

FREIGHT RAIL IN NORTH CAROLINA



It would have taken
4 MILLION TRUCKS
*to handle the freight that moved
 by rail in North Carolina in 2022.*

Class I Railroads

CSX	1,062
Norfolk Southern	1,121
	2,183

Short Line Railroads

Aberdeen & Rockfish Railroad	47
Aberdeen, Carolina and Western Railway	150
Alexander Railroad	20
Atlantic & Western Railway	60
Atlantic Railways	11
Blue Ridge Southern Railroad	92
Caldwell County Railroad	17
Cape Fear Railways	8
Carolina Coastal Railway	177
Charlotte Western Railroad	13
Chesapeake & Albemarle Railroad	51
Kinston Railroad	6
Laurinburg & Southern Railroad	40
North Carolina & Virginia Railroad	53
R. J. Corman Railroad - Carolina Lines	16
Raleigh & Fayetteville Railroad	63
Wilmington Terminal Railroad	17
Winston-Salem Southbound Railway	90
Yadkin Valley Railroad	100
	1,031

FREIGHT RR EMPLOYEES

1,657

FREIGHT RRS

21

FREIGHT RR MILEAGE

3,079

RR RETIREMENT BENEFICIARIES

11,100

RR RETIREMENT BENEFITS

\$257M

RAIL TRAFFIC ORIGINATED

COMMODITY	TONS (M)	CARLOADS
Crushed stone & sand	3.1	27,600
Chemicals	3.1	31,600
Intermodal	2.6	192,000
Lumber & wood prod.	1.2	13,100
Waste & scrap	0.9	10,100
Other	3.6	45,600
TOTAL	14.5M	320.0K

RAIL TRAFFIC TERMINATED

COMMODITY	TONS (M)	CARLOADS
Chemicals	6.7	68,600
Grain	6.4	59,900
Coal	5.8	49,800
Food products	3.9	38,700
Nonmetallic minerals	3.8	35,100
Other	11.3	307,700
TOTAL	37.8M	559.8K



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



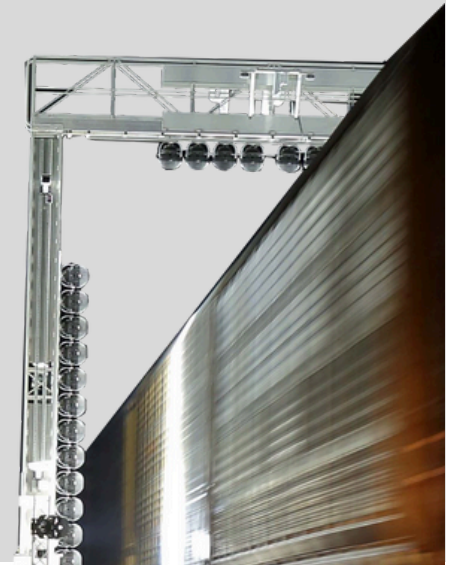
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THE SAFEST WAY TO MOVE FREIGHT OVER LAND

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.



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