

# Current Status of National Freight Rail Bargaining



More than 30 railroads, 12 unions, and 145,000 employees are included in this bargaining round.

<b>Bargaining Has Concluded</b>	Number of Employees (rounded)	Percent of Total (rounded)
International Association of Sheet Metal, Air, Rail and Transportation Workers Transportation Div. including Yardmasters (SMART-TD & SMART-TD-YDM)	<b>44,000</b>	<b>30</b>
Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers & Trainmen (BLET)	<b>27,200</b>	<b>19</b>
Brotherhood Railway Carmen (BRC)	<b>11,100</b>	<b>8</b>
Brotherhood of Railroad Signalmen (BRS)	<b>8,500</b>	<b>6</b>
International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers (IBEW)	<b>6,400</b>	<b>4</b>
Transportation Communications International Union (TCU)	<b>6,300</b>	<b>4</b>
National Conference of Firemen and Oilers (NCFO)	<b>2,800</b>	<b>2</b>
American Train Dispatchers Association (ATDA)	<b>1,600</b>	<b>1</b>
International Brotherhood of Boilermakers, Blacksmiths, Iron Ship Builders, Forgers and Helpers (IBB)	<b>600</b>	<b>&lt;1</b>

**108,500 75%**

<b>Parties Have Agreed to Final and Binding Arbitration</b>	Number of Employees (rounded)	Percent of Total (rounded)
Brotherhood of Maintenance of Way Employees (BMWED)	<b>27,500</b>	<b>19</b>
International Association of Sheet Metal, Air, Rail, and Transportation Workers (SMART-Mech. Div.)	<b>1,100</b>	<b>1</b>

**28,600 20%**

<b>Currently in Mediation</b>	Number of Employees (rounded)	Percent of Total (rounded)
International Association of Machinists and Aerospace Workers (IAM)	<b>7,600</b>	<b>5</b>

Learn more about the collective bargaining process in the railroad industry [here](#).