

# An outlook on rail cargo in Argentina during the first half of the year

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According to the National Commission for the Regulation of Transportation (CNRT), the total rail freight loading in Argentina during the first six months of the current year shows a year-on-year increase of 0.5%. However, the performance varies depending on the company and the line. In terms of ton-kilometers, which is the relevant measure in transportation, the Freight Railway System (SFC) has shown an increase of 12%. However, there was a mixed performance between different companies and lines. The companies Nuevo Central Argentino S.A. and Ferrosur Roca S.A. registered drops of -11% and -5% respectively, while Ferro Expreso Pampeano S.A. increased tons-kilometer by 3%. San Martín, Urquiza and Belgrano lines, all of them under the management of Belgrano Cargas and Logística S.A., showed increases of 80%, 136% and 69% respectively.

## Rail cargo in ton-kilometer by line

	January-June		Variation
	2018	2017	
FerroExpreso Pampeano S.A.	627.811.407	708.356.451	-11%
Nuevo Central Argentino S.A.	1.301.973.007	1.368.444.656	-5%
Ferrosur Roca S.A.	1.014.808.297	987.763.991	3%
Trenes Argentinos Cargas y Logística - Línea San Martín	720.875.982	401.556.485	80%
Trenes Argentinos Cargas y Logística - Línea Urquiza	89.616.206	38.007.215	136%
Trenes Argentinos Cargas y Logística - Línea Belgrano	463.603.618	273.642.480	69%
<b>Total</b>	<b>4.218.688.517</b>	<b>3.777.771.278</b>	<b>12%</b>

Fuente: <https://www.argentina.gob.ar/cnrt/estadisticas-ferroviarias>, acceso 14/08/18.

In order to have a broader perspective of the total rail cargo by company and line, the following table analyzes their performance during the first six months of the last three years. Urquiza, Belgrano and San Martín lines present the greatest growth during the period under review.

## Rail cargo in Argentina (2016-2018)

	January-June		
	2018	2017	2016
FerroExpreso Pampeano S.A.	1.586.001	1.817.999	1.986.999
Nuevo Central Argentino S.A.	3.117.066	3.550.198	3.645.950
Ferrosur Roca S.A.	2.321.103	2.455.707	2.209.320
Trenes Argentinos Cargas y Logística - Línea San Martín	1.006.440	594.852	584.304
Trenes Argentinos Cargas y Logística - Línea Urquiza	129.575	48.244	40.731
Trenes Argentinos Cargas y Logística - Línea Belgrano	854.419	506.795	389.562
<b>Total</b>	<b>9.014.605</b>	<b>8.973.795</b>	<b>8.856.866</b>

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