



Lake Carriers' Association

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Winter Puts Lakes Ore Trade in the Deep Freeze in January

CLEVELAND—Shipments of iron ore on the Great Lakes totaled 2 million tons in January, a decrease of 37 percent compared to a year ago. The decrease was entirely the result of the early and harsh winter. Voyages that should have taken a few days often stretched more than a week. There were also significant delays at loading docks.

Shipments from U.S. ports totaled 1.8 million tons, a decrease of 39 percent compared to a year ago. Only one port, Escanaba, Michigan, increased its shipments compared to a year ago. Escanaba is located below the Soo Locks, so it can keep shipping after the locks close on January 15.

Shipments on the Seaway totaled 237,000 tons, a decrease of 16 percent.

Iron Ore Shipments from Great Lakes and Seaway Ports to Great Lakes Destinations Includes Shipments to Quebec City for Transshipment Overseas January 2009-2014 and 5-Year Average (net tons)

U.S. Great Lakes Ports							
Port	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	Average 2009-2013*
Duluth, Minnesota	199,140	109,799	473,334	236,121	317,682	207,120	284,234
Superior, Wisconsin	0	182,665	289,538	709,294	495,564	169,522	419,265
Two Harbors, Minnesota	417,171	316,403	746,675	647,515	924,672	449,732	658,816
Silver Bay, Minnesota	0	278,498	228,965	318,181	194,472	79,528	255,029
Presque Isle, Michigan	24,781	301,026	494,816	608,215	630,146	258,336	508,551
Escanaba, Michigan	66,963	574,479	589,046	931,146	117,310	402,555	552,995
Cleveland, Ohio	0	135,360	65,618	136,544	250,979	223,149	147,125
Total	708,055	1,898,230	2,887,992	3,587,016	2,930,825	1,789,942	2,826,016
Canadian Seaway Ports							
Pointe Noire, Quebec	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Port Cartier, Quebec	0	0	157,277	0	282,389	236,875	109,917
Sept Iles, Quebec	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	0	0	157,277	0	282,389	236,875	109,917
Total – U.S. and Canada	708,055	1,898,230	3,045,269	3,587,016	3,213,214	2,026,817	2,935,932

* 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. More information is available at www.lcaships.com. Contact: Glen G. Nekvasil, Vice President (440-333-9996).

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