

# Lake Carriers' Association

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## Great Lakes Limestone Trade Up 9 Percent in 2019

CLEVELAND — Shipments of limestone on the Great Lakes totaled 31.2 million tons in 2019, an increase of 9 percent compared to 2018. 2019's loadings were also 12.1 percent above the trade's 5-year average.

Loadings from U.S. quarries totaled 25.7 million tons, an increase of 9.4 percent compared to 2018. Shipments from U.S. quarries also topped their 5-year average by 11.2 percent.

Shipments from Canadian quarries totaled 5.5 million tons, an increase of 7.2 percent from 2018, and 16.4 percent better than their 5-year average.

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

	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	Average 2014-2018
U.S. Ports	1,203,358	1,248,823	915,102	1,144,188	1,314,890	817,038	1,165,272
Canadian Ports	168,771	240,658	163,289	192,812	109,642	149,841	175,034
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,372,129</b>	<b>1,489,481</b>	<b>1,078,391</b>	<b>1,337,000</b>	<b>1,424,532</b>	<b>966,879</b>	<b>1,340,307</b>

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

	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	Average 2014-2018
U.S. Ports	22,894,422	24,539,703	21,378,104	23,170,094	23,451,984	25,661,633	23,086,861
Canadian Ports	4,218,634	4,488,767	4,958,638	4,958,318	5,170,473	5,540,370	4,758,966
<b>Total</b>	<b>27,113,056</b>	<b>29,028,470</b>	<b>26,336,742</b>	<b>28,128,412</b>	<b>28,622,457</b>	<b>31,202,003</b>	<b>27,845,827</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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