

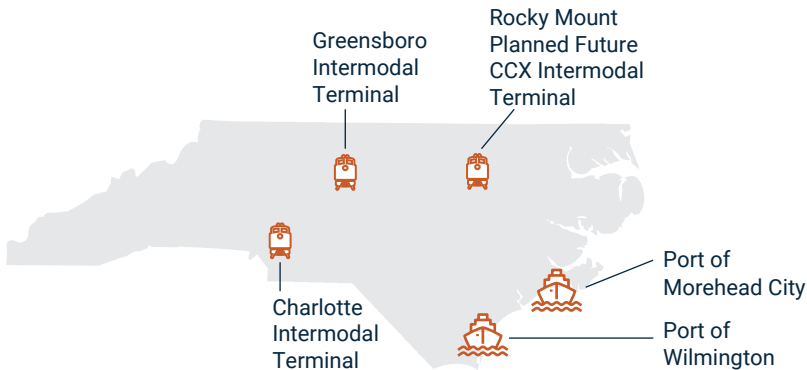


The North Carolina Priority Freight Network

The movement of goods is a major contributor to North Carolina's economy and quality of life. North Carolina's freight assets are the backbone of the state's economic vitality, moving millions of tons of freight each year to businesses and residents across the state.

The majority of industries and economic activities that consumers and producers depend upon, from grocery stores and restaurants to retail shops, office supplies, and construction, rely on the distribution of goods.

Rail moved the second highest volume of freight in 2015, carrying 16 percent of the state's freight volumes with 14 percent in full carloads and 2 percent by intermodal cars. Rail assets in North Carolina that are most critical to freight transportation include:



North Carolina is served by two Class 1 railroads, CSX and Norfolk Southern, and 21 short lines and terminal railroads that connect state industries to domestic and international markets.

The Value of Freight Cargo



Source: NCDOT 2017 North Carolina Statewide Multimodal Freight Plan

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Expand Rail Freight Market Opportunities

North Carolina is positioned to significantly grow rail freight in the state through its investments, partnerships with railroads, and global shifts in trade patterns.

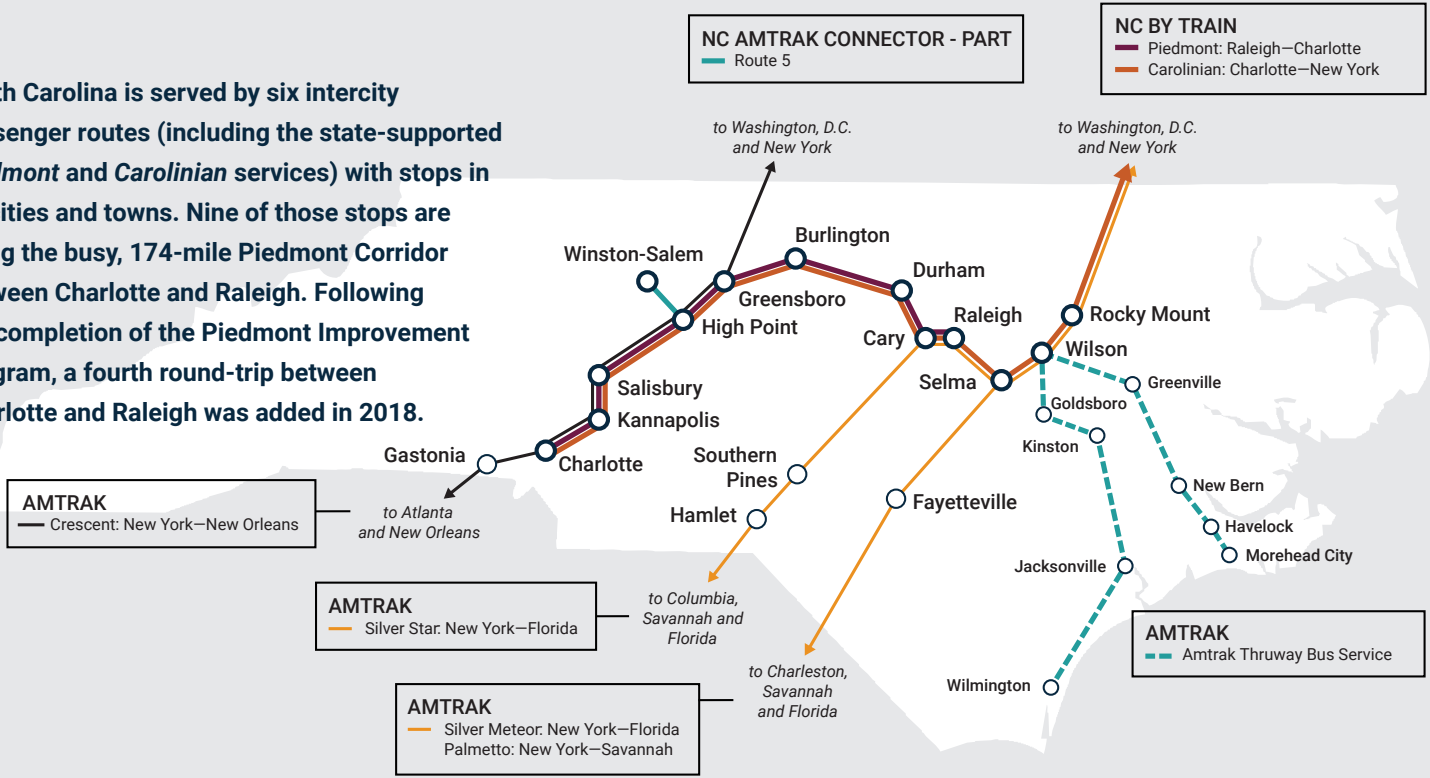
Through strategic actions, North Carolina can expand its rail freight market making it more competitive for shippers and easing the pressures on the highway system.



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Passenger Rail in North Carolina

North Carolina is served by six intercity passenger routes (including the state-supported *Piedmont* and *Carolinian* services) with stops in 16 cities and towns. Nine of those stops are along the busy, 174-mile Piedmont Corridor between Charlotte and Raleigh. Following the completion of the Piedmont Improvement Program, a fourth round-trip between Charlotte and Raleigh was added in 2018.



More Than **70%** of the state's population lives within a 30-mile radius of a passenger station.

11% of North Carolina residents residing within a 30-mile radius of train stops are served by Amtrak's bus service.

More Than **72 million** people in 13 states live within 30 miles of a station served by train service running through North Carolina.



All this means nearly **860,000** passengers boarded trains in North Carolina in 2017.

Source: 2015 Comprehensive State Rail Plan, NCDOT

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