

FREIGHT RAIL IN

NEW MEXICO



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Moving New Mexico's Economy. Connecting Communities.

Railroads have played a substantial role in the Land of Enchantment economy since the first tracks arrived in the New Mexico Territory in 1879.



1,859
FREIGHT TRACK
MILES



1,409
FREIGHT RAIL
EMPLOYEES



0.378M
TRUCKLOADS SAVED

ORIGINATING

Top Commodities Originating

Coal	3.2M Tons 26.5K Cars
Chemicals	0.9M Tons 9.2K Cars
Intermodal	0.7M Tons 62.1K Cars
Petroleum Products	0.5M Tons 5.6K Cars
Waste & Scrap	0.4M Tons 3.9K Cars
Other	1.1M Tons 16.3K Cars



123.6K
TOTAL CARS



6.8M
TOTAL TONS

RECEIVED

Top Commodities Received / Terminated

Food Products	1.4M Tons 13.6K Cars
Chemicals	0.9M Tons 9K Cars
Intermodal	0.6M Tons 53.3K Cars
Grain	0.6M Tons 5.8K Cars
Petroleum Products	0.4M Tons 5.1K Cars
Other	2.3M Tons 32.6K Cars



119.4K
TOTAL CARS



6.2M
TOTAL TONS



NEW MEXICO'S

Rail Heritage

Raton Pass marked the exact spot where New Mexico's rail era began. On November 1, 1878, the Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe Railway became the first railroad to cross into the territory there from Colorado, reaching Albuquerque in 1880 and El Paso the following year. In March 1881, the Santa Fe met the Southern Pacific at Deming, forming the country's second transcontinental rail connection. The railroad's partnership with the Fred Harvey Company built hotels and restaurants along the route that helped introduce the Southwest to American travelers. That early network of lines opened New Mexico's land and resources to national markets, a role the state's rail corridors still play today.



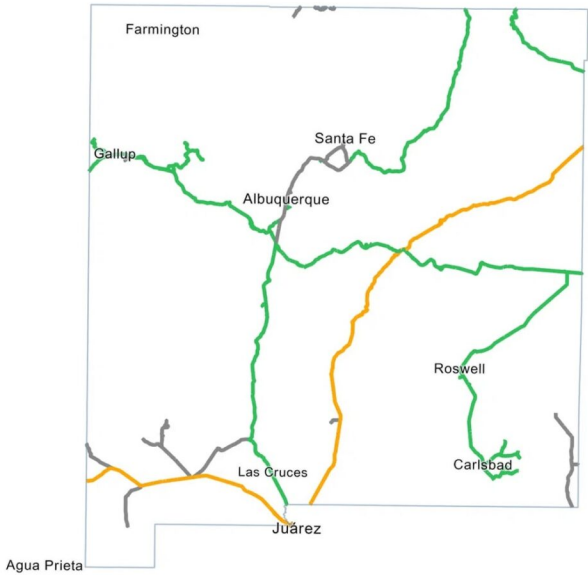
Class I Railroads

BNSF Railway	1,636
Union Pacific	618
Total	2,254

Short Line Railroads

Arizona Eastern Railway	50
Santa Teresa Southern Railroad	2
Southwestern Railroad	102
Texas & New Mexico Railway	70
Total	224

NEW MEXICO
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.

