

# FREIGHT RAIL IN NORTH DAKOTA



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

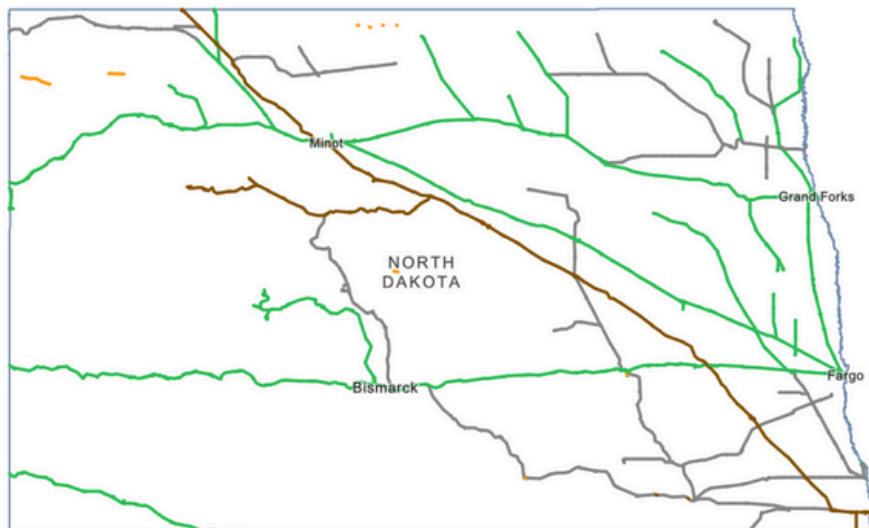
## Class I Railroads

BNSF	1,633
CPKC	530
	<b>2,163</b>

## Short Line Railroads

Dakota Northern Railroad	59
Dakota, Missouri Valley, & Western Railroad	389
Northern Plains Railroad	307
Red River Valley & Western Railroad	542
Yellowstone Valley Railroad	1
	<b>1,298</b>

FREIGHT RR EMPLOYEES	FREIGHT RRS	FREIGHT RR MILEAGE	RR RETIREMENT BENEFICIARIES	RR RETIREMENT BENEFITS
<b>1,469</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>3,234</b>	<b>3,700</b>	<b>\$93M</b>



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

## RAIL TRAFFIC ORIGINATED

COMMODITY	TONS (M)	CARLOADS
Grain	18.0	169,600
Crude oil	6.7	70,800
Food products	5.4	53,600
Chemicals	2.1	21,700
Refined petrol. prod.	1.7	22,600
Other	5.2	68,300
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>39.1M</b>	<b>406.6K</b>

## RAIL TRAFFIC TERMINATED

COMMODITY	TONS (M)	CARLOADS
Crushed stone & sand	6.5	57,900
Coal	2.6	24,300
Chemicals	2.0	20,500
Food products	0.8	8,000
Farm products	0.8	7,600
Other	3.3	51,500
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>15.9M</b>	<b>169.7K</b>

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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.

