Minnesota’s outbound freight shipments total nearly 291.7 million tons annually, ranking 11th nationwide. Sixty-five percent of shipments are shipped by truck.

With 188.9 million tons shipped by truck annually, the state ranks 13th nationwide.

By value of shipments, top commodities are mixed freight, non-metallic mineral products, meat and poultry and other prepared foods, machinery, electronics, and vehicles and parts.

Nearly 1.3 million American businesses, including 59,180 manufacturers, are located within 500-mile radius of Minneapolis-St. Paul. Portions of the Canadian provinces of Manitoba and Ontario are also within the radius, including the cities of Winnipeg and Thunder Bay.

According to the Commercial Carrier Journal, Minnesota is home to 12 of the nation’s 250 largest for-hire trucking companies.