

Lake Carriers' Association

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Lakes Limestone Trade Down Slightly in June

CLEVELAND — Shipments of limestone on the Great Lakes totaled 4,066,915 tons in June, a decrease of less than 1 percent from a year ago. This June's loadings were above the month's 5-year average by 6.9 percent.

Loadings out of U.S. quarries totaled 3,400,440 tons, an increase of approximately 162,252 tons compared to a year ago. However, shipments from Canadian quarries totaled 666,475 tons, a decrease of 188,041 tons or 22 percent.

Year-to-date the Lakes limestone trade stands at 10,753,764 tons, an increase of 14.8 percent compared to 2018. Loadings from Michigan and Ohio quarries increased 15.6 percent from a year ago. Shipments from Ontario quarries total 1,846,696 tons, an increase of 183,379 tons.

Great Lakes Limestone Trade: June 2014-2019 and Long-Term Average

(net tons)

	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	Average 2014-2018
U.S. Ports	3,069,520	3,278,629	2,948,189	2,786,784	3,238,188	3,400,440	3,064,262
Canadian Ports	633,646	764,137	780,907	668,235	*854,516	666,475	*740,288
Total	3,703,166	4,042,766	3,729,096	3,455,019	*4,092,704	4,066,915	*3,804,550

Great Lakes Limestone Trade: Year-To-Date 2014-2019 and Long-Term Average

(net tons)

	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	Average 2014-2018
U.S. Ports	6,806,936	8,174,704	7,842,580	7,122,172	7,707,262	8,907,068	7,530,731
Canadian Ports	1,145,265	1,717,474	1,950,646	1,648,072	*1,663,317	1,846,696	*1,624,955
Total	7,952,201	9,892,178	9,793,226	8,770,244	*9,370,579	10,753,764	*9,155,686

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, Port Colborne (from August 2017 on), and Smelter Bay (all Ontario).

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