

FREIGHT RAIL IN

SOUTH DAKOTA



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Moving South Dakota's Economy. Connecting Communities.

For South Dakota grain, ethanol and other agricultural producers, freight rail provides the primary means of reaching export markets around the nation and across the globe.



1,881
FREIGHT TRACK
MILES



656
FREIGHT RAIL
EMPLOYEES



4.2M
TRUCKLOADS SAVED

ORIGINATING

Top Commodities Originating

Grain	7.7M Tons 71K Cars
Chemicals	4.2M Tons 44K Cars
Food Products	3.7M Tons 35.7K Cars
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	0.8M Tons 7.7K Cars
Nonmetallic Minerals	0.2M Tons 2.4K Cars
Other	1.1M Tons 18K Cars
 178.8K TOTAL CARS  17.7M TOTAL TONS	

RECEIVED

Top Commodities Received / Terminated

Chemicals	1.3M Tons 12.9K Cars
Coal	1M Tons 8.6K Cars
Cement	0.5M Tons 4.6K Cars
Grain	0.2M Tons 2K Cars
Crushed Stone & Sand	0.2M Tons 1.8K Cars
Other	0.6M Tons 7.7K Cars
 37.6K TOTAL CARS  3.8M TOTAL TONS	



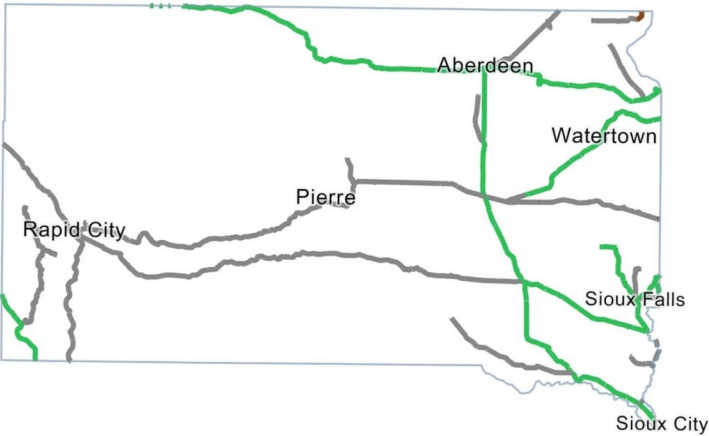
Class I Railroads

BNSF Railway	895
Canadian Pacific Kansas City	112
Total	1,007

Short Line Railroads

D&I Railroad	92
Dakota Southern Railway	21
Dakota, Missouri Valley, & Western Railroad	56
Ellis & Eastern Railroad	30
Rapid City Pierre & Eastern Railroad	810
Ringneck & Western Railroad	108
Sisseton Milbank Railroad	37
Sunflour Railroad	19
Twin Cities & Western Railroad	11
Total	1,184

SOUTH DAKOTA 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.

