



LAKE CARRIERS' ASSOCIATION



Great Lakes Iron Ore Trade Up in September

CLEVELAND – Shipments of iron ore from U.S. ports on the Great Lakes totaled 5.4 million tons in September, an increase of 38.8 percent compared to a year ago. Shipments were a near match to the month's 5-year average.

Year-to-date the iron ore trade stands at 37.4 million tons, an increase of nearly 32.8 percent compared to the same point in 2020.

Through September iron ore loadings are 3.9 percent above their 5-year average for the first three quarters.

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: September 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	383,163	412,940	721,295	893,435	679,082	1,059,854	617,983
Superior, WI	854,264	1,853,988	1,338,567	1,230,462	630,822	1,366,365	1,181,621
Two Harbors, MN	1,916,683	2,144,153	2,123,760	1,966,244	1,324,819	1,349,179	1,895,132
Silver Bay, MN	379,522	701,826	670,784	470,632	480,557	726,301	540,664
Presque Isle, MI	751,361	704,512	776,347	687,863	561,723	520,461	696,361
Escanaba, MI*	435,370	0	0	0	0	0	87,074
Cleveland, OH**	196,424	128,620	246,477	338,336	17,979	338,860	185,567
Ashtabula, OH	0	239,978	0	184,438	167,847	0	118,453
Conneaut, OH	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	4,916,787	6,186,017	5,877,230	5,771,410	3,862,829	5,361,020	5,322,855

* 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	3,251,010	4,763,565	5,231,066	6,469,559	5,821,301	6,514,507	5,107,300
Superior, WI	7,369,168	9,331,365	9,224,745	8,267,179	4,841,424	8,761,105	7,806,776
Two Harbors, MN	11,314,338	12,359,521	12,222,061	12,507,450	9,034,181	10,825,752	11,487,510
Silver Bay, MN	1,511,435	4,758,138	4,631,536	3,647,844	2,792,531	4,100,001	3,468,297
Presque Isle, MI	5,248,858	4,905,490	4,797,026	4,750,423	3,400,042	4,726,335	4,620,368
Escanaba, MI	3,386,328	1,016,867	0	0	0	0	880,639
Cleveland, OH	2,212,120	2,027,877	2,011,117	1,821,828	1,560,604	2,438,417	1,926,709
Ashtabula, OH	0	858,918	790,350	1,097,139	716,227	28,553	692,527
Conneaut, OH	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	34,293,257	40,021,741	38,907,901	38,561,422	28,166,310	37,394,670	35,990,126

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