



# LAKE CARRIERS' ASSOCIATION



## Lakes Limestone Trade Up 33.9 Percent in May

CLEVELAND — Shipments of limestone on the Great Lakes totaled 3.9 million tons in May, an increase of 33.9 percent compared to a year ago. May's loadings were also above the month's 5-year average by 6 percent.

Loadings from U.S. quarries increased 42.2 percent compared to 2023 to 3.2 million tons. Shipments from Canadian quarries totaled 734,489 tons, an increase of 7.2 percent.

Year-to-date the Lakes limestone trade stands at 6.5 million tons, an increase of 30.9 percent compared to a year ago. Loadings from Michigan and Ohio quarries total 5.3 million tons, an increase of 33.7 percent. Shipments from Ontario quarries increased 19.8 percent to 1.2 million tons.

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

	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	Average 2019-2023
U.S. Ports	3,413,862	2,722,283	2,892,367	3,042,869	2,217,034	3,151,791	2,857,683
Canadian Ports	890,484	802,468	801,551	855,108	685,331	734,489	806,988
<b>Total</b>	<b>4,304,346</b>	<b>3,524,751</b>	<b>3,693,918</b>	<b>3,897,977</b>	<b>2,902,365</b>	<b>3,886,280</b>	<b>3,664,671</b>

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

	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	Average 2019-2023
U.S. Ports	5,506,628	4,740,948	4,864,932	4,689,242	3,929,849	5,255,032	4,746,320
Canadian Ports	1,180,221	1,047,659	1,321,703	1,225,215	1,008,370	1,208,467	1,156,634
<b>Total</b>	<b>6,686,849</b>	<b>5,788,607</b>	<b>6,186,635</b>	<b>5,914,457</b>	<b>4,938,219</b>	<b>6,463,499</b>	<b>5,902,954</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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