



LAKE CARRIERS' ASSOCIATION



Great Lakes Iron Ore Trade Up in July

CLEVELAND – Shipments of iron ore on the Great Lakes totaled 5.8 million tons in July, an increase of 8.9 percent compared to a year ago. Shipments were above the month's 5-year average by 4.8 percent.

Year-to-date the iron ore trade stands at 25.6 million tons, an increase of 34.3 percent compared to the same point in 2022. Iron ore shipments are 7.1 percent above their 5-year average for the first seven 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.

Great Lakes Iron Ore Shipments: July 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	853,576	1,242,870	1,235,506	1,113,967	1,009,221	969,908	1,091,028
Superior, WI	1,618,776	1,362,328	345,472	1,383,365	1,528,578	1,331,525	1,247,704
Two Harbors, MN	1,963,241	1,988,696	1,040,098	1,573,093	1,714,045	1,688,169	1,655,835
Silver Bay, MN	861,096	691,577	325,313	607,650	151,151	521,882	527,357
Marquette, MI*	739,543	771,756	373,246	663,687	590,397	821,541	627,726
Cleveland, OH**	281,295	269,889	133,016	337,080	300,674	430,637	264,391
Ashtabula, OH	146,785	235,228	57,837	0	0	0	87,970
Total	6,464,312	6,562,344	3,510,488	5,678,842	5,294,066	5,763,662	5,502,010

*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	3,756,674	4,541,951	4,357,654	4,322,535	3,169,813	4,469,163	4,029,725
Superior, WI	6,209,924	5,493,506	3,552,795	6,145,914	5,368,097	6,182,405	5,354,047
Two Harbors, MN	8,136,780	8,753,933	6,714,871	8,203,488	6,588,455	7,824,081	7,679,505
Silver Bay, MN	3,175,258	2,596,327	1,951,505	2,572,013	863,363	1,058,651	2,231,693
Marquette, MI*	3,255,572	3,256,379	2,327,814	3,477,332	2,297,120	3,631,167	2,922,843
Cleveland, OH**	1,496,402	1,373,118	1,394,651	1,662,391	791,886	2,453,981	1,343,690
Ashtabula, OH	584,328	740,031	398,639	28,553	0	0	350,310
Total	26,614,938	26,755,245	20,697,929	26,412,226	19,078,734	25,619,448	23,911,814

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