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United States in Numbers

As at December 31, 2024



6,798 railroaders employed



5,400 route miles operated



US\$4.1B local spending



US\$746M capital investments



US\$388M



US\$2.4M community investments



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Minnesota





MINNESOTA IN NUMBERS

As at December 31, 2024

railroaders employed

426

route miles operated

US\$117M

local spending

US\$77M capital investments

US\$19M taxes paid

US\$60K community investments

TOP THREE COMMODITIES



Iron Ore



Minerals



Forest Products

Minnesota is an important gateway from Canada into the U.S. via Ranier and then south to the port city of Duluth on Lake Superior. Turning west near Longwood, WI, CN's track heads toward Minneapolis-Saint Paul, one of the top 15 markets in the U.S.

The North Star State is home to CN's Iron Ore Supply Chain, which brings taconite pellets from the Minnesota Iron Range mines to the CN docks in Duluth and Two Harbors. There, the pellets are loaded onto Great Lakes ships for transport to the lower Great Lakes.

CN's major facilities in Minnesota include a rail classification vard and railcar/locomotive repair shop in Proctor, a vard near the Two Harbors iron ore dock, and the Duluth iron ore dock itself. There is also a yard in Ranier where CN trains cross the U.S.-Canada border.

In 2021, we opened an automotive compound for finished vehicles in New Richmond, WI. The facility serves the growing needs of our customers in Minneapolis–Saint Paul and the Upper Midwest.

Network Investments

Over the past decade, CN has invested about US\$830 million to build and maintain a safe and efficient network in Minnesota and to support our supply chain partners. The program focused on network upgrades, the replacement of rail and ties, plus maintenance of Great Lakes Fleet docks, bridges, crossings, culverts, signal systems, and other track infrastructure.

Community Investments

In 2024, CN contributed to several Minnesota-based organizations, including:

WESTERN LAKE SUPERIOR HABITAT FOR HUMANITY CN funded home adaptations and repairs for seniors and people living in poverty to increase safety and accessibility and prevent falls. The work was conducted in Duluth and Two Harbors, where CN has major taconite transshipment facilities and a major rail yard in Proctor, immediately adjacent to Duluth.

DAMIANO CENTER The Damiano Center is the largest emergency meal provider in Northeastern Minnesota and has the largest free store in Duluth. It also offers children's programming, a clothing program for people seeking employment, and other basic assistance. CN helps to fund Damiano's Safe Storage Program, which offers a secure space for guests to store their belongings.

GRAND LAKE FIRE DEPARTMENT Grand Lake Fire Dept. is a volunteer fire department headquartered in Twig, aiding in public safety, disaster preparedness and relief, firefighting and prevention, and medical emergencies. CN contributed to the acquisition of a thermal-imaging camera, an essential tool in firefighting, to detect heat signatures and provide visibility in smoke-filled and/or dark environments.

DULUTH PLAYHOUSE Founded in 1914, Duluth Playhouse is one of the nation's oldest nonprofit theatres. They present theatrical productions year-round along with their School of Performing Arts for youth and adults. By supporting Duluth Playhouse, CN is playing a leading role in the creation of innovative, high-quality theatre as well as performance education in the Twin Ports area.

TWO HARBORS AREA FOOD SHELF The Two Harbors Area Food Shelf's mission is to reduce hunger and improve the health of those in need by providing food and other resources at no cost. CN supports their weekly food distribution, which is set up as a 'drive-thru' whereby clients pull into a garage and are loaded up with 70–100 pounds of fresh, frozen and non-perishable food depending on household size.

AMERICA IN BLOOM As part of our EcoConnexions From the Ground Up program, CN partnered with America in Bloom to promote beautification in Scandia by planting trees, shrubs and groundcovers.



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