



# Lake Carriers' Association

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### Great Lakes Iron Ore Trade Off 2.7 Percent in August

CLEVELAND—Iron ore shipments on the Great Lakes totaled 6.4 million tons in August, a decrease of 9 percent compared to July, and 2.7 percent below the level of a year ago. Shipments were, however, 22.7 percent ahead of August's 5-year average.

Shipments from U.S. ports totaled 5.4 million tons, a decrease of 7.3 percent compared to a year ago. Included in that total were 440,000 tons shipped to Québec City for final delivery overseas.

Loadings at Canadian ports rose nearly 35 percent to 960,000 tons.

Through August the iron ore trade stands at 38.5 million tons, an increase of 5.1 percent compared to a year ago, and 17.5 percent better than the 5-year average for the January-August timeframe.

Shipments from U.S. ports are up 3.3 percent compared to a year ago and 18.3 percent ahead of their 5-year average. Loadings at Canadian ports are up 20.1 percent compared to a year ago and 11.7 percent ahead of their 5-year average.

Lake Carriers' Association represents 17 American companies that operate 57 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, as well as salt, sand and grain. Collectively, these vessels can transport more than 115 million tons of cargo per year. More information is available at [www.lcaships.com](http://www.lcaships.com).

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