

FREIGHT RAIL IN WISCONSIN



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

Class I Railroads

BNSF	250
Canadian National	1,014
CPKC	618
Union Pacific	919
	2,801

Short Line Railroads

Escanaba & Lake Superior Railroad	121
Fox Valley & Lake Superior Rail System	261
Tomahawk Railway	9
Wisconsin & Southern Railroad	670
Wisconsin Northern Railroad	38
	1,099

FREIGHT RR EMPLOYEES

2,690

FREIGHT RRS

9

FREIGHT RR MILEAGE

3,105

RR RETIREMENT BENEFICIARIES

10,400

RR RETIREMENT BENEFITS

\$244M



RAIL TRAFFIC ORIGINATED

COMMODITY	TONS (M)	CARLOADS
Crushed stone & sand	18.1	158,900
Grain	3.5	33,700
Stone, clay & glass pr.	1.5	15,200
Chemicals	1.2	12,400
Pulp & paper	1.0	13,300
Other	3.9	68,400
TOTAL	29.1M	301.9K

RAIL TRAFFIC TERMINATED

COMMODITY	TONS (M)	CARLOADS
Coal	18.3	151,300
Metallic ores	7.9	75,300
Chemicals	2.6	26,500
Pulp & paper	2.0	23,000
Petr. & coal products	1.5	18,000
Other	8.6	134,500
TOTAL	40.8M	428.5K



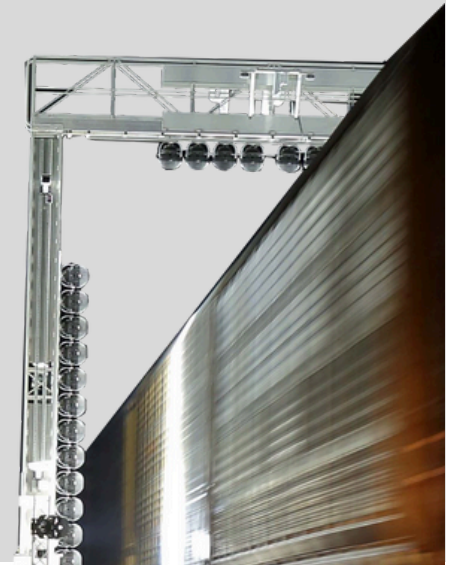
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THE SAFEST WAY TO MOVE FREIGHT OVER LAND

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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