



# LAKE CARRIERS' ASSOCIATION



## Great Lakes Limestone Trade Up 19.9 Percent in April

CLEVELAND — Shipments totaled 2.3 million net tons, an increase of 19.9 percent compared to a year ago. Loadings were above the month's 5-year average by 9.6 percent.

Loadings at U.S. ports totaled 1.9 million tons, an increase of 15.5 percent. Shipments from Canadian quarries increased by 42.2 percent to 459,393 tons.

Year-to-date the limestone trade stands at 2.6 million tons, an increase of 26.6 percent from 2023. Shipments from U.S. ports increased by 22.8 percent from the previous year, while shipments from Canadian ports increased by 46.7 percent.

### GREAT LAKES LIMESTONE TRADE: APRIL 2019-2024 AND LONG-TERM AVERAGE (NET TONS)

	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	Average 2019-2023
U.S. Ports	1,824,695	1,893,595	1,926,878	1,646,373	1,622,632	1,874,176	1,772,370
Canadian Ports	289,737	245,191	490,088	370,107	323,039	459,393	357,106
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,114,432</b>	<b>2,138,786</b>	<b>2,416,966</b>	<b>2,016,480</b>	<b>1,945,671</b>	<b>2,333,569</b>	<b>2,129,476</b>

### YEAR-TO-DATE 2019-2024 AND LONG-TERM AVERAGE (NET TONS)

	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	Average 2019-2023
U.S. Ports	2,092,766	2,018,665	1,972,565	1,646,373	1,712,815	2,103,241	1,837,605
Canadian Ports	289,737	245,191	520,152	370,107	323,039	473,978	364,622
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,382,503</b>	<b>2,263,856</b>	<b>2,492,717</b>	<b>2,016,480</b>	<b>2,035,854</b>	<b>2,577,219</b>	<b>2,202,227</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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