

Calculating Line Lengths and Statistics

QGIS Tutorials and Tips



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For convenience, you may directly download a copy of the dataset from the link below:

[ne_10m_railroads_north_america..zip](#)

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1. □□□□ :menuselection: `Layer --> Add Vector Layer` □ □□□□.



2. ``ne_10m_railroads_north_america.zip`` □□□ □□□ :guilabel: `OK` □ □□□□□.



3. In the Select layers to add... dialog, choose *ne_10m_railroads_north_america.shp* layer.

Attribute table - ne_10m_railroads_north_america :: Features total: 1127, filtered: 1127, selected: 0

	scalerank	featurecla	sov_a3	uident	add	natrscale	continent
0	8	Railroad	USA	1506	0	0	North America
1	9	Railroad	USA	1606	1	5	North America
2	8	Railroad	USA	1706	0	0	North America
3	8	Railroad	USA	1806	0	0	North America
4	8	Railroad	USA	1906	0	0	North America
5	8	Railroad	USA	2006	0	0	North America
6	8	Railroad	USA	2106	0	0	North America
7	9	Railroad	USA	2206	1	5	North America
8	8	Railroad	USA	2306	0	0	North America
9	8	Railroad	USA	2406	0	0	North America
10	8	Railroad	USA	2506	0	0	North America
11	8	Railroad	USA	2606	0	0	North America
12	8	Railroad	USA	2706	0	0	North America
13	8	Railroad	USA	2806	0	0	North America
14	9	Railroad	USA	2906	1	5	North America
15	9	Railroad	USA	3006	1	5	North America
16	8	Railroad	USA	3106	0	0	North America
17	8	Railroad	USA	3206	0	0	North America
18	8	Railroad	USA	3306	0	0	North America
19	8	Railroad	USA	3506	0	0	North America
20	8	Railroad	USA	3606	0	0	North America
21	8	Railroad	USA	3706	0	0	North America
22	8	Railroad	USA	3806	0	0	North America
23	9	Railroad	USA	3906	1	5	North America

Show All Features

6. ☐ ☐ ☐ Attribute Table` ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ :guilabel:`Select features using an expression ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐.



8. Back in the main QGIS window, you will see that all lines that fall in USA are selected and appear in yellow.



9. `ne_10m_railroads_north_america`, `Save Selection As...`



10. `:guilabel: 'Browse'` `usa_railroads.shp` `:guilabel: 'CRS'` `:guilabel: 'Browse'`

Note

CRS `EPSG:4326` `**degrees**` `**degrees**`, `square degrees**` `**meters` `**feet**`



11. `filter = 'Filter'` `crs = 'north america equ'` `crs = 'North_America_Equidistant_Conic'` `crs = 'EPSG:102010'` `crs = 'OK'`



12. □ □□□ □ □□ □□□ Save vector layer as... □□□□□ □□ □□ □□ □□
 :guilabel: `Add saved file to map` □ □□□ :guilabel: `OK` □ □□□□.



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14. ``usa_railroads`` □□□□ □□ □□ □□□□ □□ □□ □□ :guilabel: ``Open Attribute Table`` □ □□□□□.

Attribute table - usa_railroads :: Features total: 752, filtered: 752, selected: 0



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0	8	Railroad	USA	1506	0	North America
1	9	Railroad	USA	1606	1	North America
2	8	Railroad	USA	1706	0	North America
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21	8	Railroad	USA	3706	0	North America
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Show All Features

16. `Field Calculator` `Create a new field` `length_kilometers`.
`Output field name` `length_kilometers`. `Output field type` `Decimal number (real)`. `Precision` `2`. `Function list` `Geometry` `$length`. `Expression` `$length / 1000`. `OK`.



17. 属性表 Attribute Table 中 新建 字段 :guilabel: `length_km` 数据类型 为 数字。 勾选 :guilabel: `Toggle editing` 按钮 即可 编辑 数据。

Basics statistics

Input Vector Layer
usa_railroads

☐ Use only selected features

Target field
length_km

Statistics output

Parameter	Value
Mean	127.751569149
StdDev	125.80562595
Sum	96069.18
Min	0.01
Max	936.6
N	752.0
CV	0.984767755...
Number of unique values	743

Press Ctrl+C to copy results to the clipboard

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