



## LAKE CARRIERS' ASSOCIATION



### Great Lakes Iron Ore Trade Down in April

CLEVELAND – Iron ore shipments on the Great Lakes totaled 3.7 million tons in April, a decrease of 18.7 percent compared to 2024. Shipments were 19.1 percent below the month's 5-year average.

Year-to-date, the iron ore trade stands at 6.7 million tons, a decrease of 25.1 percent compared to a year ago. Through April, iron ore shipments are 17.4 percent below 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](http://www.lcaships.com).

### Great Lakes Iron Ore Shipments: April 2020-2025 and 5-Year Average

Includes Transshipments to Quebec City for Shipment Overseas

(net tons)

Port	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	Average 2020-2024
Duluth, MN	769,955	1,024,513	606,560	864,063	732,810	661,061	799,580
Superior, WI	969,679	1,244,252	818,811	1,137,331	1,017,628	642,662	1,037,540
Two Harbors, MN	1,768,358	1,553,579	1,087,313	1,524,284	1,521,002	1,549,512	1,490,907
Silver Bay, MN	463,908	623,370	76,082	153,107	436,176	304,748	350,529
Marquette, MI*	723,095	815,692	370,536	659,673	646,209	532,187	643,041
Cleveland, OH**	383,991	294,803	113,492	426,941	251,870	52,907	294,219
Ashtabula, OH	58,158	0	0	0	0	0	9,693
<b>Total</b>	<b>5,137,144</b>	<b>5,556,209</b>	<b>3,072,794</b>	<b>4,765,399</b>	<b>4,605,695</b>	<b>3,743,077</b>	<b>4,627,448</b>

\*Marquette = Presque Isle in previous reports

\*\*Transshipments within Cleveland Harbor

### Year-To-Date 2020-2025

Port	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	Average 2020-2024
Duluth, MN	1,130,620	1,469,989	1,015,169	1,458,875	1,395,522	1,232,385	1,294,035
Superior, WI	1,719,231	2,203,033	1,328,443	1,953,320	1,817,331	1,052,126	1,804,272
Two Harbors, MN	2,378,218	2,966,204	1,989,987	2,513,049	2,928,678	2,602,796	2,555,227
Silver Bay, MN	854,062	832,365	188,773	153,107	778,353	564,566	561,332
Marquette, MI*	1,096,618	1,437,810	646,503	1,218,454	1,067,220	781,594	1,093,321
Cleveland, OH**	912,403	516,725	339,688	1,206,598	984,885	483,486	792,060
Ashtabula, OH	132,005	28,553	0	0	0	0	26,760
<b>Total</b>	<b>8,223,157</b>	<b>9,454,679</b>	<b>5,508,563</b>	<b>8,503,403</b>	<b>8,971,989</b>	<b>6,716,953</b>	<b>8,132,358</b>

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