



LAKE CARRIERS' ASSOCIATION



Great Lakes Iron Ore Trade Down in 2022

CLEVELAND – Shipments of iron ore on the Great Lakes totaled 3.99 million tons in December, a decrease of 11.9 percent compared to a year ago. Shipments were also below the 5-year average for the month by 19.8 percent.

The year-end total for the iron ore trade stands at 42.3 million tons, a decrease of 18 percent compared to 2021.

Compared to the trade's 5-year average, 2022 iron ore loadings were down 17.9 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 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	615,659	1,050,260	623,346	711,111	585,725	740,415	717,220
Superior, WI	988,145	1,139,119	962,300	615,368	1,080,199	839,100	957,026
Two Harbors, MN	1,664,415	1,715,904	1,459,835	1,716,377	1,559,111	1,284,398	1,623,128
Silver Bay, MN	413,931	559,980	666,188	507,707	369,820	0	503,525
Marquette, MI*	799,140	760,133	774,946	737,384	557,936	653,474	725,908
Escanaba, MI**	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Cleveland, OH***	340,924	342,422	332,708	180,961	370,347	468,968	313,472
Ashtabula, OH	255,176	206,382	18,925	185,489	0	0	133,194
Total	5,077,390	5,774,200	4,838,248	4,654,397	4,523,138	3,986,355	4,973,475

*Marquette = Presque Isle in previous reports

**Dock ceased operations in April 2017.

***Transshipments within Cleveland Harbor

Year-To-Date 2017-2022

Port	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	Average 2017-2021
Duluth, MN	6,783,868	8,111,519	8,359,607	8,047,633	8,843,603	7,381,085	8,029,246
Superior, WI	12,793,591	12,939,250	11,602,998	7,037,669	11,719,625	11,290,354	11,218,627
Two Harbors, MN	17,898,849	16,839,494	16,942,617	13,303,809	15,407,333	13,953,527	16,078,420
Silver Bay, MN	5,974,645	6,415,696	5,632,842	4,382,861	5,873,375	1,735,362	5,655,884
Marquette, MI*	6,991,557	7,161,470	6,999,782	5,391,001	6,144,094	5,394,125	6,537,581
Escanaba, MI**	1,016,867	0	0	0	0	0	203,373
Cleveland, OH***	3,004,585	2,925,618	2,679,189	2,021,923	3,617,145	2,560,605	2,849,692
Ashtabula, OH	1,292,394	1,190,934	1,246,992	1,046,225	28,553	0	961,020
Total	55,756,356	55,583,981	53,464,027	41,231,121	51,633,728	42,315,058	51,533,843

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