



LAKE CARRIERS' ASSOCIATION



Great Lakes Limestone Trade Down 21.6 Percent in April

CLEVELAND — Limestone shipments totaled 1.8 million net tons, a decrease of 21.6 percent compared to a year ago. Loadings were also below the month's 5-year average by 15.7 percent.

Shipments from U.S. ports totaled 1.5 million tons, a decrease of 18.2 percent. Loadings at Canadian quarries decreased by 35.3 percent to 297,064 tons.

Year-to-date, the limestone trade stands at 2 million tons, a decrease of 22.7 percent from 2024. Shipments from U.S. and Canadian ports decreased by 19.4 and 37.3 percent, respectively, from the previous year.

GREAT LAKES LIMESTONE TRADE: APRIL 2020-2025 AND LONG-TERM AVERAGE (NET TONS)

	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	Average 2020-2024
U.S. Ports	1,893,595	1,926,878	1,646,373	1,622,632	1,874,176	1,533,095	1,792,731
Canadian Ports	245,191	490,088	370,107	323,039	459,393	297,064	377,564
Total	2,138,786	2,416,966	2,016,480	1,945,671	2,333,569	1,830,159	2,170,294

YEAR-TO-DATE 2020-2025 AND LONG-TERM AVERAGE (NET TONS)

	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	Average 2020-2024
U.S. Ports	2,018,665	1,972,565	1,646,373	1,712,815	2,103,241	1,694,278	1,890,732
Canadian Ports	245,191	520,152	370,107	323,039	473,978	297,064	386,493
Total	2,263,856	2,492,717	2,016,480	2,035,854	2,577,219	1,991,342	2,277,225

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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