



LAKE CARRIERS' ASSOCIATION



Lakes Limestone Trade Down Slightly in July

CLEVELAND — Shipments of limestone on the Great Lakes totaled 3.5 million tons in July, a decrease of less than one percent compared to 2024. The trade was below the month's 5-year average by 6.7 percent.

Loadings from U.S. quarries totaled 2.9 million tons, a decrease of one percent compared to a year ago. Shipments from Canadian quarries decreased by less than one percent to 646,418 tons.

Year-to-date the Lakes limestone trade stands at 12.7 million tons, a decrease of five percent compared to a year ago. Loadings from Michigan and Ohio quarries total 10.4 million tons, a decrease of 3.2 percent. Shipments from Ontario quarries total 2.3 million tons, a decrease of 12.6 percent compared to 2024.

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

| | 2020 | 2021 | 2022 | 2023 | 2024 | 2025 | Average 2020-2024 |
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| U.S. Ports | 2,615,573 | 2,959,154 | 3,041,011 | 3,388,330 | 2,912,284 | 2,882,554 | 2,983,270 |
| Canadian Ports | 807,203 | 839,825 | 931,669 | 770,365 | 651,155 | 646,418 | 800,043 |
| Total | 3,422,776 | 3,798,979 | 3,972,680 | 4,158,695 | 3,563,439 | 3,528,972 | 3,783,314 |

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

| | 2020 | 2021 | 2022 | 2023* | 2024 | 2025 | Average 2020-2024 |
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| U.S. Ports | 9,832,471 | 10,488,981 | 10,700,362 | 10,351,009 | 10,745,581 | 10,402,975 | 10,423,681 |
| Canadian Ports | 2,583,192 | 3,270,092 | 2,986,502 | 2,645,770 | 2,598,228 | 2,271,480 | 2,816,757 |
| Total | 12,415,663 | 13,759,073 | 13,686,864 | 12,996,779 | 13,343,809 | 12,674,455 | 13,240,438 |

*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

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