



LAKE CARRIERS' ASSOCIATION



Great Lakes Limestone Trade Down in 2022

CLEVELAND — Shipments of limestone on the Great Lakes totaled 28.8 million tons in 2022, a decrease of 2.45 percent compared to 2021. 2022's loadings were slightly below the trade's 5-year average.

Loadings from U.S. quarries totaled 23 million tons, a decrease of 1.9 percent compared to 2021. Shipments from U.S. quarries were also below their 5-year average by 1.4 percent.

Shipments from Canadian quarries totaled 5.8 million tons, a decrease of 4.5 percent compared to the prior year, but 5.7 percent better than their 5-year average.

GREAT LAKES LIMESTONE TRADE: DECEMBER 2017-2022 AND LONG-TERM AVERAGE (NET TONS)

	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	Average 2017-2021
U.S. Ports	1,144,188	1,314,890	817,038	847,215	1,323,849	1,079,583	1,089,436
Canadian Ports	192,812	109,642	149,841	276,112	205,840	163,913	186,849
Total	1,337,000	1,424,532	966,879	1,123,327	1,529,689	1,243,496	1,276,285

YEAR-TO-DATE 2017-2022 AND LONG-TERM AVERAGE (NET TONS)

	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	Average 2017-2021
U.S. Ports	23,170,094	23,451,984	25,661,633	21,089,508	23,492,512	23,041,015	23,373,146
Canadian Ports	4,958,318	5,170,473	5,540,370	5,510,556	6,024,618	5,752,246	5,440,867
Total	28,128,412	28,622,457	31,202,003	26,600,064	29,517,130	28,793,261	28,814,013

U.S. ports: Calcite, MI; Cedarville, MI; Drummond Island, MI; Marblehead, OH; Port Inland, MI; and Presque Isle, MI. Canadian ports: Bruce Mines, Manitoulin Island, Port Colborne (from August 2017 on), and Smelter Bay (all Ontario).

About Lake Carriers' Association

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.

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