



LAKE CARRIERS' ASSOCIATION



Great Lakes Iron Ore Trade Down in August

CLEVELAND – Iron ore shipments on the Great Lakes in August totaled 5 million tons, a 9.1 percent decrease compared to last year. Shipments were below the month's 5-year average by 2 percent.

Year-to-date, the iron ore trade totals 26.7 million tons, a decrease of 13.9 percent compared to the same point in 2024.

Through August, iron shipments are 6.4 percent below their 5-year average for eight 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: August 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	784,565	1,132,118	783,957	1,053,368	811,141	847,568	913,030
Superior, WI	657,807	1,248,826	1,606,770	1,484,506	1,315,858	1,082,426	1,262,753
Two Harbors, MN	994,491	1,273,085	1,504,048	1,303,265	1,692,847	1,424,347	1,353,547
Silver Bay, MN	360,469	801,687	150,111	558,876	427,456	363,947	459,720
Marquette, MI*	510,505	728,542	748,384	743,046	785,081	781,222	703,112
Cleveland, OH**	147,974	437,166	315,297	403,981	432,340	466,128	347,352
Ashtabula, OH	149,741	0	0	0	0	0	29,948
Total	3,605,552	5,621,424	5,108,567	5,547,042	5,464,723	4,965,638	5,069,462

*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	5,142,219	5,454,653	3,953,770	5,522,531	5,095,937	5,312,966	5,033,822
Superior, WI	4,210,602	7,394,740	6,974,867	7,666,911	6,774,340	5,304,549	6,604,292
Two Harbors, MN	7,709,362	9,476,573	8,092,503	9,127,346	9,455,645	8,111,860	8,772,286
Silver Bay, MN	2,311,974	3,373,700	1,013,474	1,617,527	2,859,179	2,285,195	2,235,171
Marquette, MI*	2,838,319	4,205,874	3,045,504	4,374,213	4,307,973	4,021,676	3,754,377
Cleveland, OH**	1,542,625	2,099,557	1,107,183	2,857,962	2,548,666	1,683,613	2,031,199
Ashtabula, OH	548,380	28,553	0	0	0	0	115,387
Total	24,303,481	32,033,650	24,187,301	31,166,490	31,041,740	26,719,859	28,546,532

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