



Lake Carriers' Association

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Great Lakes Coal Trade Down 49 Percent in January

CLEVELAND – Shipments of coal on the Great Lakes totaled 382,318 tons in January, a decrease of 49 percent compared to a year ago. The decrease was even greater – 62 percent – when compared to the month's 5-year average.

Loadings at Lake Superior ports fell approximately 67 percent compared to both a year ago and their 5-year average.

Shipments from Lake Michigan more than doubled their volume of a year ago and were 20,000 tons ahead of the month's 5-year average.

The coal trade out of Lake Erie was little changed from a year ago, but almost 70 percent below its 5-year average.

Great Lakes Coal Shipments: January 2007-2012 and 5-Year Average
(net tons)

Port	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	Average 2007-2012
Superior, WI	532,042	847,858	390,328	365,953	585,329	187,082	544,302
Thunder Bay, ON	0	26,923	28,516	12,188	0	3,103	13,525
Total - Lake Superior	532,042	874,781	418,844	378,141	585,329	190,185	557,827
Chicago, IL	121,214	43,773	60,668	26,846	32,276	76,885	56,955
Total - Lake Michigan	121,214	43,773	60,668	26,846	32,276	76,885	56,955
Toledo, OH	0	16,141	0	0	0	0	3,228
Sandusky, OH	0	97,250	77,092	44,651	82,100	43,582	60,219
Ashtabula, OH	144,245	267,020	222,367	166,638	51,567	71,666	170,367
Conneaut, OH	471,898	197,485	0	0	0	0	133,877
Buffalo, NY	0	34,604	0	0	0	0	6,921
Total - Lake Erie	616,143	612,500	299,459	211,289	133,667	115,248	374,612
Total - All Lakes	1,269,399	1,531,054	778,971	616,276	751,272	382,318	989,394

Lake Carriers' Association represents 17 American companies that operate 56 U.S.-flag vessels on the Great Lakes and carry the raw materials that drive the nation's economy: iron ore and fluxstone for the steel industry, aggregate and cement for the construction industry, coal for power generation.... Collectively, these vessels can transport more than 115 million tons of cargo per year when high water offsets lack of adequate dredging. Those cargos support more than 103,000 jobs with an average wage of \$47,000. More information is available at www.lcaships.com.

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