



## LAKE CARRIERS' ASSOCIATION



### Great Lakes Iron Ore Trade Up 55.1 Percent in April

CLEVELAND – Iron ore shipments on the Great Lakes totaled 4.8 million tons in April, an increase of 55.1 percent compared to last year. Shipments were just slightly below the month’s 5-year average.

Year-to-date the iron ore trade stands at 8.5 million tons, an increase of 54.4 percent compared to the same point in 2022. Through April, iron ore shipments are 6.8 percent above their 5-year average for four months of the year.

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](http://www.lcaships.com).

### Great Lakes Iron Ore Shipments: April 2018-2023 and 5-Year Average Includes Transshipments to Quebec City for Shipment Overseas

(net tons)

Port	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	Average 2018-2022
Duluth, MN	873,939	796,453	769,955	1,024,513	606,560	864,063	814,284
Superior, WI	1,096,469	1,040,962	969,679	1,244,252	818,811	1,137,331	1,034,035
Two Harbors, MN	1,450,134	1,704,304	1,768,358	1,553,579	1,087,313	1,524,284	1,512,738
Silver Bay, MN	593,178	490,313	463,908	623,370	76,082	153,107	449,370
Marquette, MI*	638,010	725,855	723,095	815,692	370,536	659,673	654,638
Cleveland, OH**	318,905	264,418	383,991	294,803	113,492	426,941	275,122
Ashtabula, OH	110,710	35,701	58,158	0	0	0	40,914
<b>Total</b>	<b>5,081,345</b>	<b>5,058,006</b>	<b>5,137,144</b>	<b>5,556,209</b>	<b>3,072,794</b>	<b>4,765,399</b>	<b>4,781,100</b>

\*Marquette = Presque Isle in previous reports

\*\*Transshipments within Cleveland Harbor

### Year-To-Date 2018-2023

Port	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	Average 2018-2022
Duluth, MN	1,164,531	1,428,946	1,130,620	1,469,989	1,015,169	1,458,875	1,241,851
Superior, WI	1,820,395	1,625,714	1,719,231	2,203,033	1,328,443	1,953,320	1,739,363
Two Harbors, MN	2,464,737	2,806,885	2,378,218	2,966,204	1,989,987	2,513,049	2,521,206
Silver Bay, MN	836,796	646,965	854,062	832,365	188,773	153,107	671,792
Marquette, MI*	894,848	1,102,445	1,096,618	1,437,810	646,503	1,218,454	1,035,645
Cleveland, OH**	863,111	644,443	912,403	516,725	339,688	1,206,598	655,274
Ashtabula, OH	136,567	197,757	132,005	28,553	0	0	98,976
<b>Total</b>	<b>8,180,985</b>	<b>8,453,155</b>	<b>8,223,157</b>	<b>9,454,679</b>	<b>5,508,563</b>	<b>8,503,403</b>	<b>7,964,108</b>

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