



LAKE CARRIERS' ASSOCIATION



Great Lakes Iron Ore Trade a Near Match to January 2025

Cleveland – Iron ore shipments on the Great Lakes totaled 2 million tons in January, a near match to 2025. Loadings were below the month’s 5-year average by 14.5 percent.

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: January 2021-2026 and 5-Year Average Includes Transshipments to Quebec City for Shipment Overseas

(net tons)

Port	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	Average 2021-2025
Duluth, MN	292,543	318,804	418,605	373,120	468,561	261,893	374,327
Superior, WI	661,488	445,019	550,995	707,819	310,849	455,990	535,234
Two Harbors, MN	1,015,888	689,076	679,400	876,738	722,274	534,587	796,675
Silver Bay, MN	145,983	75,473	0	280,262	222,357	85,463	144,815
Marquette, MI*	420,526	239,224	396,724	269,324	189,862	276,321	303,132
Cleveland, OH**	50,466	88,956	432,677	277,990	97,787	394,848	189,575
Ashtabula, OH	28,553	0	0	0	0	0	5,711
Total	2,615,447	1,856,552	2,478,401	2,785,253	2,011,690	2,009,102	2,349,469

* Marquette = Presque Isle in previous reports

** Transshipments within Cleveland Harbor

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