



# LAKE CARRIERS' ASSOCIATION



## Lakes Limestone Trade Up in July

CLEVELAND — Shipments of limestone on the Great Lakes totaled 4.2 million tons in July, an increase of 4.7 percent compared to a year ago. The trade was above the month's 5-year average by 6.6 percent.

Loadings from U.S. quarries totaled 3.4 million tons, an increase of 11.4 percent compared to 2022. Shipments from Canadian quarries decreased by 17.3 percent to 770,365 tons.

Year-to-date the Lakes limestone trade stands at 12.2 million tons, a decrease of 10.7 percent compared to a year ago. Loadings from Michigan and Ohio quarries total 9.8 million tons, a decrease of 8.1 percent. Shipments from Ontario quarries total nearly 2.4 million tons, a decrease of 20 percent compared to 2022.

### GREAT LAKES LIMESTONE TRADE: JULY 2018-2023 AND LONG-TERM AVERAGE (NET TONS)

	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	Average 2018-2022
U.S. Ports	3,142,622	3,485,232	2,615,573	2,959,154	3,041,011	3,388,330	3,048,718
Canadian Ports	863,506	814,790	807,203	839,825	931,669	770,365	851,399
<b>Total</b>	<b>4,006,128</b>	<b>4,300,022</b>	<b>3,422,776</b>	<b>3,798,979</b>	<b>3,972,680</b>	<b>4,158,695</b>	<b>3,900,117</b>

### YEAR-TO-DATE 2018-2023 AND LONG-TERM AVERAGE (NET TONS)

	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	Average 2018-2022
U.S. Ports	10,849,884	12,392,300	9,832,471	10,488,981	10,700,362	9,837,151	10,852,800
Canadian Ports	2,526,823	2,661,486	2,583,192	3,270,092	2,986,502	2,389,437	2,805,619
<b>Total</b>	<b>13,376,707</b>	<b>15,053,786</b>	<b>12,415,663</b>	<b>13,759,073</b>	<b>13,686,864</b>	<b>12,226,588</b>	<b>13,658,419</b>

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

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