



# LAKE CARRIERS' ASSOCIATION



## Great Lakes Limestone Trade Down 14.7 Percent in 2020

CLEVELAND — Shipments of limestone on the Great Lakes totaled 26.6 million tons in 2020, a decrease of 14.7 percent compared to 2019. 2020's loadings were also 7.2 percent below the trade's 5-year average.

Loadings from U.S. quarries totaled 21.1 million tons, a decrease of 17.8 percent compared to 2019. Shipments from U.S. quarries were also below their 5-year average by 10.8 percent.

Shipments from Canadian quarries totaled 5.5 million tons, a near match to 2019, and 9.7 percent better than their 5-year average.

### GREAT LAKES LIMESTONE TRADE: DECEMBER 2015-2020 AND LONG-TERM AVERAGE (NET TONS)

	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	Average 2015-2019
U.S. Ports	1,248,823	915,102	1,144,188	1,314,890	817,038	847,215	1,088,008
Canadian Ports	240,658	163,289	192,812	109,642	149,841	276,112	171,248
<b>Total</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>1,123,327</b>	<b>1,259,257</b>

### YEAR-TO-DATE 2015-2020 AND LONG-TERM AVERAGE (NET TONS)

	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	Average 2015-2019
U.S. Ports	24,539,703	21,378,104	23,170,094	23,451,984	25,661,633	21,089,508	23,640,304
Canadian Ports	4,488,767	4,958,638	4,958,318	5,170,473	5,540,370	5,510,556	5,023,313
<b>Total</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>26,600,064</b>	<b>28,663,617</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).

#### 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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