



## LAKE CARRIERS' ASSOCIATION



### Great Lakes Limestone Trade Down in 2025

CLEVELAND — Limestone shipments on the Great Lakes totaled 26.6 million tons in 2025, a decrease of 5.9 percent compared to the previous year. 2025's loadings were below the trade's 5-year average by 6.7 percent.

Shipments from U.S. quarries decreased 5 percent from 2024 to 21.7 million tons. Loadings from U.S. quarries were also 5 percent below their 5-year average.

2025 shipments from Canadian quarries totaled 4.9 million tons, a 9.7 percent decrease compared to 2024 and 13.9 percent below the 5-year average.

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

	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	Average 2020-2024
U.S. Ports	847,215	1,323,849	1,079,583	1,646,093	874,939	1,112,510	1,154,336
Canadian Ports	276,112	205,840	163,913	331,833	257,370	232,451	247,014
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,123,327</b>	<b>1,529,689</b>	<b>1,243,496</b>	<b>1,977,926</b>	<b>1,132,309</b>	<b>1,344,961</b>	<b>1,401,349</b>

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

	2020	2021	2022	2023*	2024	2025	Average 2020-2024
U.S. Ports	21,089,508	23,492,512	23,041,015	23,635,342	22,824,261	21,683,733	22,816,528
Canadian Ports	5,510,556	6,024,618	5,752,246	5,755,414	5,429,080	4,903,496	5,694,383
<b>Total</b>	<b>26,600,064</b>	<b>29,517,130</b>	<b>28,793,261</b>	<b>29,390,756</b>	<b>28,253,341</b>	<b>26,587,229</b>	<b>28,510,910</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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