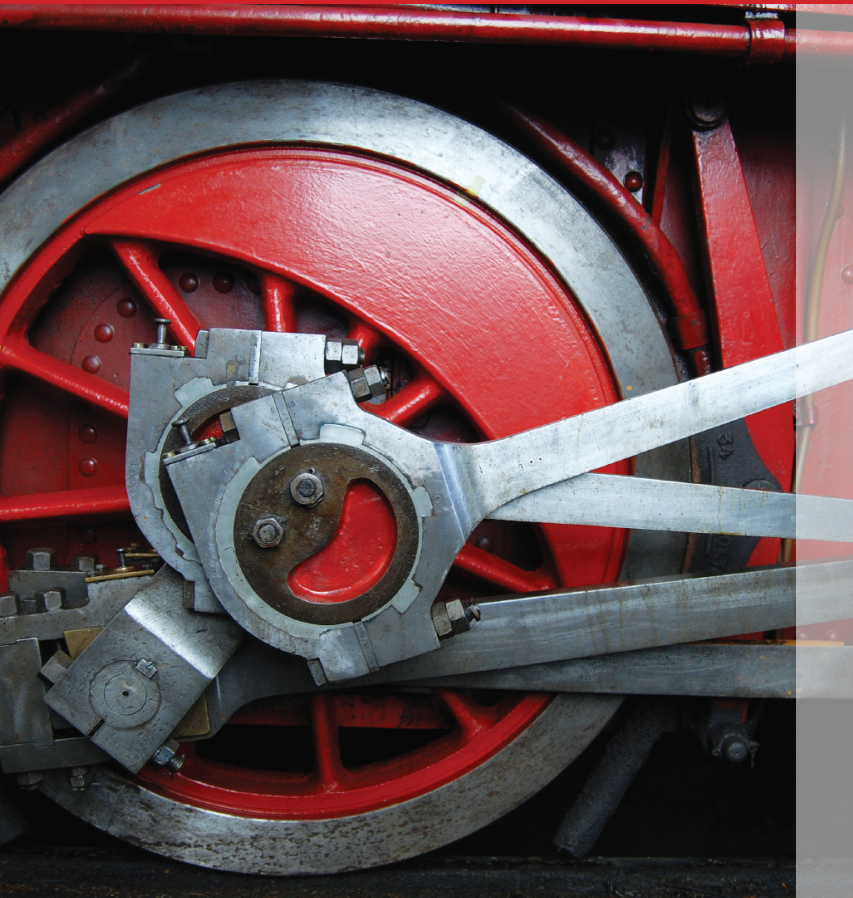


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**Q** Which of these organizations has the most train departures from Tacoma each day?

1. Simpson Tacoma Kraft and Simpson Lumber Company
2. Tacoma Rail
3. Port of Tacoma
4. Sounder Commuter Train: Tacoma Station

Simpson Investment Company is headquartered in Tacoma, Wash., with operations in Tacoma, southwest Washington and the southeastern United States. Simpson lumber is used for home construction; its pulp and paper are made into grocery bags, corrugated boxes and more.

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**SIMPSON: 3 Tacoma departures** Simpson Tacoma Kraft Company and Simpson Lumber-Commencement Bay Mill combined average about three train departures each day. The two facilities together fill about 15 rail cars each day with lumber and paper materials. Trains from the major rail shippers then stop by the mills and add the filled cars to their cross-country journeys. Three-ton paper rolls produced at Tacoma Kraft could be headed toward Jacksonville to be made into pizza boxes or to California to become brightly printed produce boxes. Meanwhile, Commencement Bay Mill in Tacoma sends rail cars with 2x4s, 2x12s and sizes in between to wholesale distributors in nearly every state. The lumber is available at some retail outlets and is used for all types of construction projects.

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**Tacoma Rail: 6 Tacoma departures** With more than 204 miles of track, Tacoma Rail moves anything from chemicals, scrap metal, cars, grain and food to petroleum and lumber. Tacoma Rail has three different divisions to move materials. Tacoma Rail also focuses on its environmental impact. Four locomotives installed with idle reduction technology will save 400,000 gallons of diesel fuel and reduce carbon monoxide by 15 tons over the next five years.

3

**Port of Tacoma: 4 Tacoma departures** The Port of Tacoma's Commencement Bay location provides great access to Asia and Alaska by water, making it an ideal seaport. The Port of Tacoma is North America's seventh-largest container port and has connections to two transcontinental railroads and great access to nearby interstates and state highways. In 2007, the port handled more than \$36 billion in annual trade, moved 5.97 million short tons of grain, and moved 175,074 auto units.

4

**Sounder Commuter Train: 8 Tacoma departures** Sound Transit offers a smoother commute to work for those traveling to Seattle, Tacoma or Everett. Multiple departures from each location meet commuters' demanding schedules. Sounder commuter trains help with traffic and the environment.