



# LAKE CARRIERS' ASSOCIATION



## Lakes Limestone Trade Down in November

CLEVELAND — Shipments of limestone on the Great Lakes totaled 2.4 million tons in November, a decrease of 18.1 percent compared to 2024. Limestone cargos were also 18.1 percent below the month's 5-year average.

Loadings from U.S. quarries decreased 20.3 percent from 2024 to 2 million tons. Shipments from Canadian quarries totaled 462,213 tons, a decrease of 7.3 percent.

Year-to-date, the limestone trade stands at 25.2 million tons, a 6.9 percent decrease compared to the same period last year. Loadings from Michigan and Ohio quarries decreased 6.3 percent from 2024 to 20.6 million tons, while shipments from Ontario quarries total 4.7 million tons, a decrease of 9.7 percent from last year.

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

	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	Average 2020-2024
U.S. Ports	2,284,249	2,721,277	2,093,764	2,587,779	2,471,931	1,970,193	2,431,800
Canadian Ports	581,670	625,608	450,529	536,912	498,801	462,213	538,704
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,865,919</b>	<b>3,346,885</b>	<b>2,544,293</b>	<b>3,124,691</b>	<b>2,970,732</b>	<b>2,432,406</b>	<b>2,970,504</b>

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

	2020	2021	2022	2023*	2024	2025	Average 2020-2024
U.S. Ports	20,242,293	22,168,663	21,961,432	21,989,249	21,949,322	20,571,223	21,662,192
Canadian Ports	5,234,444	5,818,778	5,588,333	5,423,581	5,171,710	4,671,045	5,447,369
<b>Total</b>	<b>25,476,737</b>	<b>27,987,441</b>	<b>27,549,765</b>	<b>27,412,830</b>	<b>27,121,032</b>	<b>25,242,268</b>	<b>27,109,561</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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