



Lake Carriers' Association

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Lakes Coal Trade Well Below Long Term Average in January

CLEVELAND – Coal shipments on the Great Lakes totaled 373,000 tons in January. While the total represents an increase of 62 percent compared to a year ago, January 2013 was well below previous years, and even this January's total is 25 percent below the month's long-term average.

The harsh weather did limit coal shipments in January. Vessels experienced significant delays due to heavy ice on the Lakes and slower loads at some docks.

Great Lakes Coal Shipments: January 2009-2014 and 5-Year Average
(net tons)

Port	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	Average 2009-2013*
Superior, WI	390,328	365,953	585,329	187,082	57,537	158,845	298,975
Thunder Bay, ON	28,516	12,188	0	3,103	0	0	3,823
Total - Lake Superior	418,844	378,141	585,329	190,185	57,537	158,845	302,798
Chicago, IL	60,668	26,846	32,276	76,885	70,607	60,713	51,654
Total - Lake Michigan	60,668	26,846	32,276	76,885	70,607	60,713	51,654
Toledo, OH	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sandusky, OH	77,092	44,651	82,100	43,582	102,011	35,391	68,086
Ashtabula, OH	222,367	166,638	51,567	71,666	0	117,683	72,468
Total - Lake Erie	299,459	211,289	133,667	115,248	102,011	153,074	140,554
Total - All Lakes	778,971	616,276	751,272	382,318	230,155	372,632	495,005

* Excludes 2009

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.

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