

FREIGHT RAIL IN
NORTH CAROLINA



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Moving North Carolina's Economy.
Connecting Communities.

Freight rail connects the Tar Heel State's ports, power plants, farms, mines and manufacturers to markets across the nation and worldwide.



2,751
FREIGHT TRACK
MILES



1,657
FREIGHT RAIL
EMPLOYEES



4M
TRUCKLOADS SAVED

ORIGINATING

Top Commodities Originating

Crushed Stone & Sand	3.1M Tons 27.6K Cars
Chemicals	3.1M Tons 31.6K Cars
Intermodal	2.6M Tons 192K Cars
Lumber & Wood Products	1.2M Tons 13.1K Cars
Waste & Scrap	0.9M Tons 10.1K Cars
Other	3.6M Tons 45.6K Cars
320K TOTAL CARS 14.5M TOTAL TONS	

RECEIVED

Top Commodities Received / Terminated

Chemicals	6.7M Tons 68.6K Cars
Grain	6.4M Tons 59.9K Cars
Coal	5.8M Tons 49.8K Cars
Food Products	3.9M Tons 38.7K Cars
Nonmetallic Minerals	3.8M Tons 35.1K Cars
Other	11.3M Tons 307.7K Cars
559.8K TOTAL CARS 37.9M TOTAL TONS	



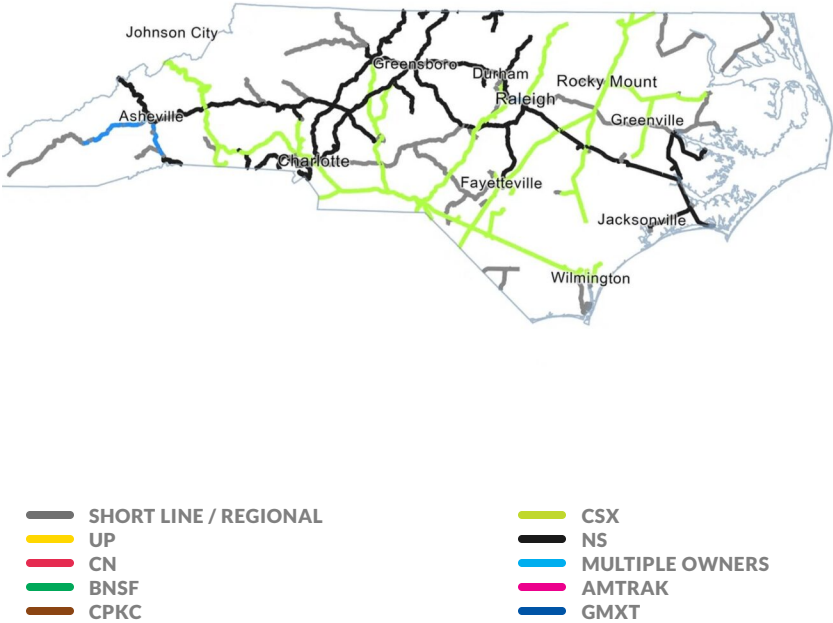
Class I Railroads

CSX Transportation	1,062
Norfolk Southern	1,121
Total	2,183

Short Line Railroads

Aberdeen & Rockfish Railroad	47
Aberdeen, Carolina and Western Railway	150
Alexander Railroad	20
Atlantic & Western Railway	60
Atlantic Railways	11
Blue Ridge Southern Railroad	92
Caldwell County Railroad	17
Cape Fear Railways	8
Carolina Coastal Railway	177
Charlotte Western Railroad	13
Chesapeake & Albemarle Railroad	51
Kinston Railroad	6
Laurinburg & Southern Railroad	40
North Carolina & Virginia Railroad	53
R. J. Corman Railroad – Carolina Lines	16
Raleigh & Fayetteville Railroad	63
Wilmington Terminal Railroad	17
Winston-Salem Southbound Railway	90
Yadkin Valley Railroad	100
Total	1,031

NORTH CAROLINA
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.

