

# Lake Carriers' Association

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## Lakes Limestone Trade Up 11.4 Percent in October

CLEVELAND — Shipments of limestone on the Great Lakes totaled 3.8 million tons in October, an increase of 11.4 percent compared to a year ago. Limestone cargos also bettered the month's 5-year average by 8.5 percent.

Loadings from U.S. quarries totaled 3.1 million tons, an increase of 10.6 percent. Shipments from Canadian quarries totaled 696,978 tons, an increase of 15.5 percent.

Year-to-date the limestone trade stands at 27.2 million tons, an increase of 11.5 percent compared to a year ago. Loadings from Michigan and Ohio quarries total 22.3 million tons, an increase of 12.2 percent. Shipments from Ontario quarries total 4.96 million tons, an increase 8.5 percent.

### GREAT LAKES LIMESTONE TRADE: OCTOBER 2014-2019 AND LONG-TERM AVERAGE (NET TONS)

	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	Average 2014-2018
U.S. Ports	3,095,638	2,920,091	2,692,456	2,992,327	2,815,287	3,112,770	2,903,160
Canadian Ports	629,107	504,973	613,197	683,936	603,257	696,978	606,894
<b>Total</b>	<b>3,724,745</b>	<b>3,425,064</b>	<b>3,305,653</b>	<b>3,676,263</b>	<b>3,418,544</b>	<b>3,809,748</b>	<b>3,510,054</b>

### YEAR-TO-DATE 2014-2019 AND LONG-TERM AVERAGE (NET TONS)

	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	Average 2014-2018
U.S. Ports	19,455,165	20,806,486	18,381,910	19,502,362	19,834,280	22,260,673	19,596,041
Canadian Ports	3,589,451	3,745,000	4,389,530	4,317,514	4,572,212	4,960,880	4,122,741
<b>Total</b>	<b>23,044,616</b>	<b>24,551,486</b>	<b>22,771,440</b>	<b>23,819,876</b>	<b>24,406,492</b>	<b>27,221,553</b>	<b>23,718,782</b>

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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