



# Lake Carriers' Association

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### Great Lakes Iron Ore Trade Up 6.4 Percent in April

CLEVELAND—Iron ore shipments on the Great Lakes totaled 5.7 million tons in April, an increase of 6.4 percent compared to a year ago. Loadings were also 13.8 percent ahead of the month's 5-year average.

Shipments from U.S. ports totaled 5.1 million tons, an increase of 9.2 percent compared to a year ago. However, loadings at Canadians dipped slightly.

Through April the iron ore trade stands at 10.7 million tons, an increase of roughly 12.5 percent compared to both a year ago and the 5-year average for the January-April timeframe. Shipments from U.S. ports are up 11.7 percent compared to a year ago and 13.7 percent ahead of their 5-year average. Loadings at Canadian ports are 21 percent ahead of last year's pace, but marginally below their 5-year average for the first four months of the year.

Lake Carriers' Association represents 17 American companies that operate 55 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. More information is available at [www.lcaships.com](http://www.lcaships.com).

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