



LAKE CARRIERS' ASSOCIATION



Great Lakes Limestone Trade Down in 2024

CLEVELAND — Shipments of limestone on the Great Lakes totaled 28.3 million tons in 2024, a decrease of 3.9 percent compared to 2023. 2024's loadings were below the trade's 5-year average by 2.9 percent.

Loadings from U.S. quarries decreased 3.4 percent from the prior year to 22.8 million tons. Shipments from U.S. quarries were also below their 5-year average by 2.4 percent.

Shipments from Canadian quarries totaled 5.4 million tons, a decrease of 5.7 percent compared to 2023 and 5 percent below the 5-year average.

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

	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	Average 2019-2023
U.S. Ports	817,038	847,215	1,323,849	1,079,583	1,646,093	874,939	1,142,756
Canadian Ports	149,841	276,112	205,840	163,913	331,833	257,370	225,508
Total	966,879	1,123,327	1,529,689	1,243,496	1,977,926	1,132,309	1,368,263

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

	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023*	2024	Average 2019-2023
U.S. Ports	25,661,633	21,089,508	23,492,512	23,041,015	23,635,342	22,824,261	23,384,002
Canadian Ports	5,540,370	5,510,556	6,024,618	5,752,246	5,755,414	5,429,080	5,716,641
Total	31,202,003	26,600,064	29,517,130	28,793,261	29,390,756	28,253,341	29,100,643

*Revised 7/11/24

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.

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