

U.S. Freight Cars by Type and Age*

		Total	Avg. Age	1-10 yrs.	11-20 yrs.	21-30 yrs.	31-40 yrs.	Over 40 yrs.
Box Cars	RR	140,148	24.1	28,651	16,122	54,016	39,613	1,746
	PVT	24,685	21.2	7,692	187	13,396	3,036	374
Covered Hoppers	RR	147,244	23.0	25,865	29,853	50,239	36,087	5,200
	PVT	299,200	17.5	104,508	80,534	68,958	40,809	4,391
Open Hoppers	RR	90,302	26.9	8,318	14,836	30,849	29,265	7,034
	PVT	89,966	14.1	45,193	18,572	14,756	10,700	745
Gondolas	RR	138,662	22.0	33,457	31,862	29,039	39,619	4,685
	PVT	103,802	14.7	46,412	25,505	21,755	9,667	463
Flat Cars	RR	73,976	12.8	46,927	8,939	8,606	7,738	1,766
	PVT	134,639	17.0	49,529	46,247	13,275	18,038	7,550
Refrigerator	RR	21,341	25.5	2,783	4,397	3,878	9,926	357
	PVT	3,497	18.3	1,349	756	193	1,192	7
Tank Cars	RR	511	29.5	1	48	193	227	42
	PVT	267,916	16.6	99,578	72,275	59,851	34,594	1,618
All Others	RR	2,951	33.1	48	26	918	1,569	390
	PVT	3,268	22.8	783	501	933	907	144
Total	RR	615,135	22.5	146,050	106,083	177,738	164,044	21,220
	PVT	926,973	16.7	355,044	244,577	193,117	118,943	15,292

*Preliminary * As of January 2007. Totals may not match other sources. RR = Railroad car owners. PVT = Private car owners.

Source: AAR/UMLER

A little bit older, a little bit younger

Last year, rail cars owned by U.S. railroads got a little bit older, and cars owned by shippers and lessors got a little bit younger. Railroad-owned cars' average age of 22.5 was a 0.9 increase compared with 2005's average age of 22.3. At 16.7, private-car owners' cars average age was a 0.6 percent dip compared with the '05 average of 16.8.