



# LAKE CARRIERS' ASSOCIATION



## Great Lakes Limestone Trade Down Slightly in 2023

CLEVELAND — Shipments of limestone on the Great Lakes totaled 28.6 million tons in 2023, a decrease of less than one percent compared to 2022. 2023's loadings were below the trade's 5-year average by 1.1 percent.

Loadings from U.S. quarries increased less than one percent from the prior year to 23.1 million tons. However, shipments from U.S. quarries were below their 5-year average by less than one percent.

Shipments from Canadian quarries totaled 5.5 million tons, a decrease of 4.4 percent compared to 2022 and 1.8 percent below the 5-year average.

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

	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	Average 2018-2022
U.S. Ports	1,314,890	817,038	847,215	1,323,849	1,079,583	1,646,093	1,076,515
Canadian Ports	109,642	149,841	276,112	205,840	163,913	331,833	181,070
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,424,532</b>	<b>966,879</b>	<b>1,123,327</b>	<b>1,529,689</b>	<b>1,243,496</b>	<b>1,977,926</b>	<b>1,257,585</b>

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

	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	Average 2018-2022
U.S. Ports	23,451,984	25,661,633	21,089,508	23,492,512	23,041,015	23,121,484	23,347,330
Canadian Ports	5,170,473	5,540,370	5,510,556	6,024,618	5,752,246	5,499,081	5,599,653
<b>Total</b>	<b>28,622,457</b>	<b>31,202,003</b>	<b>26,600,064</b>	<b>29,517,130</b>	<b>28,793,261</b>	<b>28,620,565</b>	<b>28,946,983</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

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