



LAKE CARRIERS' ASSOCIATION



Great Lakes Iron Ore Trade Down in April

CLEVELAND – Iron ore shipments on the Great Lakes totaled 4.6 million tons in April, a decrease of 3.4 percent compared to last year. Shipments were 2.1 percent below the month's 5-year average.

Year-to-date the iron ore trade stands at 8.97 million tons, an increase of 5.5 percent compared to the same point in 2023. Through April, iron ore shipments are 11.9 percent above their 5-year average for four months of the year.

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.

Great Lakes Iron Ore Shipments: April 2019-2024 and 5-Year Average

Includes Transshipments to Quebec City for Shipment Overseas

(net tons)

Port	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	Average 2019-2023
Duluth, MN	796,453	769,955	1,024,513	606,560	864,063	732,810	812,309
Superior, WI	1,040,962	969,679	1,244,252	818,811	1,137,331	1,017,628	1,042,207
Two Harbors, MN	1,704,304	1,768,358	1,553,579	1,087,313	1,524,284	1,521,002	1,527,568
Silver Bay, MN	490,313	463,908	623,370	76,082	153,107	436,176	361,356
Marquette, MI*	725,855	723,095	815,692	370,536	659,673	646,209	658,970
Cleveland, OH**	264,418	383,991	294,803	113,492	426,941	251,870	296,729
Ashtabula, OH	35,701	58,158	0	0	0	0	18,772
Total	5,058,006	5,137,144	5,556,209	3,072,794	4,765,399	4,605,695	4,717,910

*Marquette = Presque Isle in previous reports

**Transshipments within Cleveland Harbor

Year-To-Date 2019-2024

Port	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	Average 2019-2023
Duluth, MN	1,428,946	1,130,620	1,469,989	1,015,169	1,458,875	1,395,522	1,300,720
Superior, WI	1,625,714	1,719,231	2,203,033	1,328,443	1,953,320	1,817,331	1,765,948
Two Harbors, MN	2,806,885	2,378,218	2,966,204	1,989,987	2,513,049	2,928,678	2,530,869
Silver Bay, MN	646,965	854,062	832,365	188,773	153,107	778,353	535,054
Marquette, MI*	1,102,445	1,096,618	1,437,810	646,503	1,218,454	1,067,220	1,100,366
Cleveland, OH**	644,443	912,403	516,725	339,688	1,206,598	984,885	723,971
Ashtabula, OH	197,757	132,005	28,553	0	0	0	71,663
Total	8,453,155	8,223,157	9,454,679	5,508,563	8,503,403	8,971,989	8,028,591

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