



LAKE CARRIERS' ASSOCIATION



Great Lakes Iron Ore Trade Up in November

CLEVELAND – Shipments of iron ore on the Great Lakes totaled 4.5 million tons in November, an increase of 1.5 percent from 2022. Shipments were below the month’s 5-year average by 1.7 percent.

Year-to-date the iron ore trade stands at 46.3 million tons, an increase of 20.8 percent compared to the same point in 2022.

Through November iron ore loadings are 5 percent above their 5-year average for that timeframe.

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: November 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	780,592	561,577	824,836	682,574	766,526	846,503	723,221
Superior, WI	1,145,313	1,184,841	751,116	859,438	1,161,167	1,125,016	1,020,375
Two Harbors, MN	1,394,560	1,258,690	1,170,290	1,397,608	1,448,387	1,262,561	1,333,907
Silver Bay, MN	638,939	710,390	601,077	608,681	208,920	316,755	553,601
Marquette, MI*	807,771	774,154	622,171	306,662	544,857	556,126	611,123
Cleveland, OH**	291,188	195,218	208,093	354,062	270,595	357,324	263,831
Ashtabula, OH	68,641	36,278	72,524	0	0	0	35,489
Total	5,127,004	4,721,148	4,250,107	4,209,025	4,400,452	4,464,285	4,541,547

*Marquette = Presque Isle in previous reports

**Transshipments within Cleveland Harbor

† Revised 2/29/24

Year-To-Date 2018-2023

Port	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	Average 2018-2022
Duluth, MN	7,086,496	7,736,261	7,336,522	8,257,878	6,640,670	8,185,986	7,411,565
Superior, WI	11,800,131	10,640,698	6,422,301	10,639,426	10,451,254	†11,313,638	9,990,762
Two Harbors, MN	15,123,590	15,482,782	11,587,432	13,848,222	12,669,129	13,541,202	13,742,231
Silver Bay, MN	5,855,716	4,966,654	3,875,154	5,503,555	1,735,362	2,875,922	4,387,288
Marquette, MI*	6,401,337	6,224,836	4,653,617	5,586,158	4,740,651	6,398,431	5,521,320
Cleveland, OH**	2,583,196	2,346,481	1,840,962	3,246,798	2,091,637	3,968,093	2,421,815
Ashtabula, OH	984,552	1,228,067	860,736	28,553	0	0	620,382
Total	49,835,018	48,625,779	36,576,724	47,110,590	38,328,703	†46,283,272	44,095,363

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