

# Lake Carriers' Association

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## Lakes Limestone Trade Down 18 Percent in July

CLEVELAND — Shipments of limestone on the Great Lakes totaled 3,348,040 tons in July, a decrease of 18 percent compared to a year ago. July's loadings were also 14 percent below the month's 5-year average.

Loadings out of U.S. quarries totaled 2.6 million tons, a decrease of 26 percent compared to a year ago. Shipments from Canadian quarries totaled 760,000 tons, an increase of 35 percent compared to a year ago.

Year-to-date the Lakes limestone trade stands at 13.1 million tons, a decrease of 6 percent compared to a year ago. Loadings out of Michigan and Ohio quarries total 10.4 million tons, a decrease of 11 percent. Shipments from Ontario quarries total 2.7 million tons, an increase of 19 percent.

### Great Lakes Limestone Shipments from U.S. and Canadian Ports: July 2011-2016 and Long-Term Average (net tons)

	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	Average 2011-2015
U.S. Ports	2,980,108	3,347,818	3,001,741	3,533,609	3,510,422	2,586,267	3,274,740
Canadian Ports	670,284	735,935	506,706	556,470	562,133	761,773	606,306
<b>Total</b>	<b>3,650,392</b>	<b>4,083,753</b>	<b>3,508,447</b>	<b>4,090,079</b>	<b>4,072,555</b>	<b>3,348,040</b>	<b>3,881,046</b>

### Year-To-Date 2011-2016 and Long-Term Average (net tons)

	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	Average 2011-2015
U.S. Ports	10,030,268	11,594,262	11,071,163	10,340,545	11,685,126	10,428,847	10,944,273
Canadian Ports	2,293,211	2,451,747	1,759,075	1,701,735	2,279,607	2,712,419	2,097,075
<b>Total</b>	<b>12,323,479</b>	<b>14,046,009</b>	<b>12,830,238</b>	<b>12,042,280</b>	<b>13,964,733</b>	<b>13,141,266</b>	<b>13,041,348</b>

U.S. ports: Calcite, Cedarville, Drummond Island, Port Inland, Presque Isle (all Michigan), and Marblehead (Ohio). Canadian ports: Bruce Mines, Manitoulin Island and Smelter Bay (all Ontario).

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