

MINNESOTA RAIL FACTS

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Rail Overview

Minnesota is home to more than a dozen freight and passenger rail lines, as well as rail suppliers. Minnesota has the 8th highest number of freight rail miles and the 11th highest rail tons in the country.



Freight

18 freight railroads, including Class I's like BNSF, Canadian Pacific and Union Pacific and short line railroads like Rapid City Pierre & Eastern Railroad and Minnesota Commercial Railway move more than **3.8 million** carloads of metal, food, farm products and other types of freight over **4,200** miles with **4,270** employees.



Amtrak

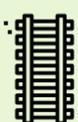
MN has **1** long distance train the Empire Builder, which runs from Chicago through Minneapolis and on to Portland and Seattle.

More than **128,000** train riders are served at MN stations each year. Amtrak spent more than **\$63** million on goods and services in MN in 2017.



Commuter

MN is home to the Northstar commuter rail line, which operates from Big Lake to downtown Minneapolis. It provides more than **787,000** passenger trips each year on **40** miles of track to **7** stations.



Suppliers

The rail supply industry contributes more than **\$1.4** billion to MN's GDP and supports more than **15,200** jobs, including **2,941** direct jobs in MN through manufacturing, transportation and business services.

Did you know?

It would have taken approximately **14** million additional trucks to handle the **252** million tons of freight that originated in, terminated in, or moved through MN by rail in 2017.