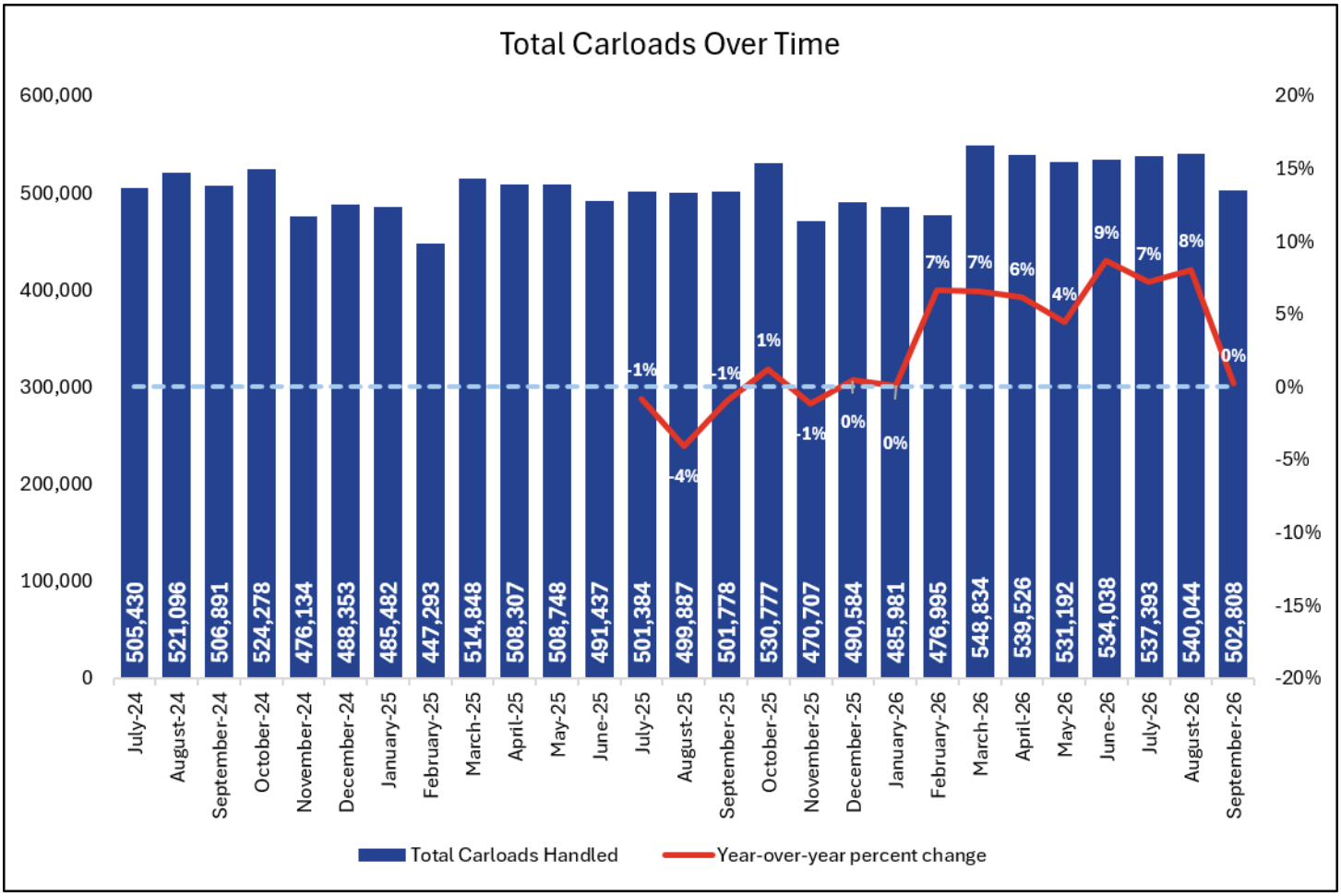
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Overall Short Line Carloads Volumes

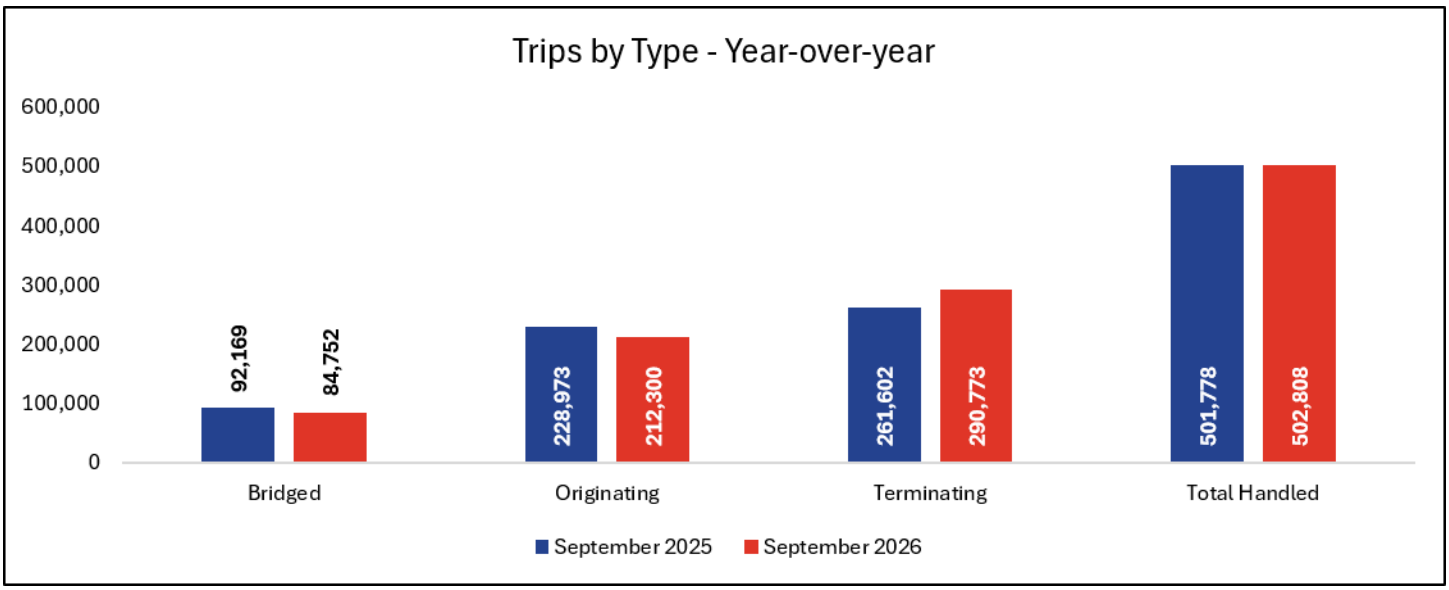
This table presents the long-term trends of carloads handled by short lines and the respective month-over-month percent change. This data series begins with July 2024 carloads, hence there is no data for a month to month change in that field. As seen below, September 2026 maintained the recent trend of annual growth. However, the growth was significantly smaller than experienced during the past several months. September 2026 was up only 0.2% compared to September 2025.

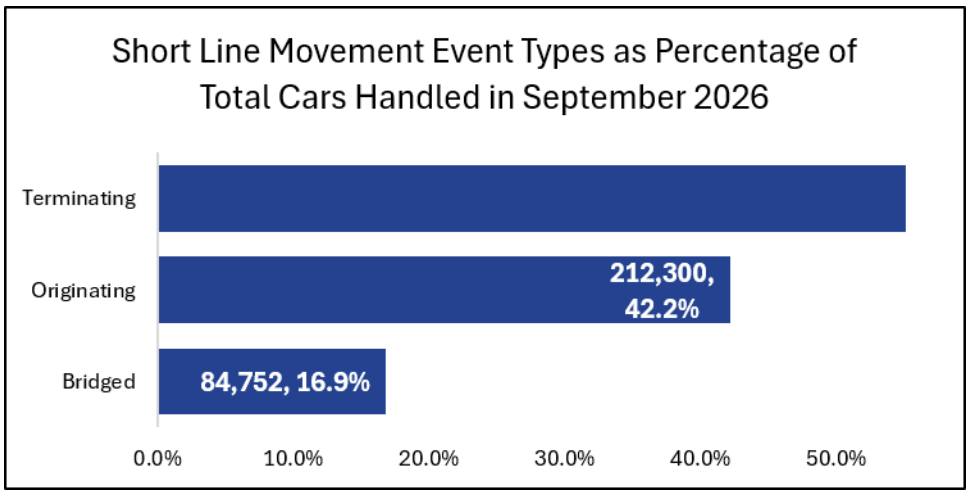


Short Line Carload Trends

September 2026 movement types demonstrated less consistent gains than seen over the past few months. Both bridge movements and originations decreased compared to September 2025. However, the increase in terminations offset the total losses and made the annual comparison essentially flat with only a gain of about 1,000 carloads.

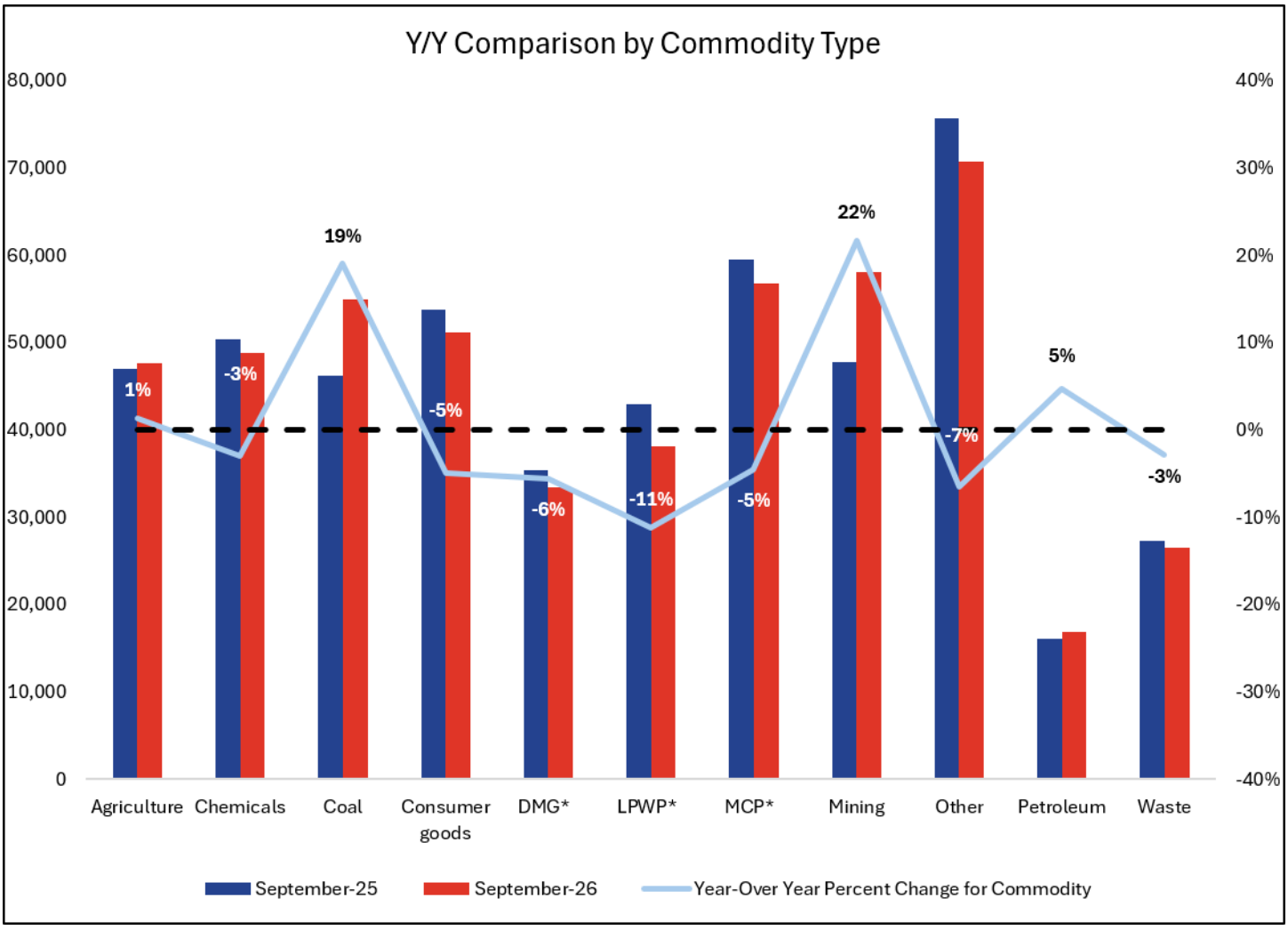
	September 2025	September 2026	Percent change
Bridged	92,169	84,752	-8%
Originating	228,973	212,300	-7%
Terminating	261,602	290,773	11%
Total Handled	501,778	502,808	0.2%





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.

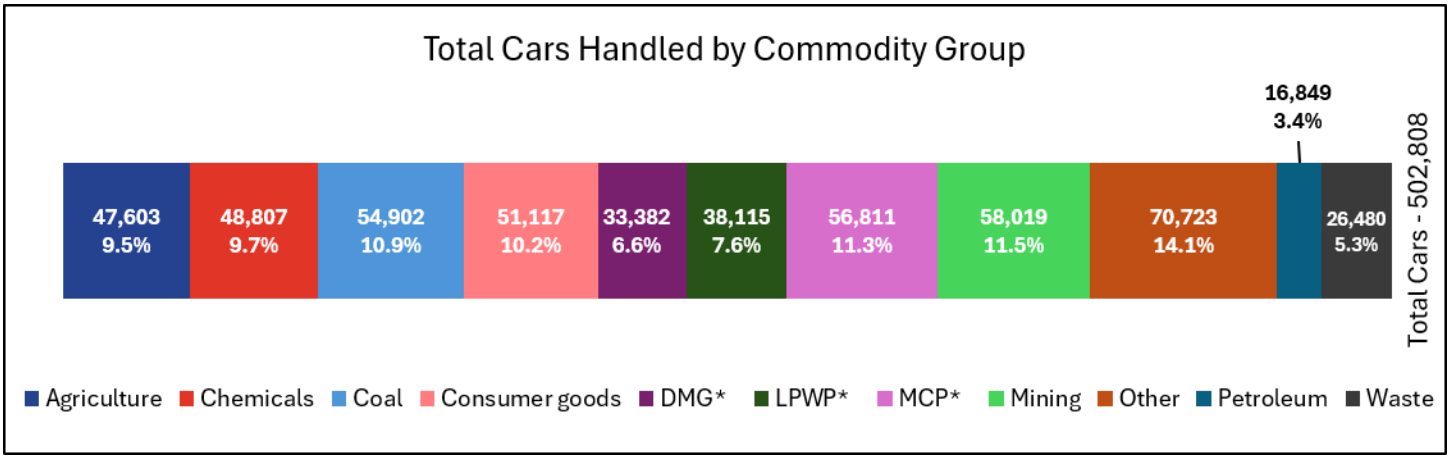


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MCP – Manufacturing and Construction Products

For September 2026, carloads handled by short lines grew the most in the Mining (22%), Coal (19%), and Petroleum (5%) commodity groups when compared to September 2025. For the same annual comparison, Lumber, Paper and Wood Products lost 11% of its carloads. The Mining and Coal commodity groups saw the largest jumps in raw carloads handled with Mining gaining 10,000 carloads and Coal gaining nearly 9,000 carloads. Lumber, Paper and Wood Products also contracted the most in terms of raw carloads with a decrease of nearly 5,000 carloads.

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

	September 2026	Percentage of Total Carloads Handled
Agriculture	47,603	9.5%
Chemicals	48,807	9.7%
Coal	54,902	10.9%
Consumer goods	51,117	10.2%
DMG*	33,382	6.6%
LPWP*	38,115	7.6%
MCP*	56,811	11.3%
Mining	58,019	11.5%
Other	70,723	14.1%
Petroleum	16,849	3.4%
Waste	26,480	5.3%
Total	502,808	100.0%



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Carloads Table

Commodity Group	Trip Type	September 2025	September 2026	Percent change
Agriculture	Originated	25,801	27,268	6%
	Bridged	3,744	2,207	-41%
	Terminated	24,696	24,722	0%
	Total Handled	46,963	47,603	1%

Commodity Group	Trip Type	September 2025	September 2026	Percent change
Chemicals	Originated	12,145	9,337	-23%
	Bridged	13,192	11,427	-13%
	Terminated	30,290	33,047	9%
	Total Handled	50,346	48,807	-3%
Coal	Originated	23,642	28,620	21%
	Bridged	4,695	4,958	6%
	Terminated	25,391	30,258	19%
	Total Handled	46,137	54,902	19%
Consumer Goods	Originated	22,105	17,134	-22%
	Bridged	11,285	10,452	-7%
	Terminated	26,906	30,767	14%
	Total Handled	53,781	51,117	-5%
Durable Manufactured Goods	Originated	8,010	7,768	-3%
	Bridged	31,197	27,173	-13%
	Terminated	8,170	8,877	9%
	Total Handled	35,357	33,382	-6%
Lumber, Paper, and Wood Products	Originated	22,080	16,344	-26%
	Bridged	3,095	2,913	-6%
	Terminated	22,863	23,958	5%
	Total Handled	42,938	38,115	-11%
Manufacturing or Construction Products	Originated	34,747	30,004	-14%
	Bridged	5,546	5,893	6%
	Terminated	26,836	29,485	10%
	Total Handled	59,520	56,811	-5%
Mining	Originated	25,480	27,980	10%
	Bridged	960	2,689	180%
	Terminated	33,155	41,266	24%
	Total Handled	47,694	58,019	22%
Petroleum Products	Originated	7,098	7,932	12%
	Bridged	1,248	1,233	-1%
	Terminated	11,072	12,588	14%
	Total Handled	16,087	16,849	5%
Other *Includes but not limited to misc. freight shipments; mail, express or other contract traffic; freight forwarder traffic; misc. mixed shipments, etc.*	Originated	33,178	26,730	-19%
	Bridged	14,247	12,717	-11%
	Terminated	37,609	39,878	6%
	Total Handled	75,689	70,723	-7%
Waste	Originated	14,687	13,183	-10%
	Bridged	2,960	3,090	4%

Commodity Group	Trip Type	September 2025	September 2026	Percent change
Waste	Terminated	14,614	15,927	9%
	Total Handled	27,266	26,480	-3%
Total	Originated	228,973	212,300	-7%
	Bridged	92,169	84,752	-8%
	Terminated	261,602	290,773	11%
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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.
- **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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