# Zimbabwe

## Summary

### Nodes

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| railway | count |
| null | 3079 |
| level\_crossing | 998 |
| switch | 254 |
| buffer\_stop | 93 |
| station | 28 |
| crossing | 22 |
| halt | 7 |
| stop | 4 |
| platform | 1 |
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Railway tag value and count where name tag value is not null.

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| railway | count |
| station | 21 |
| halt | 5 |
| stop | 4 |
| level\_crossing | 1 |
| crossing | 1 |
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### Edges

#### All edges – status

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| open | 3430 |
| abandoned | 14 |
| disused | 5 |
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#### All edges – type

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| conventional | 3406 |
| other | 43 |
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#### Named edges

#### Bridge/viaduct

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| null | 3278 |
| bridge | 147 |
| platform | 24 |
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## Information

* <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/National_Railways_of_Zimbabwe>
* Primarily run by National Railways of Zimbabwe – passenger and freight - <https://nrz.co.zw>
* 1067 mm gauge
* Beitbridge Bulawayo Railway (BBR) – private link between Beitbridge (SA border) and Bulawayo (primarily for freight). Understood not to be running?
* <https://www.sinfin.net/railways/world/zimbabwe.html>
* Passenger service: <https://nrz.co.zw/passenger-services/> (may be suspended due to Covid)
  + Harare-Bulawayo-Harare
  + Bulawayo-Victoria Falls-Bulawayo
  + Harare-Mutare-Harare
  + Bulawayo-Chiredzi-Bulawayo
  + Bulawayo-Chicualacuala-Bulawayo
  + Bulawayo-Francistown-Bulawayo
  + Commuter service: within Bulawayo (Cowdray Park – Bulawayo).
* Old timetable: <https://nrz.co.zw/intercity-coach-time-table/>
* <https://www.seat61.com/Zimbabwe.htm>
* <https://www.seat61.com/Mozambique.htm#Maputo_to_Chicualacuala_&_Bulawayo_(Zimbabwe)>
* <http://www.railwaystationlists.co.uk/pdfafrica/zimbabweandbotswanarlys.pdf>
* For running speed information see Zimbabwe Infrastructure Report 2019.

### Lines

* (Zambia border) - Victoria Falls – Bulawayo - Plumtree (and Botswana border)
  + Link from Victoria Falls to Zambia
* Beira (Mozambique) – Mutare - Bulawayo Railway
  + <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Beira%E2%80%93Bulawayo_railway>
  + Harare to Mutare section said to be the busiest route, incudes sleeper trains
  + Connections:
    - Limpopo line at Somabhula to Port of Maputo (Mozambique)
    - At Dondo (Mozambique) - Sena railway – Chipata, Zambia (varied state of use I think in different countries)
    - At Umzingwane – Beitbridge Bulawayo railway
    - At Bulawayo – Cape to Cairo Railway
  + Branches:
    - Chinhoyi branch (Harare – Chinhoyi)
      * Maryland – Kildonan branch
      * Bindura branch (Harare - Shamva)
    - Gweru – Masvingo branch
      * Surugwi branch (Gweru - Shurugwi)
    - Incisa branch (within Incisa)
    - Redcliff branch (within Redcliff)
* Harare – Zawi (Zave).
  + For Zave siding location see: https://mapcarta.com/14103226
* Limpopo railway (Somabhula – Sango/Nyangambe) [connects Maputo in Mozambique to Somabhula in Zimbabwe]
  + <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Limpopo_railway>
  + Rebuilt in 2004 after floods in 2000
  + Mozambqiue section - Chicualacuala – Maputo (Mozambique - port)
  + Connects at Somabhula to the Beira – Bulawayo line
  + Rutenga, the Limpopo line connects with the Rutenga-Beitbridge railway
  + Mbizi - Nandi – Mkwasine branch (Chiredzi Branch). 35km Between Nandi and Mkwasine was rehabilitated and completed in 2017. See: <https://www.herald.co.zw/nrz-rehabilitates-chiredzi-railway-line/#disqus_thread>. This part of line used to move sugar cane to mills in Hippo Valley and Triangle. See: https://www.chronicle.co.zw/cane-farmers-joy-at-nandi-mkwasine-rail-line/
  + Noelvale branch (Zvishavane)
  + Appears to be operating – see news story saying expected to be back in operation October 2022: <https://clubofmozambique.com/news/zimbabwe-maputo-rail-link-back-in-action-soon-the-herald-224266/>. Also Rutenga designated a dry port. It also “reopened” in 2019 after sabotage caused a derailment, so clearly maintained: https://clubofmozambique.com/news/limpopo-line-reopens-after-sabotage-aim-report/
* Beitbridge Bulawayo Railway (BBR) – private (freight)

### International links

* Zambia (at Victoria Falls)
* Mozambique
* Botswana
* South Africa
* Possible future proposal to link to Kafue in Zambia to Lion’s Den in Zimbabwe

