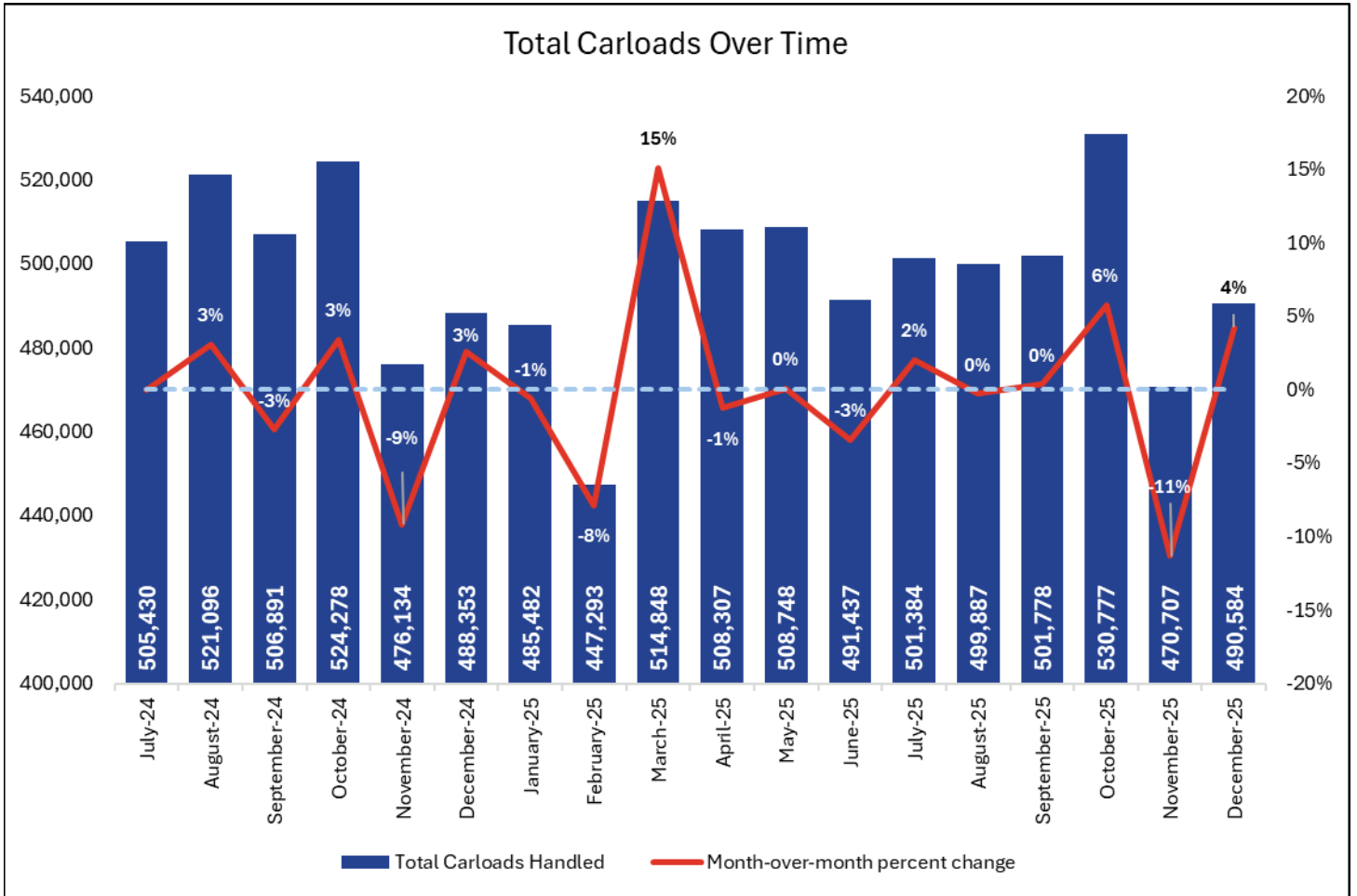




## Short Line Carloads Report – February 2026

### Overall Short Line Carloads Volumes

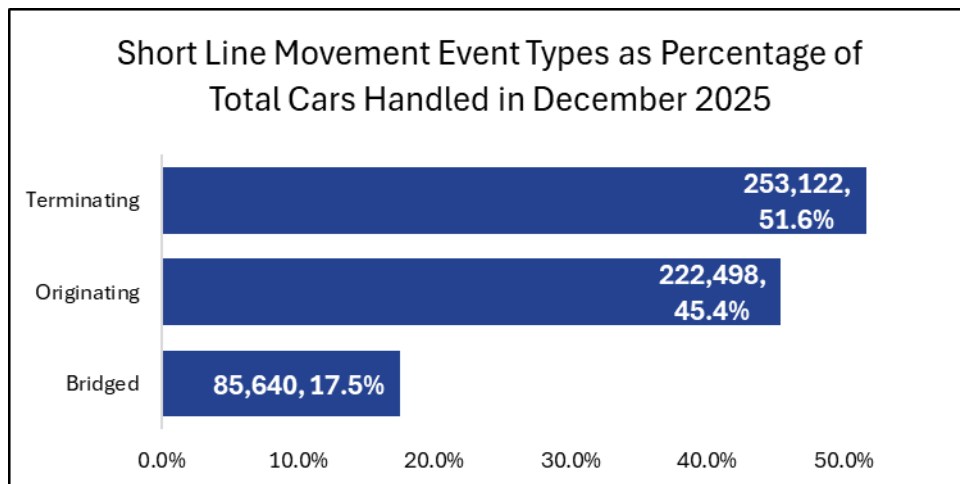
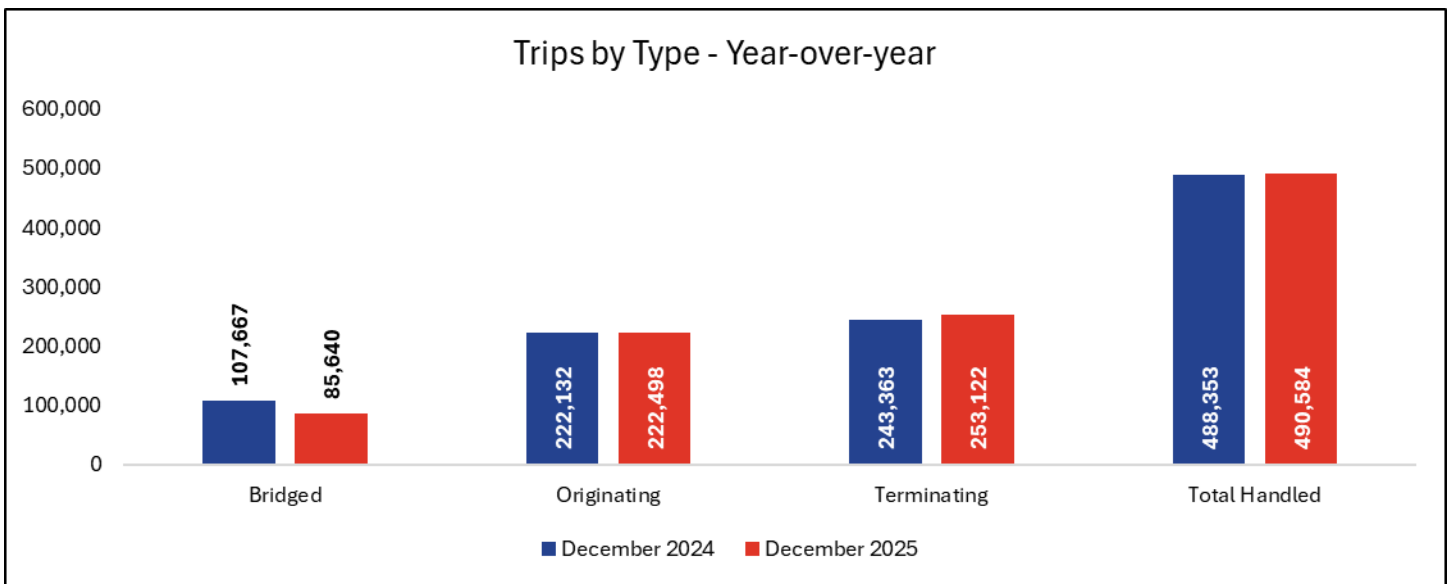
This table presents the long-term trends of carloads handled by short lines and the respective month-over-month percent change. This data series begins with July 2024 carloads, hence there is no data for a month to month change in that field. As seen below, December 2025 essentially was flat compared to December 2024 and grew 4% over November’s carloads.



## Short Line Carload Trends

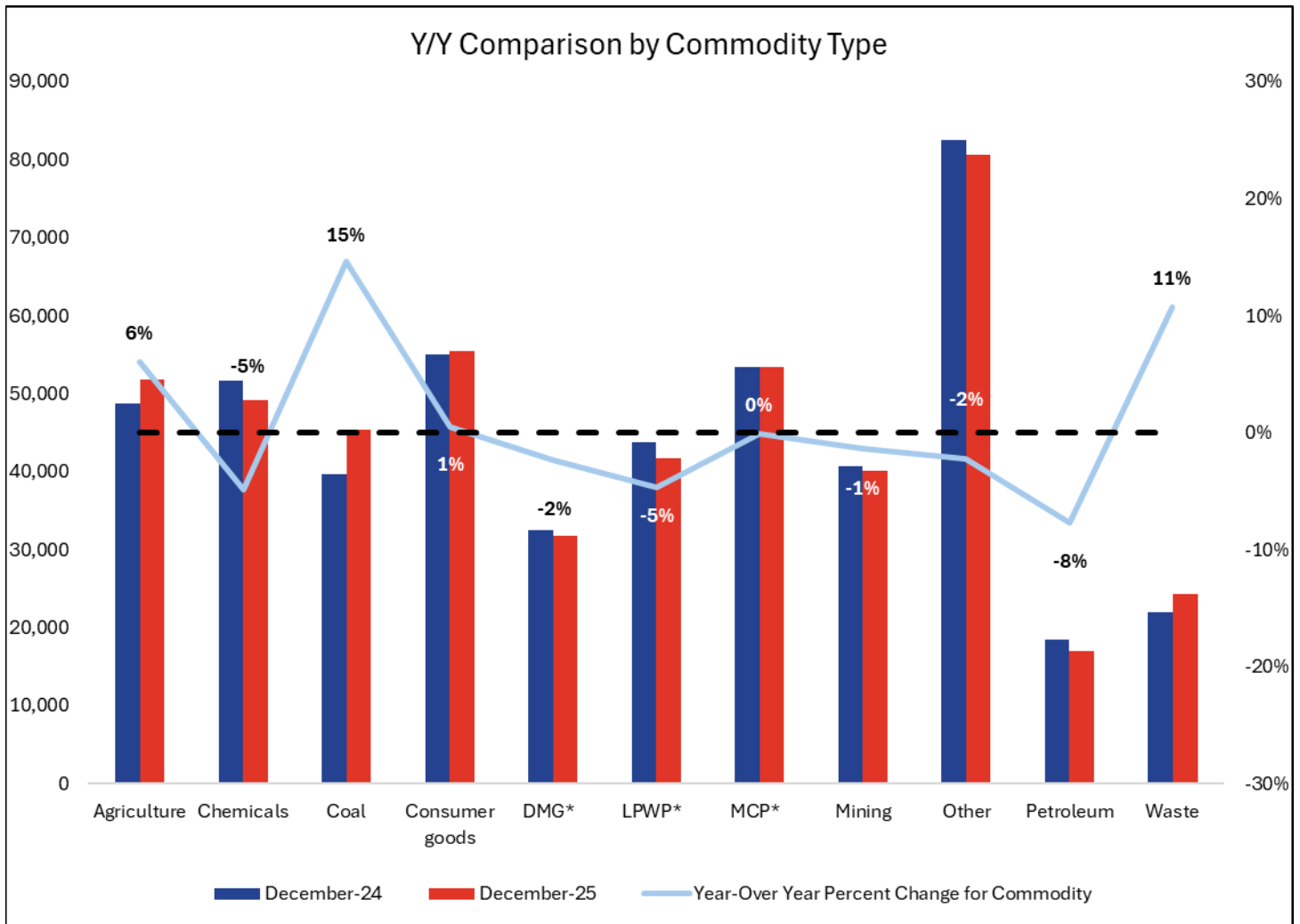
When comparing overall carloads handled, as well as by movement-type, December 2025 figures were largely consistent with those of December 2024. Overall carloads handled saw no significant change in an annual comparison. This was due to originations being flat and terminations going up 4%. Bridge movements remain the most volatile comparison point with a reported 20% loss.

	December 2024	December 2025	Percent change
Bridged	107,667	85,640	-20%
Originating	222,132	222,498	0%
Terminating	243,363	253,122	4%
Total Handled	488,353	490,584	0%



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.

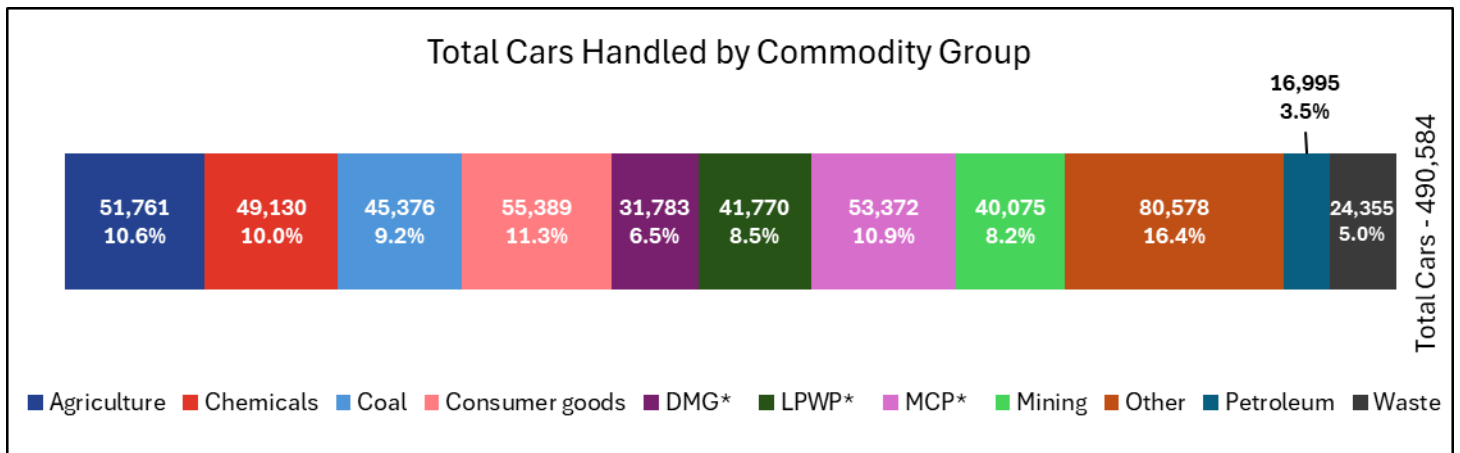


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December short line carloads saw the greatest growth in Coal (15%), Waste (11%), and Agriculture (6%) compared to December 2024. The largest decrease was seen in carloads for petroleum products (-8%). Coal also saw the greatest growth of raw carloads with a net gain of 5,777 carloads. The largest volume decrease was among chemicals carloads with those losing 2,499 carloads compared to December 2024.

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

	December 2025	Percentage of Total Carloads Handled
Agriculture	51,761	10.6%
Chemicals	49,130	10.0%
Coal	45,376	9.2%
Consumer goods	55,389	11.3%
DMG*	31,783	6.5%
LPWP*	41,770	8.5%
MCP*	53,372	10.9%
Mining	40,075	8.2%
Other	80,578	16.4%
Petroleum	16,995	3.5%
Waste	24,355	5.0%
Total	490,584	100.0%



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### Carloads Table

Commodity Group	Trip Type	December 24	December 25	Percent change
Agriculture	Originated	31,371	31,483	0%
	Bridged	3,528	3,076	-13%
	Terminated	21,445	25,352	18%
	Total Handled	48,794	51,761	6%
Chemicals	Originated	13,428	11,745	-13%
	Bridged	13,686	12,052	-12%

Commodity Group	Trip Type	December 24	December 25	Percent change
Chemicals	Terminated	29,884	29,861	0%
	Total Handled	51,629	49,130	-5%
Coal	Originated	19,979	22,256	11%
	Bridged	9,681	5,450	-44%
	Terminated	18,320	23,878	30%
	Total Handled	39,599	45,376	15%
Consumer Goods	Originated	22,878	21,777	-5%
	Bridged	11,016	10,239	-7%
	Terminated	28,400	29,277	3%
	Total Handled	55,093	55,389	1%
Durable Manufactured Goods	Originated	7,654	7,906	3%
	Bridged	30,654	27,563	-10%
	Terminated	6,717	6,373	-5%
	Total Handled	32,532	31,783	-2%
Lumber, Paper, and Wood Products	Originated	22,904	22,160	-3%
	Bridged	3,319	2,671	-20%
	Terminated	22,690	21,652	-5%
	Total Handled	43,809	41,770	-5%
Manufacturing or Construction Products	Originated	30,637	30,488	0%
	Bridged	5,793	5,186	-10%
	Terminated	24,046	23,707	-1%
	Total Handled	53,411	53,372	0%
Mining	Originated	19,463	19,254	-1%
	Bridged	3,674	1,232	-66%
	Terminated	26,822	26,308	-2%
	Total Handled	40,627	40,075	-1%
Petroleum Products	Originated	7,783	7,418	-5%
	Bridged	1,224	1,255	3%
	Terminated	13,180	12,248	-7%
	Total Handled	18,407	16,995	-8%
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	35,037	34,697	-1%
	Bridged	22,776	14,082	-38%
	Terminated	39,863	41,346	4%
	Total Handled	82,456	80,578	-2%
Waste	Originated	10,998	13,314	21%
	Bridged	2,316	2,834	22%
	Terminated	11,996	13,120	9%
	Total Handled	21,996	24,355	11%

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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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