



BNSF Railway

BNSF Railway is one of North America's leading freight transportation companies, operating a rail network of 32,500 route miles in 28 states and three Canadian provinces. BNSF is one of the top transporters of the products and materials that help feed, clothe, supply and power communities throughout America and the world. BNSF moves those goods more safely and efficiently, on significantly less fuel, with fewer emissions than the all-highway alternative.



In 2024, **5.26M** intermodal shipments (truck trailers or containers) were transported on BNSF's rail lines instead of on the nation's congested highways



BNSF moved **3.1M** new cars and trucks in 2024, or ~5 per minute



BNSF moves enough grain each year to supply **740M** people with a year's supply of bread



BNSF moves enough lumber each year to frame **300K** houses



In 2024, BNSF hauled enough coal to power nearly **24M** homes for an entire year.

BNSF Facts

Length of network:	32,500
States in network:	28
Canadian provinces:	3
Employees:	~36,500
Headquarters:	Fort Worth, TX
Ports served:	40+
Intermodal facilities:	27
Average trains per day:	1,300
Locomotives:	~6,800
Capital investment (2024):	\$3.7 billion
Bridges:	13,000+
Tunnels:	99
Grade crossings:	29,000+
Packages shipped during holiday season:	76 million
Carloads shipped in 2024:	9.6 million
Distance BNSF hauls 1 ton of freight on 1 gallon of diesel fuel:	~500 miles

History

BNSF's history dates back 175 years to 1849, when the 12-mile Aurora Branch Railroad was founded in Illinois. Over the next several decades, many additional rail lines were built and eventually became part of what is today's BNSF Railway. Some of BNSF's predecessor railroads were Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe; Burlington Northern; Chicago, Burlington & Quincy; Frisco; Great Northern; Northern Pacific and Spokane, Portland & Seattle.

BNSF was created Sept. 22, 1995, from the merger of Burlington Northern, Inc. (parent company of Burlington Northern Railroad) and Santa Fe Pacific Corporation (parent company of the Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe Railway). On Feb. 12, 2010, BNSF became a subsidiary of Berkshire Hathaway, Inc.

