

IOWA RAIL FACTS

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Rail Overview

Iowa is home to many critical freight and passenger rail lines, as well as rail suppliers. Iowa has the 7th highest number of carloads, 8th highest number of rail tons carried and 10th highest number of rail miles in the country.



Freight

16 freight railroads, including Class I's like:

- BNSF
- Union Pacific
- Canadian National
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- Norfolk Southern

and short line railroads like Iowa Interstate Railroad and Iowa Northern Railway Co, move more than **6.4 million** carloads of food, farm products, chemicals and other types of freight over **3,800** miles with **3,181** employees.

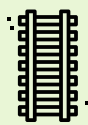


Amtrak

IA has **2** long distance trains and **1** state supported Amtrak trains, including:

- California Zephyr
- Southwest Chief

More than **58,000** train riders are served at IA stations each year. Amtrak spent more than **\$2** million on goods and services in IA in 2017.



Suppliers

The rail supply industry contributes more than **\$645** million to IA's GDP and supports more than **6,950** jobs, including **1,638** direct jobs in IA through manufacturing, transportation and business services.

Did you know?

It would have taken approximately **17.4 million** additional trucks to handle the **313** million tons of freight that originated in, terminated in, or moved through IA by rail in 2017.