



LAKE CARRIERS' ASSOCIATION



Great Lakes Iron Ore Trade Up 10.1 Percent in September

CLEVELAND – Shipments of iron ore from U.S. ports on the Great Lakes totaled 5.6 million tons in September, an increase of 10.1 percent compared to a year ago. Shipments were also above the month's 5-year average by 7.4 percent.

Year-to-date the iron ore trade stands at 36.7 million tons, an increase of 25.6 percent compared to the same point in 2022.

Through September iron ore loadings are 6.6 percent above their 5-year average for the first three quarters 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: September 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	721,295	893,435	679,082	1,059,854	1,006,157	994,576	871,965
Superior, WI	1,338,567	1,230,462	630,822	1,366,365	1,318,224	1,141,618	1,176,888
Two Harbors, MN	2,123,760	1,966,244	1,324,819	1,349,179	1,590,522	1,683,023	1,670,905
Silver Bay, MN	670,784	470,632	480,557	726,301	267,144	546,116	523,084
Marquette, MI*	776,347	687,863	561,723	520,461	540,303	787,918	617,339
Cleveland, OH**	246,477	338,336	17,979	338,860	337,137	418,808	255,758
Ashtabula, OH	0	184,438	167,847	0	0	0	70,457
Total	5,877,230	5,771,410	3,862,829	5,361,020	5,059,487	5,572,059	5,186,395

*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	5,231,066	6,469,559	5,821,301	6,514,507	4,959,927	6,517,107	5,799,272
Superior, WI	9,224,745	8,267,179	4,841,424	8,761,105	8,293,091	8,808,529	7,877,509
Two Harbors, MN	12,222,061	12,507,450	9,034,181	10,825,752	9,683,025	10,810,369	10,854,494
Silver Bay, MN	4,631,536	3,647,844	2,792,531	4,100,001	1,280,618	2,163,643	3,290,506
Marquette, MI*	4,797,026	4,750,423	3,400,042	4,726,335	3,585,807	5,162,131	4,251,927
Cleveland, OH**	2,011,117	1,821,828	1,560,604	2,438,417	1,444,320	3,276,770	1,855,257
Ashtabula, OH	790,350	1,097,139	716,227	28,553	0	0	526,454
Total	38,907,901	38,561,422	28,166,310	37,394,670	29,246,788	36,738,549	34,455,418

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