



# Lake Carriers' Association

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### Lakes Coal Trade Up 22 Percent in January

CLEVELAND—Shipments of coal on the Great Lakes totaled 750,000 tons in January, an increase of 22 percent compared to a year ago. The largest gain – nearly 60 percent – came in loadings from Superior, Wisconsin.

Despite the positive comparison to a year ago, this January's shipments are nearly 40 percent below the month's 5-year average.

**Great Lakes Coal Shipments: January 2006-2011 and 5-Year Average**  
(net tons)

Port	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	Average 2006-2010
Superior, WI	687,977	532,042	847,858	390,328	365,953	585,329	564,832
Thunder Bay, ON	25,100	0	26,923	28,516	12,188	0	18,545
<b>Total - Lake Superior</b>	<b>713,077</b>	<b>532,042</b>	<b>874,781</b>	<b>418,844</b>	<b>378,141</b>	<b>585,329</b>	<b>583,377</b>
Chicago, IL	289,810	121,214	43,773	60,668	26,846	32,276	108,462
<b>Total - Lake Michigan</b>	<b>289,810</b>	<b>121,214</b>	<b>43,773</b>	<b>60,668</b>	<b>26,846</b>	<b>32,276</b>	<b>108,462</b>
Toledo, OH	0	0	16,141	0	0	0	3,228
Sandusky, OH	115,235	0	97,250	77,092	44,651	82,100	66,846
Ashtabula, OH	382,671	144,245	267,020	222,367	166,638	51,567	236,588
Conneaut, OH	442,939	471,898	197,485	0	0	0	222,464
Buffalo, NY	0	0	34,604	0	0	0	6,921
<b>Total - Lake Erie</b>	<b>940,845</b>	<b>616,143</b>	<b>612,500</b>	<b>299,459</b>	<b>211,289</b>	<b>133,667</b>	<b>536,047</b>
<b>Total - All Lakes</b>	<b>1,943,732</b>	<b>1,269,399</b>	<b>1,531,054</b>	<b>778,971</b>	<b>616,276</b>	<b>751,272</b>	<b>1,227,886</b>

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