



LAKE CARRIERS' ASSOCIATION



Iron Ore Trade Up 11.4 Percent in May

CLEVELAND – Shipments of iron ore from U.S. Great Lakes ports totaled 5.5 million tons in May, an increase of 11.4 percent compared to a year ago, but 1.9 percent below the month's 5-year average.

Year-to-date the iron ore trade stands at nearly 15 million tons, an increase of 13.6 percent compared to the same point in 2020. Iron ore shipments were also 5.4 percent above their 5-year average for five 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: May 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	757,840	815,122	881,142	839,299	962,891	774,032	851,259
Superior, WI	1,182,555	1,299,271	1,486,925	1,350,804	867,089	1,184,972	1,237,329
Two Harbors, MN	1,596,269	1,764,645	1,780,303	1,947,229	2,059,221	1,814,766	1,829,533
Silver Bay, MN	67,688	585,630	604,910	644,370	344,327	612,916	449,385
Presque Isle, MI	933,921	728,326	775,550	736,054	411,603	709,733	717,091
Escanaba, MI*	530,486	0	0	0	0	0	106,097
Cleveland, OH**	404,203	371,120	113,015	308,822	180,853	409,200	275,603
Ashtabula, OH	0	184,616	243,355	174,324	117,937	0	144,046
Conneaut, OH	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	5,472,962	5,748,730	5,885,200	6,000,902	4,943,921	5,505,619	5,610,343

* 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	1,680,794	2,112,191	2,045,673	2,268,245	2,093,511	2,244,021	2,040,083
Superior, WI	2,937,812	2,940,522	3,307,320	2,976,518	2,586,320	3,388,005	2,949,698
Two Harbors, MN	4,593,571	4,556,647	4,245,040	4,754,114	4,437,439	4,780,970	4,517,362
Silver Bay, MN	91,498	1,486,205	1,441,706	1,291,335	1,198,389	1,445,281	1,101,827
Presque Isle, MI	1,919,688	1,913,826	1,670,398	1,838,499	1,508,221	2,147,543	1,770,126
Escanaba, MI	1,481,625	1,016,867	0	0	0	0	499,698
Cleveland, OH	1,163,698	1,151,402	976,126	953,265	1,093,256	925,925	1,067,549
Ashtabula, OH	0	263,132	379,922	372,081	249,942	28,553	253,015
Conneaut, OH	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	13,868,686	15,440,792	14,066,185	14,454,057	13,167,078	14,960,298	14,199,360

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