

New Zealand Rail Transport Industry Switches





Overview

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RAIL NETWORK

Rail is an essential part of New Zealand's freight, supply chain and public transport network, supporting businesses, the public and economy. Current services supported by New Zealand's national rail

New Zealand brings rail in from the cold

The Draft New Zealand Rail Plan, released in November 2019, outlines a shift in the structure through which the strategy for rail is planned and financed.



Rail investment programme rolled out

Rail Minister, Winston Peters, has today announced the finalisation of the 2024/25-2026/27 Rail Network Investment Programme, which will provide

New Zealand Railway Switch Market (2025-2031) , Outlook Growth

6Wresearch actively monitors the New Zealand Railway Switch Market and publishes its comprehensive annual report, highlighting emerging trends, growth drivers, revenue analysis, and forecast outlook.

Briefing to the Incoming Minister

Transport gives people access to family and whanau, places of learning and employment, and supports their participation in society. It contributes to the economic prosperity of cities, towns, local



Auckland trains back on track as industrial action

Auckland Transport has announced trains in the city will return to their normal schedule, with industrial action by unionised train staff being withdrawn.

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When the New Zealand Railways Corporation became a government-owned corporation in the 1980s and was subsequently privatised, a raft of regulations was discarded, including, most importantly, the

2023/28 Aotearoa Strategy



The landscape for rail in New Zealand has evolved in recent years, with the Government deciding to increase its investment in rail infrastructure and releasing the New Zealand Rail Plan in 2021.

Rail Transport in New Zealand Market Size Statistics , IBISWorld

Is the Rail Transport in New Zealand expected to grow or decline over the next five years? See our full analysis of the Rail Transport in New Zealand to understand if the industry market size is

1999-08-10 The Privitisation of New Zealand Rail Part 1: Assessment

Because detailed road transport data is not available for this period, use is made of the Statistics New Zealand Enterprise Survey, which reports industry revenue data rather than output volume but is



The Role of Rail in New Zealand's Freight Transport Strate

However there are opportunities for major improvements in rail productivity and service quality, and we outline here how these could make rail into a real force in New Zealand freight transport and open up

The New Zealand Rail Plan

The New Zealand Rail Plan outlines the Government's vision and investment priorities for rail, and the significant changes needed to strengthen rail in our transport system.

The Benefit of Rail to New Zealand



Since the 1880s, rail has played an important role in the social and economic life of New Zealand. Over time, that role has changed, developed, and evolved. The dynamic and integrated nature of rail

Rail transport in New Zealand

Rail transport in New Zealand is an integral part of New Zealand's transport network, with a nationwide network of 4,375.5 km (2,718.8 mi) of track linking most major

Rail Transport in New Zealand Industry Analysis, 2026

Freight volumes and revenue for New Zealand's rail industry have declined since 2022-23, resulting from intense competition from road freight, loss of key contracts, economic headwinds and significant



Provinces backed by \$1.3 billion rail infrastructure

The 2024/25-2026/27 Rail Network Investment Programme has been finalised, providing \$1.360 billion over three years with infrastructure investment that backs provincial New Zealand, Rail

KiwiRail

KiwiRail Holdings Limited is a New Zealand state-owned enterprise (SOE) responsible for rail operations in New Zealand and operates inter-island ferries. Trading as KiwiRail and headquartered at 604

The Draft



The new planning and funding framework will require the Ministry of Transport, Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency (the Transport Agency), KiwiRail, Auckland Council, Auckland Transport and

Rail to play 'significant role' in NZ's future, says industry

Rail has an "exciting future" in New Zealand's transport network, with record investment and increasing passenger numbers, a rail summit has heard.

Rail transport in New Zealand explained

Only the Wellington and Manawatu Railway Company, nationalised in 1908, achieved any measure of success, with the rest being purchased by the Government before completion of their



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Rail continues to be a critical player in facilitating the movement of passengers and freight throughout New Zealand, providing a vital service for Auckland and Wellington commuters, and connecting New

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