



LAKE CARRIERS' ASSOCIATION



Great Lakes Iron Ore Trade Up 8.2 Percent in April

CLEVELAND – Iron ore shipments on the Great Lakes totaled 5.6 million tons in April, an increase of 8.2 percent compared to last year. Shipments were 8.6 percent ahead of the month's 5-year average.

Year-to-date the iron ore trade stands at 9.5 million tons, an increase of 15 percent compared to the same point in 2020. Through April, iron ore shipments are 10.1 percent above their 5-year average for four months of the year.

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.

Great Lakes Iron Ore Shipments: April 2016-2021 and 5-Year Average

Includes Transshipments to Quebec City for Shipment Overseas

(net tons)

Port	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	Average 2016-2020
Duluth, MN	707,895	792,096	873,939	796,453	769,955	1,024,513	788,068
Superior, WI	1,062,329	1,121,954	1,096,469	1,040,962	969,679	1,244,252	1,058,279
Two Harbors, MN	1,621,255	1,622,011	1,450,134	1,704,304	1,768,358	1,553,579	1,633,212
Silver Bay, MN	0	583,001	593,178	490,313	463,908	623,370	426,080
Presque Isle, MI	823,281	617,451	638,010	725,855	723,095	815,692	705,538
Escanaba, MI*	432,117	237,780	0	0	0	0	111,650
Cleveland, OH**	334,181	314,468	318,905	264,418	383,991	294,803	323,193
Ashtabula, OH	0	31,392	110,710	35,701	58,158	0	39,327
Conneaut, OH	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	4,981,058	5,320,153	5,081,345	5,058,006	5,137,144	5,556,209	5,115,541

* Dock ceased operations in April 2017.

** Transshipments within Cleveland Harbor

Year-To-Date 2016-2021

Port	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	Average 2016-2020
Duluth, MN	922,954	1,297,069	1,164,531	1,428,946	1,130,620	1,469,989	1,188,824
Superior, WI	1,755,257	1,641,251	1,820,395	1,625,714	1,719,231	2,203,033	1,712,370
Two Harbors, MN	2,997,302	2,792,002	2,464,737	2,806,885	2,378,218	2,966,204	2,687,829
Silver Bay, MN	23,810	900,575	836,796	646,965	854,062	832,365	652,442
Presque Isle, MI	985,767	1,185,500	894,848	1,102,445	1,096,618	1,437,810	1,053,036
Escanaba, MI	951,139	1,016,867	0	0	0	0	393,601
Cleveland, OH	759,495	780,282	863,111	644,443	912,403	516,725	791,947
Ashtabula, OH	0	78,516	136,567	197,757	132,005	28,553	108,969
Conneaut, OH	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	8,395,724	9,692,062	8,180,985	8,453,155	8,223,157	9,454,679	8,589,017

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