



LAKE CARRIERS' ASSOCIATION



Great Lakes Iron Ore Trade Up in 2021

CLEVELAND – Shipments of iron ore on the Great Lakes totaled 4.5 million tons in December, a decrease of 2.8 percent compared to a year ago. Shipments were also below the 5-year average for the month by 10.7 percent.

The year-end total for the iron ore trade stands at 51.6 million tons, an increase of 25.2 percent compared to 2020.

Compared to the trade's 5-year average, 2021 iron ore loadings were up 1.2 percent.

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: December 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	530,059	615,659	1,050,260	623,346	711,111	585,725	706,087
Superior, WI	717,728	988,145	1,139,119	962,300	615,368	1,080,199	884,532
Two Harbors, MN	1,551,989	1,664,415	1,715,904	1,459,835	1,716,377	1,559,111	1,621,704
Silver Bay, MN	623,913	413,931	559,980	666,188	507,707	369,820	554,344
Marquette, MI***	566,114	799,140	760,133	774,946	737,384	557,936	727,543
Escanaba, MI*	474,735	0	0	0	0	0	94,947
Cleveland, OH**	323,281	340,924	342,422	332,708	180,961	370,347	304,059
Ashtabula, OH	187,942	255,176	206,382	18,925	185,489	0	170,783
Total	4,975,761	5,077,390	5,774,200	4,838,248	4,654,397	4,523,138	5,063,999

* Dock ceased operations in April 2017.

** Transshipments within Cleveland Harbor

***Marquette = Presque Isle in previous reports

Conneaut was removed from tables. All shipments go out by rail.

Year-To-Date 2016-2021

Port	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	Average 2016-2020
Duluth, MN	4,888,510	6,783,868	8,111,519	8,359,607	8,047,633	8,843,603	7,505,790
Superior, WI	9,856,836	12,793,591	12,939,250	11,602,998	7,037,669	11,719,625	10,846,069
Two Harbors, MN	16,197,220	17,898,849	16,839,494	16,942,617	13,303,809	15,407,333	16,236,398
Silver Bay, MN	3,520,540	5,974,645	6,415,696	5,632,842	4,382,861	5,873,375	5,185,317
Marquette, MI***	7,140,799	6,991,557	7,161,470	6,999,782	5,391,001	6,144,094	6,736,922
Escanaba, MI*	4,268,338	1,016,867	0	0	0	0	1,057,041
Cleveland, OH**	3,008,200	3,004,585	2,925,618	2,679,189	2,021,923	3,617,145	2,727,903
Ashtabula, OH	291,741	1,292,394	1,190,934	1,246,992	1,046,225	28,553	1,013,657
Total	49,172,184	55,756,356	55,583,981	53,464,027	41,231,121	51,633,728	51,041,534

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