

FREIGHT RAIL IN

MONTANA



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With the Treasure State's population forecast to grow by more than 60 percent between 2005 and 2030, freight transportation demand can be expected to rise sharply.



3,687
FREIGHT TRACK
MILES



2,697
FREIGHT RAIL
EMPLOYEES



5.4M
TRUCKLOADS SAVED

ORIGINATING

Top Commodities Originating

Coal	21.3M Tons 177.2K Cars
Grain	4.1M Tons 37.9K Cars
Petroleum Products	2.9M Tons 31.8K Cars
Food Products	0.6M Tons 6K Cars
Lumber & Wood Products	0.5M Tons 5K Cars
Other	3M Tons 33.4K Cars
291.3K TOTAL CARS 32.4M TOTAL TONS	

RECEIVED

Top Commodities Received / Terminated

Petroleum Products	1.6M Tons 18.2K Cars
Chemicals	0.7M Tons 7.3K Cars
Food Products	0.5M Tons 5.4K Cars
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	0.2M Tons 2.3K Cars
Grain	0.2M Tons 1.8K Cars
Other	1.1M Tons 20K Cars
55K TOTAL CARS 4.3M TOTAL TONS	



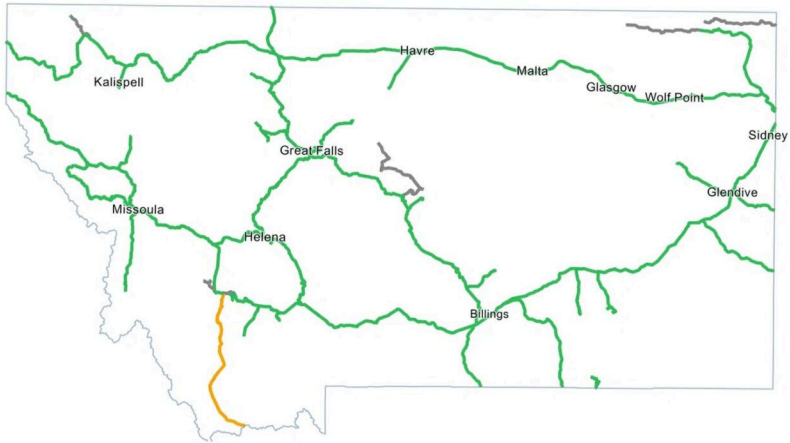
Class I Railroads

BNSF Railway	2,625
Union Pacific	125
Total	2,750

Short Line Railroads

Butte, Anaconda and Pacific Railroad	26
Central Montana Rail	87
Dakota, Missouri Valley, & Western Railroad	57
Mission Mountain Railroad	26
Montana Rail Link (now part of BNSF)	807
Total	1,003

MONTANA State Rail Network



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.

