



LAKE CARRIERS' ASSOCIATION



Great Lakes Iron Ore Trade Down 29 Percent in January

Cleveland – Iron ore shipments on the Great Lakes totaled 1.9 million tons in January, a decrease of 29 percent compared to 2021. Loadings were below the month’s 5-year average by 12.3 percent. (Report Revised March 4, 2022.)

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: January 2017-2022 and 5-Year Average Includes Transshipments to Quebec City for Shipment Overseas

(net tons)

Port	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	Average 2017-2021
Duluth, MN	227,655	102,563	444,204	166,229	292,543	318,804	246,639
Superior, WI	198,186	463,581	464,504	476,153	661,488	445,019	452,782
Two Harbors, MN	720,447	514,295	892,077	420,961	1,015,888	689,076	712,734
Silver Bay, MN	127,730	80,862	32,795	220,792	145,983	75,473	121,632
Marquette, MI***	403,963	138,146	316,837	272,367	420,526	239,224	310,368
Escanaba, MI*	356,801	0	0	0	0	0	71,360
Cleveland, OH**	145,817	204,432	107,904	210,951	50,466	88,956	143,914
Ashtabula, OH	47,124	0	162,056	55,369	28,553	0	58,620
Total	2,227,723	1,503,879	2,420,377	1,822,822	2,615,447	1,856,552	2,118,050

* Dock ceased operations in April 2017.

** Transshipments within Cleveland Harbor

***Marquette = Presque Isle in previous reports

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