

Employment

- Freight and passenger railroads employ 18,373 people in Illinois.
- There are 38,000+ rail-related jobs in Illinois, representing \$1.7 billion in annual wages.
- Railroad wages are highly competitive, averaging \$111,630 including benefits.

Railroads Receive Recognition: Diversity and Veteran Employment

- BNSF Railway Co., CN and CSX Corp. were on **CivilianJobs.com's** 2013 list of the "Most Valuable Employers for Military".
- **Black Enterprise** magazine recognized NS on the annual list of the "40 Best Companies for Diversity," in 2010 and 2011.
- **Diversity Careers in Engineering and Information Technology** magazine named UP a "Best Diversity Company" in 2009, 2010 and 2011.
- **G.I. Jobs** recognized BNSF, UP, CSX, NS, CN, and CP as six of the 100 top employers for veterans in the U.S. in 2013.
- 47 percent of CREATE railroad partners' employees in Northeastern Illinois are people of color.
- From 2010 to 2013, CREATE partners participated in twelve employment opportunity events to reach contractors interested in working on CREATE projects.

