



LAKE CARRIERS' ASSOCIATION



Great Lakes Iron Ore Trade Up 12.4 Percent in January 2024

Cleveland – Iron ore shipments on the Great Lakes totaled 2.8 million tons in January, an increase of 12.4 percent compared to 2023. Loadings were also above the month’s 5-year average by 24.4 percent.

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: January 2019-2024 and 5-Year Average Includes Transshipments to Quebec City for Shipment Overseas

(net tons)

Port	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	Average 2019-2023
Duluth, MN	444,204	166,229	292,543	318,804	418,605	373,120	328,077
Superior, WI	464,504	476,153	661,488	1,080,199	550,995	707,819	519,632
Two Harbors, MN	892,077	420,961	1,015,888	689,076	679,400	876,738	739,480
Silver Bay, MN	32,795	220,792	145,983	75,473	0	280,262	95,009
Marquette, MI*	316,837	272,367	420,526	239,224	396,724	269,324	329,136
Cleveland, OH**	107,904	210,951	50,466	88,956	432,677	277,990	178,191
Ashtabula, OH	162,056	55,369	28,553	0	0	0	49,196
Total	2,420,377	1,822,822	2,615,447	2,491,732	2,478,401	2,785,253	2,238,720

* Marquette = Presque Isle in previous reports

** Transshipments within Cleveland Harbor

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