



LAKE CARRIERS' ASSOCIATION



Great Lakes Iron Ore Trade Up 55.9 Percent in August

CLEVELAND – Shipments of iron ore on the Great Lakes totaled 5.6 million tons in August, an increase of 55.9 percent compared to a year ago. Shipments were also above the month's 5-year average by 1.5 percent.

Year-to-date the iron ore trade stands at 32 million tons, an increase of 31.8 percent compared to the same point in 2020.

Through August iron shipments are 4.45 percent above their 5-year average for eight 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: August 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	359,307	653,815	753,097	1,034,173	784,565	1,132,118	716,991
Superior, WI	1,294,283	1,549,998	1,676,254	1,543,211	657,807	1,248,826	1,344,311
Two Harbors, MN	1,872,211	1,971,440	1,961,521	1,787,273	994,491	1,273,085	1,717,387
Silver Bay, MN	473,853	915,739	785,494	580,885	360,469	801,687	623,288
Presque Isle, MI	782,985	790,977	765,107	806,181	510,505	728,542	731,151
Escanaba, MI*	356,168	0	0	0	0	0	71,234
Cleveland, OH**	200,764	180,830	268,238	110,374	147,974	437,166	181,636
Ashtabula, OH	0	236,988	206,022	172,670	149,741	0	153,084
Conneaut, OH	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	5,339,571	6,299,787	6,415,733	6,034,767	3,605,552	5,621,424	5,539,082

* 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	2,867,847	4,350,625	4,509,771	5,576,124	5,142,219	5,454,653	4,489,317
Superior, WI	6,514,904	7,477,377	7,886,178	7,036,717	4,210,602	7,394,740	6,625,156
Two Harbors, MN	9,397,655	10,215,368	10,098,301	10,541,206	7,709,362	9,476,573	9,592,378
Silver Bay, MN	1,131,913	4,056,312	3,960,752	3,177,212	2,311,974	3,373,700	2,927,633
Presque Isle, MI	4,497,497	4,200,978	4,020,679	4,062,560	2,838,319	4,205,874	3,924,007
Escanaba, MI	2,950,958	1,016,867	0	0	0	0	793,565
Cleveland, OH	2,015,696	1,899,257	1,764,640	1,483,492	1,542,625	2,099,557	1,741,142
Ashtabula, OH	0	618,940	790,350	912,701	548,380	28,553	574,074
Conneaut, OH	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	29,376,470	33,835,724	33,030,671	32,790,012	24,303,481	32,033,650	30,667,272

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