



**MONTANA**  
DEPARTMENT OF  
**REVENUE**

**2024 Capitalization Rate Study  
Railroads**

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**MONTANA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE**

**Yield Capitalization Rate Conclusion**

**Industry: Railroads**

**2024 Assessment Year**

**Capital Structure <sup>[1]</sup>**

Equity	<b>80.00%</b>
Debt	<b>20.00%</b>

**Equity Cost of Capital**

		<b>Weighting</b>
Capital Asset Pricing Model - Ex Post <sup>[2]</sup>	11.73%	56%
Capital Asset Pricing Model - Ex Ante <sup>[2]</sup>	9.33%	14%
3 Stage Dividend Discount Model - Dividends <sup>[3]</sup>	7.09%	15%
3 Stage Dividend Discount Model - Earnings <sup>[3]</sup>	8.69%	15%
Weighted Average	<u>10.24%</u>	100%
Selected Cost of Equity	<b><u>10.24%</u></b>	

**Debt Cost of Capital**

		<b>Weighting</b>
Aa - Mergent's - Avg. YTM of Aa Rated Corporate Bonds <sup>[4]</sup>	5.05%	0%
A - Mergent's - Avg. YTM of A Rated Corporate Bonds <sup>[4]</sup>	5.25%	67%
Baa - Mergent's - Avg. YTM of Baa Rated Corporate Bonds <sup>[4]</sup>	5.64%	33%
Ba - Avg. of MTDOR Debt Study <sup>[5]</sup> , Bloomberg and Capital IQ	6.70%	0%
B - Avg. of MTDOR Debt Study <sup>[5]</sup> , Bloomberg and Capital IQ	7.67%	0%
Weighted Average	<u>5.38%</u>	100%
Selected Cost of Debt	<b><u>5.38%</u></b>	

**Weighted Average Cost of Capital (WACC)**

<b>Source of Capital</b>	<b>Capital Structure</b>	<b>Cost of Capital</b>	<b>Marginal Tax Rate</b>	<b>Pre-tax Cost of Capital</b>	<b>After-tax Cost of Capital</b>
Equity	80.00%	10.24%		8.19%	8.19%
Debt	20.00%	5.38%	24.00%	1.08%	0.82%
<b>WACC</b>	<b>100.00%</b>			<b>9.27%</b>	<b>9.01%</b>
<b>WACC (Rounded)</b>					<b>9.05%</b>

Notes

- [1] From worksheet: Capital Structure
- [2] From worksheet: Capital Asset Pricing Model Summary
- [3] From worksheet: Yield Equity Summary
- [4] January 2024, Mergent Bond Record
- [5] Montana Department of Revenue High Yield Debt Study

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**Direct Capitalization Rate Conclusion**

**Industry: Railroads**

**2024 Assessment Year**

**Capital Structure <sup>[1]</sup>**

Equity	<b>80.00%</b>
Debt	<b>20.00%</b>

**Equity Capitalization Rate <sup>[2]</sup>**

NOI After-tax	<b>4.90%</b>
GCF	<b>6.90%</b>

**Debt Capitalization Rate <sup>[3]</sup>**

Calculated Current Yield	<b>4.76%</b>
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**NOI After-tax Direct Capitalization Rate**

Source of Capital	Capital Structure	Capitalization Rate	Marginal Tax Rate	Pre-tax Capitalization Rate	After-tax Capitalization Rate
Equity	80.00%	4.90%		3.92%	3.92%
Debt	20.00%	4.76%	24.00%	0.95%	0.72%
<b>Total</b>	<b>100.00%</b>			<b>4.87%</b>	<b>4.64%</b>
<b>Total (Rounded)</b>					<b>4.65%</b>

**GCF Direct Capitalization Rate**

Source of Capital	Capital Structure	Capitalization Rate	Marginal Tax Rate	Pre-tax Capitalization Rate	After-tax Capitalization Rate
Equity	80.00%	6.90%		5.52%	5.52%
Debt	20.00%	4.76%	24.00%	0.95%	0.72%
<b>Total</b>	<b>100.00%</b>			<b>6.47%</b>	<b>6.24%</b>
<b>Total (Rounded)</b>					<b>6.25%</b>

Notes:

[1] From worksheet: Capital Structure

[2] From worksheet: Direct Equity Summary

[3] From worksheet: Calculated Current Yield

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**Selection of Guideline Companies**

**Industry: Railroads**

**2024 Assessment Year**

**Screening Requirements:**

The universe of companies is all companies listed in Value Line under the Railroad industry.

Companies were then selected using the following screening criteria:

1. Primarily provides rail, intermodal transportation, and rail-to-truck transload services.
2. Actively traded on an American exchange.
3. Headquartered / incorporated in the United States
4. No significant merger & acquisition activity during the year.

<b>Company Ticker</b>	<b>Primarily provide rail services</b>	<b>Actively Traded on an American Exchange</b>	<b>Headquartered/ Incorporated in the U.S.</b>	<b>Consider as Potential Guideline Company</b>	<b>Not Engaged in Material M&amp;A Activity</b>	<b>Use as Guideline Company</b>	<b>Note</b>
CNI			No				
CP			No				
CSX	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	
GATX	No						
GBX	No						
NSC	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	
RAIL	No						
TRN	No						
UNP	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	
USDP	No						
WAB	No						

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Support for Capital Structure

Industry: Railroads

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(\$ and Shares Outstanding In Millions, Except Per Share Amounts)

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M	N			
Ticker	Company	Industry Group	Financial Strength	Shares Outstanding	End of Year Closing Stock Price	MV Common Stock	MV Preferred Stock	MV Long Term Debt	PV of Operating Leases	Total Common, Preferred, LT Debt, & Op Leases	% Common	% Preferred	% Debt & Op Leases			
		<i>Value Line</i>	<i>Value Line</i>	<i>10-K</i>	<i>Yahoo</i>	<i>ExF</i>			<i>10-K</i>	<i>10-K</i>	<i>10-K</i>	<i>G+H+I+J</i>	<i>G/K</i>	<i>H/K</i>	<i>(I+J)/K</i>	
							<i>[Note 1]</i>	<i>[Note 2]</i>								
CSX	CSX Corp.	RAILROAD	B++	1,959	34.67	67,910	0	17,528	559	85,997	79%	0%	21%			
NSC	Norfolk Southern	RAILROAD	A+	226	236.38	53,347	0	16,631	392	70,370	76%	0%	24%			
UNP	Union Pacific	RAILROAD	A+	610	245.62	149,755	0	28,479	1,600	179,834	83%	0%	17%			
<b>All Companies</b>						271,012	0	62,638	2,551	336,201	<b>81%</b>	<b>0%</b>	<b>19%</b>			
<b>Average</b>											<b>79%</b>	<b>0%</b>	<b>21%</b>			
<b>Median</b>											<b>79%</b>	<b>0%</b>	<b>21%</b>			
High											83%	0%	24%			
Low											76%	0%	17%			
<b>Selected</b>											<b>80%</b>		<b>20%</b>			

Notes

[1] Market value of preferred stock assumed to equal book value

[2] Market value of debt is fair value of long term debt from 10-K notes

**MCA 15-1-210, rationale for changes to guideline companies:**

2024 - No changes to guideline companies.

		<u>Median</u>	
Current Year	79%	0%	21%
Prior Year	80%	0%	20%
2 Years Prior	81%	0%	19%
3 Year Average	80%	0%	20%

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Capital Asset Pricing Model (CAPM)

Industry: Railroads

2024 Assessment Year

$$k_e = R_f + \beta \times ERP$$

		<i>Ex Post</i>	<i>Ex Ante</i>
$k_e =$	Cost of Equity	<b>11.73%</b>	<b>9.33%</b>
$R_f =$	Risk Free Rate	4.20%	4.20%
$\beta =$	Beta	1.05	1.05
$ERP =$	Equity Risk Premium ( $R_m - R_f$ )	7.17%	4.88%
$R_m =$	Market Rate of Return	11.37%	9.08%

**Risk Free Rate Measures ( $R_f$ ):**

The Value Line Investment Survey: Selection & Opinion<sup>[1]</sup>

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Selected Yields on Taxable U.S. Treasury Securities as of 12/22/23

10-year	3.90%
30-year	4.05%

Federal Reserve Statistical Release<sup>[2]</sup>

U.S. government securities, Treasury constant maturities, Nominal, December 29, 2023

10-year	3.88%
20-year	4.20%
30-year	4.03%

**Risk Free Rate Selected** 4.20%

Notes

[1] "Value Line Selection & Opinion", Value Line (January 5, 2024)

[2] <https://www.federalreserve.gov/releases/h15/>

**Ex Post - Equity Risk Premium Measures ( $ERP = R_m - R_f$ )**

Kroll, 2024 Cost of Capital Navigator

		<u><math>R_m</math></u>	<u><math>R_f</math></u>	<u>ERP</u>
ERP "Historical" - <i>Ex Post</i>	<i>Arithmetic Avg.</i>	11.31%	4.14%	7.17%
ERP "Supply-side" - <i>Ex Post</i>	<i>Arithmetic Avg.</i>	10.36%	4.14%	6.22%
<b>Ex Post Equity Risk Premium Selected</b>		<u><u>11.37%</u></u>	<u><u>4.20%</u></u>	<u><u>7.17%</u></u>

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Capital Asset Pricing Model (CAPM)

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$$k_e = R_f + \beta \times ERP$$

**Ex Ante - Equity Risk Premium Measures (ERP = Rm - Rf)**

DOR 3 Stage Dividend Growth Model, S & P 500, See Exhibit

	<u>R<sub>m</sub></u>	<u>R<sub>f</sub></u>	<u>ERP</u>
ERP - <i>Ex Ante</i>	7.22%	4.20%	3.02%

Kroll, 2024 Cost of Capital Navigator

	<u>R<sub>m</sub></u>	<u>R<sub>f</sub></u>	<u>ERP</u>
ERP "Conditional" - <i>Ex Ante</i>	9.00%	3.50%	5.50%

Damodaran Implied ERP (Jan 5, 2024)

	<u>R<sub>m</sub></u>	<u>R<sub>f</sub></u>	<u>ERP</u>
Implied Premium - <i>Ex Ante</i> - Trailing 12 month, with adjusted payout	8.45%	3.88%	4.57%
Implied Premium - <i>Ex Ante</i> - Trailing 12 month cash yields	8.48%	3.88%	4.60%
Implied Premium - <i>Ex Ante</i> - Average CF yield last 10 years	9.95%	3.88%	6.07%
Implied Premium - <i>Ex Ante</i> - Net cash yield	8.31%	3.88%	4.43%
Implied Premium - <i>Ex Ante</i> - Normalized earnings and payout	<u>8.17%</u>	<u>3.88%</u>	<u>4.29%</u>
Damodaran Average	8.67%	3.88%	4.79%

	<u>R<sub>m</sub></u>	<u>R<sub>f</sub></u>	<u>ERP</u>
<u>Average</u>	8.51%		4.64%
<u>Median</u>	8.45%		4.57%
<u>High</u>	9.95%		6.07%
<u>Low</u>	7.22%		3.02%

**Ex Ante Equity Risk Premium Selected**

<b>9.08%</b>	<b>4.20%</b>	<b>4.88%</b>
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**Support for Beta Selection in CAPM****Industry: Railroads****2024 Assessment Year**

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<b>A</b>	<b>B</b>	<b>C</b>	<b>D</b>	<b>E</b>
<b>Ticker</b>	<b>Company</b>	<b>Industry Group</b>	<b>Financial Strength</b>	<b>Beta</b>
		<i>Value Line</i>	<i>Value Line</i>	<i>Value Line</i>
CSX	CSX Corp.	RAILROAD	B++	1.00
NSC	Norfolk Southern	RAILROAD	A+	1.05
UNP	Union Pacific	RAILROAD	A+	1.05
<b>Average</b>				<b>1.03</b>
<b>Median</b>				<b>1.05</b>
High				1.05
Low				1.00
<b>Selected</b>				<b>1.05</b>



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Inflation & Real Growth  
Industry: Railroads  
2024 Assessment Year

A	B	C	D	Nominal Growth	
				E	F
Source Description	Inflation (CPI)	Real Growth (GDP)	Nominal Growth	Low	High
Livingston Survey <sup>[1]</sup>	2.30%	2.00%	4.30%		
Survey of Professional Forecasters <sup>[2]</sup>	2.24%	2.00%	4.24%		
Congressional Budget Office <sup>[3]</sup>	2.20%	1.90%	4.10%		
<b>Average</b>	<b>2.25%</b>	<b>1.97%</b>	<b>4.21%</b>		
<b>Median</b>	<b>2.24%</b>	<b>2.00%</b>	<b>4.24%</b>		
High	2.30%	2.00%	4.30%		
Low	2.20%	1.90%	4.10%		
<b>Selected</b>	<b>2.25%</b>	<b>2.00%</b>	<b>4.25%</b>	<b>4.10%</b>	<b>4.30%</b>

Inflationary Trend Factors						
Year	Dec. CPI-U Index	Percent Change From Previous	Dec. to Dec. Conversion Factor	Annual Avg. CPI-U Index	Percent Change From Previous	Annual Conversion Factor
	<i>Note [5]</i>	<i>Note [6]</i>	<i>Note [7]</i>	<i>Note [5]</i>	<i>Note [6]</i>	<i>Note [7]</i>
2012	229.601	1.7%	1.3360	229.594	2.0%	1.3271
2013	233.049	1.5%	1.3162	232.957	1.4%	1.3080
2014	234.812	0.8%	1.3063	236.736	1.6%	1.2871
2015	236.525	0.7%	1.2969	237.017	0.1%	1.2856
2016	241.432	2.0%	1.2705	240.007	1.2%	1.2696
2017	246.524	2.1%	1.2443	245.120	2.1%	1.2431
2018	251.233	1.9%	1.2210	251.107	2.4%	1.2134
2019	256.974	2.2%	1.1937	255.657	1.8%	1.1918
2020	260.474	1.3%	1.1776	258.811	1.2%	1.1773
2021	278.802	6.6%	1.1002	270.970	4.5%	1.1245
2022	296.797	6.1%	1.0335	292.655	7.4%	1.0412
2023	306.746	3.2%	1.0000	304.702	4.0%	1.0000

Notes

[1] Federal Reserve Bank of Philadelphia The Livingston Survey December 15, 2023 Table 3 Inflation Rate and Real GDP mean

<https://www.philadelphiafed.org/research-and-data/real-time-center/livingston-survey>

[2] Federal Reserve Bank of Philadelphia Survey of Professional Forecasters February 9, 2024 Table 8 and Table 9 Average over next 10-Year mean

<https://www.philadelphiafed.org/surveys-and-data/real-time-data-research/survey-of-professional-forecasters>

[3] The Budget and Economic Outlook: 2024 To 2034, Table 2-1

<https://www.cbo.gov/about/products/budget-economic-data#4>

[5] Historical Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U): U.S. city average, all items, index averages (1982-84=100, unless otherwise noted)

<https://www.bls.gov/cpi/tables/supplemental-files/>

[6] (Row year - Previous Year) / Row Year

[7] Most current year / Row year

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**3 Stage Dividend Discount Model (DDM)**

**Industry: Railroads**

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$$k_e = (D_1 / P_0) + g$$

$k_e$  = Cost of Equity

$D_1$  = Expected Dividend

$P_0$  = Current Price Per Share

$g$  = Sustainable Long-Term Growth

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I
Ticker	Company	2023 Year End Stock Price	2024 Est Div'ds Decl'd per sh	Expected Equity Payout Yield	Sustainable Long-Term Growth Rate <sup>[1]</sup>	Sustainable Long-Term Growth Rate <sup>[1]</sup>	Cost of Equity Dividend Growth	Cost of Equity Earnings Growth
		<i>Yahoo</i>	<i>Value Line</i>	<i>D/C</i>	<i>Dividends</i>	<i>Earnings</i>	<i>E+F</i>	<i>E+G</i>
		$P_0$	$D_1$	$D_1/P_0$	$g$	$g$	$k_e$	$k_e$
CSX	CSX Corp.	34.67	0.48	1.38%	5.92%	5.75%	7.31%	7.13%
NSC	Norfolk Southern	236.38	5.60	2.37%	4.54%	7.79%	6.91%	10.16%
UNP	Union Pacific	245.62	6.00	2.44%	4.61%	6.32%	7.05%	8.77%
<b>Average</b>							<b>7.09%</b>	<b>8.69%</b>
<b>Median</b>							<b>7.05%</b>	<b>8.77%</b>
High							7.31%	10.16%
Low							6.91%	7.13%
<b>Selected</b>							<b>7.09%</b>	<b>8.69%</b>

Notes

[1] From worksheet: DDM Sustainable Long-Term Growth

*Implied Sustainable LTG:*

5.02%

6.62%

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Support for DDM - Short Term Growth Rate Calculations

Industry: Railroads

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A	B	C	D	E	F	G
Ticker	Company	End of Year Closing Stock Price	Div'ds Decl'd per sh 2024 Est	Expected Dividend Yield	Div'ds Decl'd per sh 2026-2028 Est	Short-Term Growth Rate
		<i>Yahoo</i>	<i>Value Line</i>	<i>D / C</i>	<i>Value Line</i>	<i>Note [1]</i>
CSX	CSX Corp.	34.67	0.48	1.38%	0.64	10.06%
NSC	Norfolk Southern	236.38	5.60	2.37%	6.50	5.09%
UNP	Union Pacific	245.62	6.00	2.44%	7.00	5.27%

A	B	C	D	E
Ticker	Company	Earnings per share 2024 Est	Earnings per share 2026-2028 Est	Short-Term Growth Rate
		<i>Value Line</i>	<i>Value Line</i>	<i>Note [1]</i>
CSX	CSX Corp.	1.90	2.50	9.58%
NSC	Norfolk Southern	13.45	19.00	12.20%
UNP	Union Pacific	11.50	15.00	9.26%

Notes

[1] 4 year compound annual growth rate (CAGR) - 3 periods

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Support for DDM - Sustainable Long Term Growth

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Dividend Growth Rate									Stage 1				
Ticker	Company	Year End Stock Price	Expected Short-Term Dividend Growth Rate	Expected Long-Term Growth Rate	Expected Dividend Yield	Internal Rate of Return	Implied Sustainable Long-Term Growth Rate (g)	Initial Investment	D <sub>1</sub>	D <sub>2</sub>	D <sub>3</sub>	D <sub>4</sub>	D <sub>5</sub>
		Yahoo	Note [1]	Note [2]	$D_1/P_0$	$K_e = IRR \text{ of } D_1:D_{500}$	$g = IRR - Div. \text{ Yield}$						
CSX	CSX Corp.	34.67	10.06%	4.25%	1.38%	7.31%	5.92%	(34.67)	0.48	0.53	0.58	0.64	0.70
NSC	Norfolk Southern	236.38	5.09%	4.25%	2.37%	6.91%	4.54%	(236.38)	5.60	5.89	6.18	6.50	6.83
UNP	Union Pacific	245.62	5.27%	4.25%	2.44%	7.05%	4.61%	(245.62)	6.00	6.32	6.65	7.00	7.37

Earnings Growth Rate									Stage 1				
Ticker	Company	Year End Stock Price	Expected Short-Term Earnings Growth Rate	Expected Long-Term Growth Rate	Expected Dividend Yield	Internal Rate of Return	Implied Sustainable Long-Term Growth Rate (g)	Initial Investment	D <sub>1</sub>	D <sub>2</sub>	D <sub>3</sub>	D <sub>4</sub>	D <sub>5</sub>
		Yahoo	Note [1]	Note [2]	$D_1/P_0$	$K_e = IRR \text{ of } D_1:D_{500}$	$g = IRR - Div. \text{ Yield}$						
CSX	CSX Corp.	34.67	9.58%	4.25%	1.38%	7.13%	5.75%	(34.67)	0.48	0.53	0.58	0.63	0.69
NSC	Norfolk Southern	236.38	12.20%	4.25%	2.37%	10.16%	7.79%	(236.38)	5.60	6.28	7.05	7.91	8.88
UNP	Union Pacific	245.62	9.26%	4.25%	2.44%	8.77%	6.32%	(245.62)	6.00	6.56	7.16	7.83	8.55

Notes

[1] From worksheet: DDM Short Term Growth Rate Calculations

[2] From worksheet: Inflation & Real Growth

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Support for DDM - Sustainable Long Term Growth

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Dividend	Stage 2															Stage 3		
	D <sub>6</sub>	D <sub>7</sub>	D <sub>8</sub>	D <sub>9</sub>	D <sub>10</sub>	D <sub>11</sub>	D <sub>12</sub>	D <sub>13</sub>	D <sub>14</sub>	D <sub>15</sub>	D <sub>16</sub>	D <sub>17</sub>	D <sub>18</sub>	D <sub>19</sub>	D <sub>20</sub>	D <sub>21</sub>	D <sub>22</sub>	D <sub>500</sub>
CSX	0.77	0.85	0.93	1.02	1.12	1.23	1.34	1.47	1.62	1.77	1.95	2.13	2.34	2.57	2.82	2.94	3.06	1,336,743,148
NSC	7.18	7.54	7.92	8.31	8.73	9.17	9.64	10.12	10.63	11.17	11.73	12.32	12.94	13.59	14.28	14.88	15.52	6,778,595,888
UNP	7.75	8.16	8.58	9.03	9.50	9.99	10.51	11.06	11.63	12.24	12.88	13.55	14.25	14.99	15.77	16.44	17.14	7,489,241,942

Earnings	Stage 2															Stage 3		
	D <sub>6</sub>	D <sub>7</sub>	D <sub>8</sub>	D <sub>9</sub>	D <sub>10</sub>	D <sub>11</sub>	D <sub>12</sub>	D <sub>13</sub>	D <sub>14</sub>	D <sub>15</sub>	D <sub>16</sub>	D <sub>17</sub>	D <sub>18</sub>	D <sub>19</sub>	D <sub>20</sub>	D <sub>21</sub>	D <sub>22</sub>	D <sub>500</sub>
CSX	0.76	0.83	0.90	0.98	1.08	1.18	1.28	1.40	1.53	1.67	1.83	2.00	2.18	2.38	2.60	2.71	2.83	1,234,362,998
NSC	9.91	11.07	12.36	13.81	15.42	17.22	19.23	21.47	23.98	26.78	29.90	33.39	37.29	41.65	46.51	48.48	50.54	22,081,846,695
UNP	9.31	10.15	11.05	12.04	13.11	14.28	15.56	16.95	18.46	20.11	21.90	23.86	25.99	28.31	30.83	32.14	33.51	14,639,931,411

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Support for Yield Capitalization Rate - Debt Rating

Industry: Railroads

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A	B	C	D	E	F
Ticker	Company	Industry Group	Financial Strength	Moody's Long Term Rating	Yield to Maturity
		<i>Value Line</i>	<i>Value Line</i>	<i>Moodys.com</i>	
CSX	CSX Corp.	RAILROAD	B++	A3	5.25%
NSC	Norfolk Southern	RAILROAD	A+	Baa1	5.64%
UNP	Union Pacific	RAILROAD	A+	A3	5.25%
<b>Average</b>					<b>5.38%</b>
<b>Median</b>					<b>5.25%</b>
High					5.64%
Low					5.25%
<b>Selected</b>					<b>5.38%</b>

**MONTANA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE**

Support for Direct Capitalization - Equity Capitalization Rates

Industry: Railroads

2024 Assessment Year

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M	N	O	P	Q	R
Ticker	Company	End of Year Closing Stock Price	VL Historic EPS	VL Est EPS	VL Historic P/E Ratio	VL Est P/E Ratio	Ke Estimate - Earnings (Hist. P/E)	Ke Estimate - Earnings (Est. P/E)	VL Historic Cash Flow Per Share	VL Est Cash Flow Per Share	VL Historic P/CF Ratio	VL Est P/CF Ratio	Ke Estimate Cash Flow (Hist. P/CF)	Ke Estimate Cash Flow (Est. P/CF)	Market Value of Equity	Book Value of Equity	MTBR
		Yahoo	Value Line	Value Line	C/D	C/E	1/F	1/G	Value Line	Value Line	C/J	C/K	1/L	1/M	Price x Shrs	Value Line	P/Q
CSX	CSX Corp.	34.67	1.84	1.90	18.84	18.25	5.31%	5.48%	2.71	2.60	12.79	13.33	7.82%	7.50%	67,910	12,615	5.38
NSC	Norfolk Southern	236.38	8.02	13.45	29.47	17.57	3.39%	5.69%	13.85	18.75	17.07	12.61	5.86%	7.93%	53,347	12,781	4.17
UNP	Union Pacific	245.62	10.46	11.50	23.48	21.36	4.26%	4.68%	15.21	14.30	16.15	17.18	6.19%	5.82%	149,755	12,163	12.31
<b>Average</b>					<b>23.93</b>	<b>19.06</b>	<b>4.32%</b>	<b>5.28%</b>			<b>15.34</b>	<b>14.37</b>	<b>6.62%</b>	<b>7.08%</b>			<b>7.29</b>
<b>Median</b>					<b>23.48</b>	<b>18.25</b>	<b>4.26%</b>	<b>5.48%</b>			<b>16.15</b>	<b>13.33</b>	<b>6.19%</b>	<b>7.50%</b>			<b>5.38</b>
High					29.47	21.36	5.31%	5.69%			17.07	17.18	7.82%	7.93%			12.31
Low					18.84	17.57	3.39%	4.68%			12.79	12.61	5.86%	5.82%			4.17
<b>Selected</b>					20.42		<b>4.90%</b>				14.49		<b>6.90%</b>				<b>7.29</b>

**MONTANA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE**

**Support for Direct Capitalization - Debt Capitalization Rate**

**Industry: Railroads**

**2024 Assessment Year**

(\$ in Millions)

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J
Ticker	Company	Current Year Interest Exp.	Previous Year MV LT Debt	Previous Year BV LT Debt	Current Year MV LT Debt	Current Year BV LT Debt	Average MV LT Debt	Current Yield	MTBR
	Source	10-K	10-K	10-K	10-K	10-K	(D+F)/2	(C/H)	(F/G)
CSX	CSX Corp.	809	16,135	18,047	17,528	18,533	16,832	4.81%	0.95
NSC	Norfolk Southern	722	13,846	15,082	16,631	17,179	15,239	4.74%	0.97
UNP	Union Pacific	1,340	28,126	33,326	28,479	32,579	28,303	4.73%	0.87
<b>All Companies</b>		2,871			62,638	68,291	60,373	<b>4.76%</b>	<b>0.92</b>
<b>Average</b>								<b>4.76%</b>	<b>0.93</b>
<b>Median</b>								<b>4.74%</b>	<b>0.95</b>
High								4.81%	0.97
Low								4.73%	0.87
<b>Selected</b>								<b>4.76%</b>	<b>0.93</b>



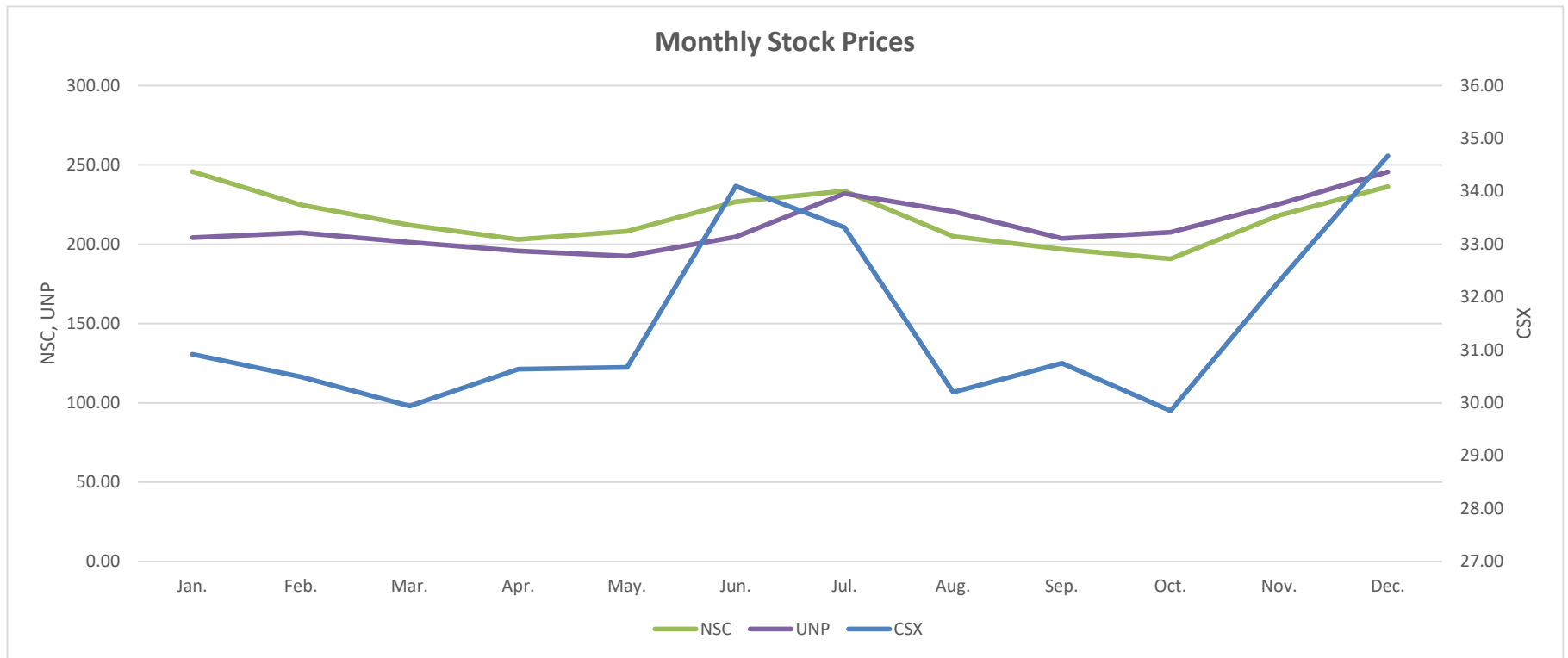
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Support of Stock Price - From YAHOO Finance

Industry: Railroads

2024 Assessment Year

		End of Period Closing Stock Price											
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M	N
Ticker	Company	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May.	Jun.	Jul.	Aug.	Sep.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
CSX	CSX Corp.	30.92	30.49	29.94	30.64	30.67	34.10	33.32	30.20	30.75	29.85	32.30	34.67
NSC	Norfolk Southern	245.81	224.82	212.00	203.03	208.18	226.76	233.59	205.01	196.93	190.79	218.16	236.38
UNP	Union Pacific	204.19	207.28	201.26	195.70	192.52	204.62	232.02	220.57	203.63	207.61	225.27	245.62



**MONTANA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE**

**Maintenance Capital Expenditures Estimate Based on Guideline Companies**

**Industry: Railroads**

**2024 Assessment Year**

(\$ In Millions)

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	
A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L
Ticker	Company	Inflation	PP&E, Gross Current Year	PP&E, Gross Previous Year	Average PP&E (D+E)/2	Depreciation Expense Current Year	Average Life of Assets F/G	Note [1] C*H	Note [1] 1/(1+C)^H	Replacement Cost (RC) Note [1] G*I/(1-J)	RC as % of Depreciation K/G
		MTDOR (CPI)	10-K, Notes	10-K, Notes	(D+E)/2	10-K	F/G	C*H	1/(1+C)^H	G*I/(1-J)	K/G
CSX	CSX Corp.	2.25%	50,320	48,105	49,213	1,611	31	0.69	0.51	2,245	139.35%
NSC	Norfolk Southern	2.25%	46,591	44,748	45,670	1,298	35	0.79	0.46	1,893	145.82%
UNP	Union Pacific	2.25%	81,733	79,255	80,494	2,318	35	0.78	0.46	3,365	145.17%
<b>Average</b>											<b>143.45%</b>
<b>Median</b>											<b>145.17%</b>
<b>High</b>											<b>145.82%</b>
<b>Low</b>											<b>139.35%</b>
<b>Selected</b>											<b>143.45%</b>

Notes:

[1] Cornell, B. & Gerger, R. (2017). Estimating Terminal Values with Inflation: The Inputs Matter-It Is Not a Formulaic Exercise. *Business Valuation Review*, Volume 36, Number 4, 117-123.