

FREIGHT RAIL IN

WISCONSIN



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Moving Wisconsin's Economy. Connecting Communities.

If manufacturing and agriculture are the heart of the Badger State's vibrant economy, then railways are the circulatory system that keeps the economy healthy and growing.



3,105
FREIGHT TRACK
MILES



2,690
FREIGHT RAIL
EMPLOYEES



8.5M
TRUCKLOADS SAVED

ORIGINATING

Top Commodities Originating

Crushed Stone & Sand	18.1M Tons 158.9K Cars
Grain	3.5M Tons 33.7K Cars
Ground Minerals & Earths	1.2M Tons 12.5K Cars
Chemicals	1.2M Tons 12.4K Cars
Pulp & Paper	1M Tons 13.3K Cars
Other	4.1M Tons 71.1K Cars
301.9K TOTAL CARS 29.1M TOTAL TONS	

RECEIVED

Top Commodities Received / Terminated

Coal	18.3M Tons 151.3K Cars
Metallic Ores	7.9M Tons 75.3K Cars
Chemicals	2.6M Tons 26.5K Cars
Pulp & Paper	2M Tons 23K Cars
Petroleum Products	1.5M Tons 18K Cars
Other	8.6M Tons 134.5K Cars
428.6K TOTAL CARS 40.9M TOTAL TONS	



Class I Railroads

BNSF Railway	250
Canadian National	1,014
Canadian Pacific Kansas City	618
Union Pacific	919
Total	2,801

Short Line Railroads

Escanaba & Lake Superior Railroad	121
Fox Valley & Lake Superior Rail System	261
Tomahawk Railway	9
Wisconsin & Southern Railroad	670
Wisconsin Northern Railroad	38
Total	1,099

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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.

