Rail transportation in Canada, 2020



In Canada, CN and CP are the mainline freight companies, along with several short-line companies, while VIA Rail is the mainline passenger company.

The industry's total operating revenue was \$16.5 billion, while total operating expenses were

\$10.9 billion.

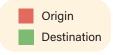


There were **31,607** employees in the rail transportation industry, whose average salary was **\$95,937**.



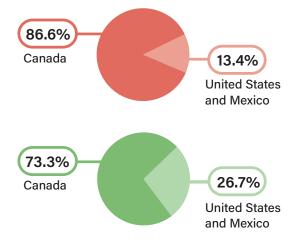
There were **2,470** freight locomotives and **57,158** freight cars.

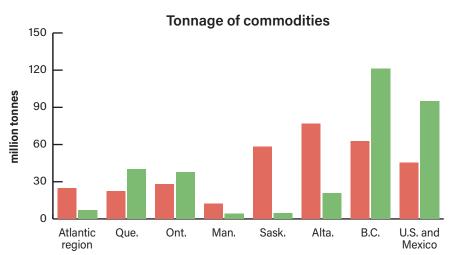
Origin and destination of all rail shipments, by weight



Alberta was the top **origin** for cargo carried by railways, while British Columbia was the top **destination**.







Non-intermodal traffic accounted for 88% of all tonnage moved by rail. Of the 321.7 million tonnes of shipments, coal was the top commodity moved by rail, at 43.1 million tonnes.

Coal 43,050,500

tonnes

Mixed loads or unidentified freight



31,262,809 tonnes Wheat

28,356,267 tonnes Potash

22,482,766 tonnes Iron ores and concentrates



19,008,202 tonnes Fuel oils and crude petroleum



15,220,456 tonnes

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