

Rail transportation in Canada, 2021



In Canada, **CN and CP** are the two main freight rail transportation companies, while many other companies provide short-line freight rail transport. **VIA Rail** is the main passenger railway company.

The industry's total rail operating revenue was **\$171 billion**, and the total rail operating expenses were **\$10.7 billion**.



There were **31,692** employees in the rail transportation industry, whose average annual salary was **\$101,114**.



There were **2,443** freight locomotives and **55,671** freight cars.

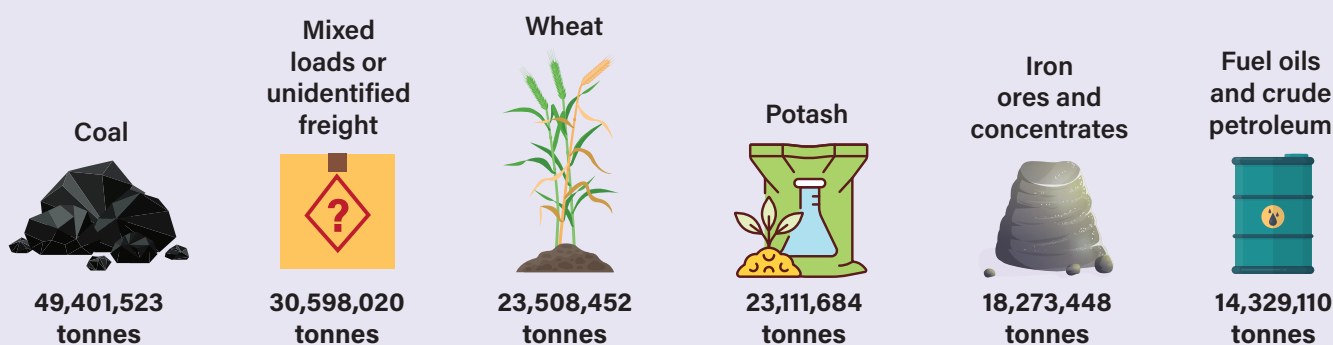


In Eastern Canada, including the Atlantic region, iron ores and concentrates (16.7 million tonnes) and mixed loads or unidentified freight (12.0 million tonnes) were the two dominant commodities moved by rail.

By comparison, the two main commodities moved by rail in Western Canada, including Northwest Territories, were coal (37.8 million tonnes) and potash (23.1 million tonnes).



Non-intermodal traffic accounted for **89%** of all tonnage by rail. Of the **321.1 million** tonnes of shipments, coal was the top commodity moved by rail, at **49.4 million** tonnes.



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