The number of large railroads in the U.S. have reduced from 26 in 1980 to only 7 by 2001. Following 2001 the percent increase in rail rates on the Big Four U.S. railroads has been 2.8 times greater than Inflation and Long-Haul Trucking.

Source: Rail Rate Increases - Big four railroad’s average revenue per car is summed up from their SEC filings. Trucking Rates - BLS Long Haul Truck Rate Index, Inflation - uses CPI.