



# LAKE CARRIERS' ASSOCIATION



## Lakes Limestone Trade Up 9.4 Percent in September

CLEVELAND — Shipments of limestone on the Great Lakes totaled 3.8 million tons in September, an increase of 9.4 percent compared to a year ago. Limestone cargos were also above the month's 5-year average by 4.5 percent.

Loadings from U.S. quarries totaled 3.1 million tons, an increase of 10.6 percent from 2023. Shipments from Canadian quarries totaled 678,580 tons, an increase of 4.2 percent.

Year-to-date the limestone trade stands at 20.8 million tons, an increase of 1.8 percent compared to a year ago. Loadings from Michigan and Ohio quarries increased 2 percent to 16.7 million tons; while shipments from Ontario quarries increased less than 1 percent from 2023 to 4.1 million tons.

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

	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	Average 2019-2023
U.S. Ports	3,270,324	2,693,111	3,022,989	2,859,853	2,791,942	3,088,692	2,927,644
Canadian Ports	784,589	631,840	684,234	675,023	651,520	678,580	685,441
<b>Total</b>	<b>4,054,913</b>	<b>3,324,951</b>	<b>3,671,223</b>	<b>3,534,876</b>	<b>3,443,462</b>	<b>3,767,272</b>	<b>3,605,885</b>

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

	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023*	2024	Average 2019-2023
U.S. Ports	19,147,903	15,383,253	16,531,770	16,669,959	16,409,008	16,737,173	16,828,379
Canadian Ports	4,263,902	3,944,368	4,554,653	4,401,647	4,051,468	4,085,840	4,243,208
<b>Total</b>	<b>23,411,805</b>	<b>19,327,621</b>	<b>21,086,423</b>	<b>21,071,606</b>	<b>20,460,476</b>	<b>20,823,013</b>	<b>21,071,586</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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