

Limestone Trade Up 6.5 Percent in June

CLEVELAND — Shipments of limestone on the Great Lakes totaled 3.5 million tons in June, an increase of 6.5 percent from 2024. This June's loadings were below the month's 5-year average by 1.9 percent.

Loadings out of U.S. quarries totaled 2.9 million tons, an increase of 12.2 percent compared to last year. Shipments from Canadian quarries totaled 639,301 tons, a decrease of 13.4 percent.

Year-to-date, the Lakes limestone trade stands at 9.1 million tons, a decrease of 6.5 percent compared to a year ago. Loadings from Michigan and Ohio quarries decreased by 4 percent from 2024 to 7.5 million tons. Shipments from Ontario quarries total 1.6 million tons, a decrease of 16.5 percent.

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

	2020	2021	2022	2023*	2024	2025	Average 2020-2024*
U.S. Ports	2,475,950	2,664,895	2,970,109	3,032,830	2,578,265	2,892,670	2,744,410
Canadian Ports	728,330	1,108,564	829,618	867,035	738,606	639,301	854,431
Total	3,204,280	3,773,459	3,799,727	3,899,865	3,316,871	3,531,971	3,598,840

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

	2020	2021	2022	2023*	2024	2025	Average 2020-2024*
U.S. Ports	7,216,898	7,529,827	7,659,351	6,962,679	7,833,297	7,520,421	7,440,410
Canadian Ports	1,775,989	2,430,267	2,054,833	1,875,405	1,947,073	1,625,062	2,016,713
Total	8,992,887	9,960,094	9,714,184	8,838,084	9,780,370	9,145,483	9,457,124

^{*}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).

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