FREIGHT RAIL IN

ARIZONA

Moving Arizona's Economy. Connecting Communities.

Long a "bridge state" with rail and highway freight passing through between West Coast ports and markets to the east, Arizona is a rapidly growing destination in itself, with the combined Phoenix and Tucson markets of 2030 on pace to equal or exceed the current scale of greater Los Angeles.

1,730
FREIGHT TRACK MILES

2,455
FREIGHT RAIL EMPLOYEES

6.7M
TRUCKLOADS SAVED

ORIGINATING

Top Commodities Originating

Intermodal	**1.8M** Tons | **115.4K** Cars
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	**0.7M** Tons | **6.5K** Cars
Waste & Scrap	**0.6M** Tons | **6.3K** Cars
Metallic Ores	**0.6M** Tons | **6.2K** Cars
Steel Products	**0.4M** Tons | **4.3K** Cars
Other	**0.8M** Tons | **11.2K** Cars

149.9K TOTAL CARS

4.9M TOTAL TONS

RECEIVED

Top Commodities Received / Terminated

Coal	**7.7M** Tons | **64K** Cars
Chemicals	**3.3M** Tons | **34K** Cars
Intermodal	**1.6M** Tons | **115.4K** Cars
Grain	**1.5M** Tons | **14.4K** Cars
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	**1.5M** Tons | **14.4K** Cars
Other	**7.3M** Tons | **105.2K** Cars

347.4K TOTAL CARS

22.9M TOTAL TONS

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Rail Heritage

Two competing transcontinental routes once raced across the Arizona desert. The Southern Pacific reached Yuma in 1877 and Tucson in 1880, building what became known as the Sunset Route, while the Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe Railway pushed its own line through northern Arizona toward Los Angeles. At its peak, roughly 2,500 miles of track crisscrossed the territory, moving copper, timber, and cattle out of the desert and drawing settlers in. Those roots are still visible today, with Union Pacific and BNSF operating Arizona's original corridors as key freight routes between California and the rest of the country.

Class I Railroads

BNSF Railway	659
Union Pacific	691
Total	**1,350**

Short Line Railroads

Apache Railway	42
Arizona & California Railroad	172
Arizona Eastern Railway	208
Clarkdale Arizona Central Railroad	38
Copper Basin Railway	61
Drake Switching Company	1
Kingman Terminal Railroad	3
San Pedro Valley Railroad	7
Total	**532**

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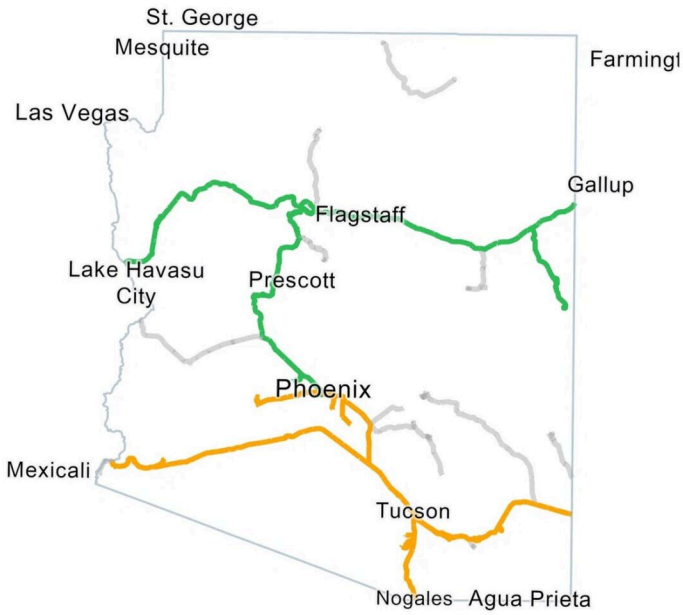
State Rail Network



- SHORT LINE / REGIONAL
- UP
- CN
- BNSF
- CPKC
- CSX
- NS
- MULTIPLE OWNERS
- AMTRAK
- GMXT

Why Freight Rail Matters

Supports Manufacturing

Rail connects manufacturers with suppliers and customers across North America, efficiently moving raw materials and finished goods.

Strengthens Agriculture

Rail helps move crops, forest products, fertilizers and other agricultural goods efficiently and affordably.

Reduces Congestion

Moving freight by rail removes trucks from highways, helping reduce traffic and wear on road infrastructure.

Protects the Environment

Freight rail is significantly more fuel efficient than moving freight by truck, helping reduce fuel use and greenhouse gas emissions.