



## LAKE CARRIERS' ASSOCIATION



### Great Lakes Iron Ore Trade Down in September

CLEVELAND – Shipments of iron ore from U.S. ports on the Great Lakes decreased 14.2 percent from 2024 to 4.7 million tons in September. Shipments were below the month's 5-year average by 7.4 percent.

Year-to-date, the iron ore trade stands at 31.4 million tons, a 14 percent decrease compared to last year.

Through September, iron ore loadings are 6.6 percent below their 5-year average for the first three quarters 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](http://www.lcaships.com).

### Great Lakes Iron Ore Shipments: September 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	679,082	1,059,854	1,006,157	994,576	780,340	605,012	904,002
Superior, WI	630,822	1,366,365	1,318,224	1,141,618	1,383,871	892,833	1,168,180
Two Harbors, MN	1,324,819	1,349,179	1,590,522	1,683,023	1,702,757	1,483,586	1,530,060
Silver Bay, MN	480,557	726,301	267,144	546,116	407,936	557,019	485,611
Marquette, MI*	561,723	520,461	540,303	787,918	819,819	816,612	646,045
Cleveland, OH**	17,979	338,860	337,137	418,808	369,575	331,657	296,472
Ashtabula, OH	167,847	0	0	0	0	0	33,569
<b>Total</b>	<b>3,862,829</b>	<b>5,361,020</b>	<b>5,059,487</b>	<b>5,572,059</b>	<b>5,464,298</b>	<b>4,686,719</b>	<b>5,063,939</b>

\*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	5,821,301	6,514,507	4,959,927	6,517,107	5,876,277	5,917,978	5,937,824
Superior, WI	4,841,424	8,761,105	8,293,091	8,808,529	8,158,211	6,197,382	7,772,472
Two Harbors, MN	9,034,181	10,825,752	9,683,025	10,810,369	11,158,402	9,595,446	10,302,346
Silver Bay, MN	2,792,531	4,100,001	1,280,618	2,163,643	3,267,115	2,842,214	2,720,782
Marquette, MI*	3,400,042	4,726,335	3,585,807	5,162,131	5,127,792	4,838,288	4,400,421
Cleveland, OH**	1,560,604	2,438,417	1,444,320	3,276,770	2,918,241	2,015,270	2,327,670
Ashtabula, OH	716,227	28,553	0	0	0	0	148,956
<b>Total</b>	<b>28,166,310</b>	<b>37,394,670</b>	<b>29,246,788</b>	<b>36,738,549</b>	<b>36,506,038</b>	<b>31,406,578</b>	<b>33,610,471</b>

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