PART 2: THE RAILWAYS: BIGGER, FASTER, LONGER

Total length of railway worldwide…
1,055,263km
- enough steel rails to reach the distance to the moon

The world’s longest train route…
spans more than 13,052km, crossing China, Kazakhstan, Russia, Belarus, Poland, Germany, and France, before reaching its destination, Madrid. It takes 21 days to complete the full journey.

Longest rail tunnel in the world
The Gotthard Tunnel running through the Swiss Alps. It is 57.1km long

% of rail lines by world region
- America: 34%
- Europe: 32%
- Asia Oceania & Middle East: 21%
- Russian Federation: 8%
- Africa: 5%

The combined weight of steel of the world’s rails
The combined weight of steel in the world’s rails is equivalent to 118,252,771 tonnes, or 16,200 Eiffel Towers.