



## LAKE CARRIERS' ASSOCIATION



### Lakes Limestone Trade Down in August

CLEVELAND — Shipments of limestone on the Great Lakes totaled 3.6 million tons in August, a decrease of 3 percent from 2024. Limestone cargos were also below the month's 5-year average by 4.4 percent.

Loadings from U.S. quarries totaled 2.95 million tons, an increase of 1.8 percent compared to a year ago. Shipments from Canadian quarries totaled 647,403 tons, representing a 20 percent decrease.

Year-to-date the Lakes limestone trade stands at 16.3 million tons, a 4.6 percent decrease compared to last year. Loadings from Michigan and Ohio quarries total 13.4 million tons, a decrease of 2.1 percent. Shipments from Ontario quarries total 2.9 million tons, a 14.3 percent decrease compared to 2024.

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

	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	Average 2020-2024
U.S. Ports	2,857,671	3,019,800	3,109,744	3,266,057	2,902,900	2,953,714	3,031,234
Canadian Ports	729,336	636,327	740,122	754,178	809,032	647,403	733,799
<b>Total</b>	<b>3,587,007</b>	<b>3,656,127</b>	<b>3,849,866</b>	<b>4,020,235</b>	<b>3,711,932</b>	<b>3,601,117</b>	<b>3,765,033</b>

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

	2020	2021	2022	2023*	2024	2025	Average 2020-2024
U.S. Ports	12,690,142	13,508,781	13,810,106	13,617,066	13,648,481	13,356,689	13,454,915
Canadian Ports	3,312,528	3,906,419	3,726,624	3,399,948	3,407,260	2,918,883	3,550,556
<b>Total</b>	<b>16,002,670</b>	<b>17,415,200</b>	<b>17,536,730</b>	<b>17,017,014</b>	<b>17,055,741</b>	<b>16,275,572</b>	<b>17,005,471</b>

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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](http://www.lcaships.com).

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