

FREIGHT RAIL IN IOWA



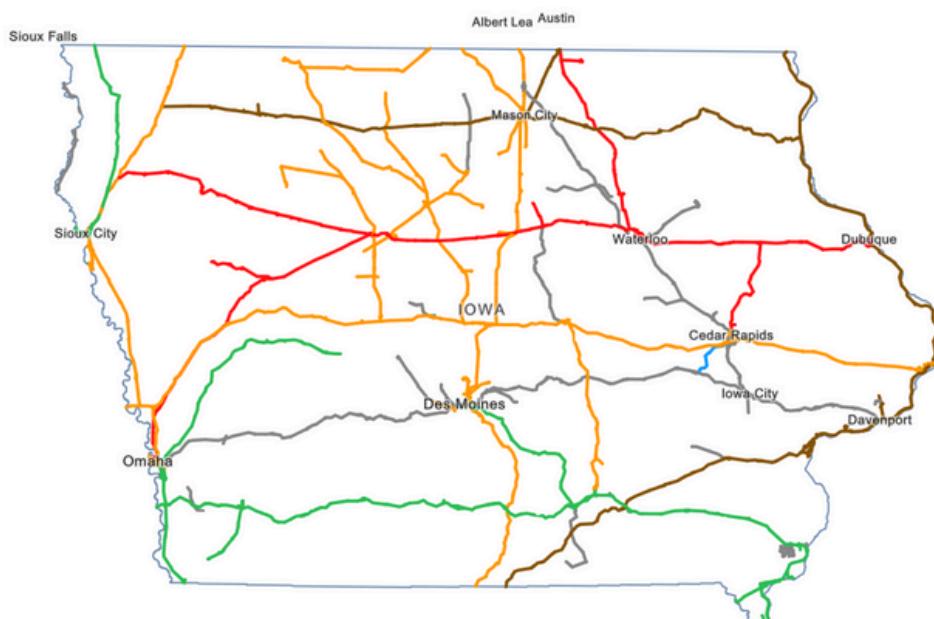
*It would have taken
14.5 MILLION TRUCKS
to handle the freight that moved
by rail in Iowa in 2022.*

Class I Railroads	
BNSF	659
Canadian National	572
CPKC	673
Norfolk Southern	43
Union Pacific	1,553
	3,500

Short Line Railroads	
Boone & Scenic Valley Railroad	2
Burlington Junction Railway	6
Cedar Rapids & Iowa City Railway	57
D&I Railroad	67
Davenport Industrial Railroad	3
Iowa & Middletown Railway	4
Iowa Interstate Railroad	355
Iowa Northern Railway	209
Iowa River Railroad	9
Iowa Southern Railway	35
Iowa Traction Railway	10
Keokuk Junction Railway	4
Mount Vernon Railroad	3
Waterloo Railroad	7
	771

FREIGHT RR EMPLOYEES	FREIGHT RRS	FREIGHT RR MILEAGE	RR RETIREMENT BENEFICIARIES	RR RETIREMENT BENEFITS
2,696	19	3,836	10,000	\$242M

- Short Line
- UP
- CN
- BNSF
- CPKC
- CSX
- NS
- Multiple Owners
- Amtrak
- GMXT



RAIL TRAFFIC ORIGINATED

COMMODITY	TONS (M)	CARLOADS
Food products	20.8	205,100
Chemicals	16.0	168,600
Grain	9.7	91,500
Crushed stone & sand	2.1	18,800
Steel products	0.7	8,100
Other	3.9	80,500
TOTAL	53.3M	572.5K

RAIL TRAFFIC TERMINATED

COMMODITY	TONS (M)	CARLOADS
Coal	13.2	110,200
Chemicals	4.4	45,300
Grain	2.2	21,900
Food products	1.8	18,500
Stone, clay, & glass pr.	1.0	9,900
Other	5.7	105,200
TOTAL	28.3M	311.1K

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THE SAFEST WAY TO MOVE FREIGHT OVER LAND

Thanks in part to technologies like train inspection portals and cracked wheel detection, the Class I mainline accident rate is down 42% since 2000, and the last decade was the safest ever, with the 2023 hazmat accident rate at its lowest ever.



\$23B ANNUAL INVESTMENTS

Capital spending as a share of revenue for freight railroads is six times what it is for the average U.S. manufacturer.



HIGH PAYING JOBS

The average Class I railroad employee earns \$135,000 to nearly \$190,000 annually in pay and benefits.



MOVING ONE TON NEARLY 500 MILES ON ONE GALLON OF FUEL.

On average, railroads are three to four times more fuel efficient than trucks, and one train can take hundreds of trucks off the road.

