



# Lake Carriers' Association

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### April Coal Shipments on the Lakes Little Changed from a Year Ago

CLEVELAND – Shipments of coal on the Great Lakes totaled 2.2 million tons in April, a virtual tie with a year ago. The trade was, however, 19 percent below the month's 5-year average.

Shipments from Lake Superior ports totaled 1.4 million tons, a slight increase over a year ago. Included in that total were 168,000 tons loaded in Superior, Wisconsin, and transshipped to Québec City for loading into oceangoing colliers.

Loadings in Chicago totaled 300,000 tons, again a slight increase compared to a year ago.

Shipments from Lake Erie ports dipped to 500,000 tons, a decrease of 22 percent compared to a year ago.

Year-to-date the Lakes coal trade stands at 2.8 million tons, a decrease of 15.4 percent compared to a year ago, and 33 percent below the 5-year average for the January-April timeframe.

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. Those cargos support more than 103,000 jobs with an average wage of \$47,000. More information is available at [www.lcaships.com](http://www.lcaships.com).

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