

# Lake Carriers' Association

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## U.S.-Flag Cargo Movement on Lakes Up 9 Percent in October

CLEVELAND — U.S.-flag Great Lakes freighters (lakers) moved 9.9 million tons of cargo in October, an increase of 9 percent compared to a year ago. The October float was also 2.2 percent above the month's 5-year average.

Iron ore cargos for steel production totaled 5.2 million tons, an increase of 9 percent compared to a year ago.

Coal loads totaled 1.2 million tons, a decrease of 6.6 percent compared to a year ago. Shipments of aggregate, fluxstone, chemical stone and scrubber stone totaled 3.1 million tons, an increase of 20.1 percent compared to a year ago.

Year-to-date U.S.-flag cargo movement stands at 74.97 million tons, an increase of 12.4 percent compared to the same point in 2018. Iron ore cargos total 40.4 million tons, an increase of 12.3 percent. Coal loadings total 9.5 million tons, an increase of 5 percent. Limestone totals 21 million tons, an increase of 14.9 percent.

### About Lake Carriers' Association

Since 1880, Lake Carriers' has represented the U.S.-flag Great Lakes fleet, which today can move more than 90 million tons of cargos annually that are the foundation of American industry, infrastructure, and power: iron ore, stone, coal, cement, and other dry bulk materials such as grain, salt, and sand. More information is available at [www.lcaships.com](http://www.lcaships.com).

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