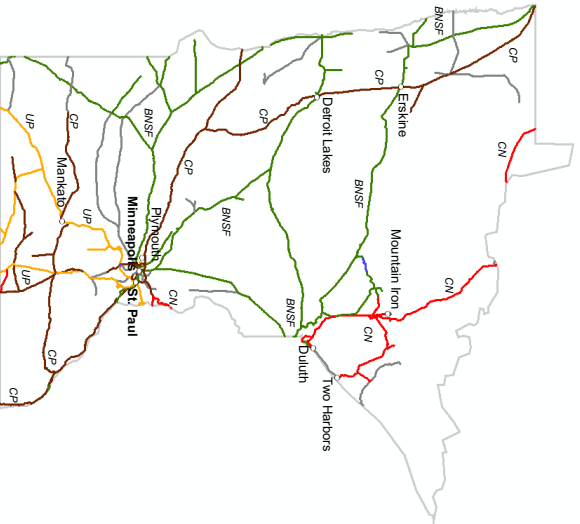


# Minnesota Rail Facts

- **Going the distance.** In Minnesota alone, 18 freight railroads operate across 4,258 miles of track.
- **Supporting jobs.** As of 2017, Minnesota freight railroads and their suppliers employed 5,906 people; nationwide, freight rail supported about 1.1 million jobs.
- **Connecting markets.** The most common commodities originating from Minnesota markets are, in carloads/year: metallic ores (516,400), grain (162,200), food products (89,500), nonmetallic minerals (59,300), and chemicals (38,100).
- **Powering state economies.** Spending by Class I railroads in 2017 generated nearly \$220 billion in U.S. economic activity and \$26 billion in state and federal tax revenues, according to a Towson University study.
- **Preserving infrastructure, cutting congestion.** Freight railroads take 13.3 million truckloads off Minnesota roads annually.
- **Reducing pollution.** Moving freight by rail instead of trucks reduces greenhouse gas emissions by an average of 75 percent.



- BNSF
- CN
- CP
- CSX
- KCS
- NS
- UP
- Short Line/Regional
- Multiple Owners