

Lake Carriers' Association

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Great Lakes Limestone Trade Up 1.3 Percent in 2018

CLEVELAND — Shipments of limestone on the Great Lakes totaled 28.4 million tons in 2018, an increase of 1.3 percent compared to 2017. 2018's loadings were also 2.8 percent above the trade's 5-year average.

Loadings from U.S. quarries totaled 23.45 million tons, an increase of 1.2 percent compared to 2017. Shipments from U.S. quarries also topped their 5-year average by a like percent.

Shipments from Canadian quarries totaled 4.9 million tons, an increase of 1.7 percent from 2017, and 10.8 percent better than their 5-year average.

GREAT LAKES LIMESTONE TRADE: DECEMBER 2013-2018 AND LONG-TERM AVERAGE (net tons)

	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	Average 2013-2017
U.S. Ports	1,153,638	1,203,358	1,248,823	915,102	1,144,188	1,314,890	1,133,022
Canadian Ports	84,418	168,771	240,658	163,289	165,920	93,032	164,611
Total	1,238,056	1,372,129	1,489,481	1,078,391	1,310,108	1,407,922	1,297,633

GREAT LAKES LIMESTONE TRADE: 2013-2018 AND LONG-TERM AVERAGE (net tons)

	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	Average 2013-2017
U.S. Ports	23,855,920	22,894,422	24,539,703	21,378,104	23,170,094	23,451,984	23,167,649
Canadian Ports	3,749,853	4,218,634	4,488,767	4,958,638	4,854,996	4,935,971	4,454,178
Total	27,605,773	27,113,056	29,028,470	26,336,742	28,025,090	28,387,955	27,621,827

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

About Lake Carriers' Association

Lake Carriers' Association ("LCA") represents 13 American companies that operate 45 U.S.-flag vessels ("lakers") 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, its members can transport more than 90 million tons of dry-bulk cargo per year and employ more than 1,600 men and women, all of whom are U.S. citizens or legally admitted aliens, and provide annual wages and benefits of approximately \$125 million. In turn, those cargos create and sustain nearly 116,000 jobs in the eight Great Lakes states and generate more than \$20 billion in economic activity, \$8.3 billion in personal income, \$16.4 billion in business revenue, \$4.1 billion in local purchases and \$3.7 billion in taxes.

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