



# LAKE CARRIERS' ASSOCIATION



## Lakes Limestone Trade Down in July

CLEVELAND — Shipments of limestone on the Great Lakes totaled 3.6 million tons in July, a decrease of 14.3 percent compared to a year ago. The trade was also below the month's 5-year average by 9.3 percent.

Loadings from U.S. quarries totaled 2.9 million tons, a decrease of 14 percent compared to 2023. Shipments from Canadian quarries decreased by 15.5 percent to 651,155 tons.

Year-to-date the Lakes limestone trade stands at 13.3 million tons, an increase of 2.7 percent compared to a year ago. Loadings from Michigan and Ohio quarries total 10.7 million tons, an increase of 3.8 percent. Shipments from Ontario quarries total 2.6 million tons, a decrease of 1.8 percent compared to 2023.

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

	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	Average 2019-2023
U.S. Ports	3,485,232	2,615,573	2,959,154	3,041,011	3,388,330	2,912,284	3,097,860
Canadian Ports	814,790	807,203	839,825	931,669	770,365	651,155	832,770
<b>Total</b>	<b>4,300,022</b>	<b>3,422,776</b>	<b>3,798,979</b>	<b>3,972,680</b>	<b>4,158,695</b>	<b>3,563,439</b>	<b>3,930,630</b>

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

	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023*	2024	Average 2019-2023
U.S. Ports	12,392,300	9,832,471	10,488,981	10,700,362	10,351,009	10,745,581	10,753,025
Canadian Ports	2,661,486	2,583,192	3,270,092	2,986,502	2,645,770	2,598,228	2,829,408
<b>Total</b>	<b>15,053,786</b>	<b>12,415,663</b>	<b>13,759,073</b>	<b>13,686,864</b>	<b>12,996,779</b>	<b>13,343,809</b>	<b>13,582,433</b>

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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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