,492	12%
	Bridged	11,307	11,016	-3%
	Terminated	30,031	29,405	-2%
	Total Handled	56,402	57,998	3%
Durable Manufactured Goods	Originated	8,311	9,171	10%
	Bridged	24,374	27,665	14%
	Terminated	6,912	6,797	-2%
	Total Handled	30,694	33,338	9%
Lumber, Paper, and Wood Products	Originated	23,499	23,323	-1%
	Bridged	3,322	3,619	9%
	Terminated	23,544	24,620	5%
	Total Handled	45,004	46,157	3%
Manufacturing or Construction Products	Originated	33,947	36,257	7%
	Bridged	5,626	6,859	22%
	Terminated	27,671	28,725	4%
	Total Handled	59,169	64,095	8%
Mining	Originated	21,659	26,421	22%
	Bridged	1,528	1,979	30%
	Terminated	30,503	36,746	20%
	Total Handled	45,362	53,919	19%
Petroleum Products	Originated	8,320	9,951	20%
	Bridged	1,208	1,292	7%
	Terminated	10,738	12,989	21%
	Total Handled	16,401	19,505	19%
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	33,097	34,384	4%
	Bridged	13,738	14,796	8%
	Terminated	38,962	39,418	1%
	Total Handled	76,695	79,143	3%

Commodity Group	Trip Type	July 2025	July 2026	Percent change
Waste	Originated	14,521	15,970	10%
	Bridged	3,436	3,474	1%
	Terminated	14,927	15,072	1%
	Total Handled	27,586	29,143	6%
Total	Originated	225,944	250,688	11%
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Definitions

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- **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.
- **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.

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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