



LAKE CARRIERS' ASSOCIATION



Great Lakes Iron Ore Trade Up in April

CLEVELAND – Iron ore shipments on the Great Lakes totaled 3.9 million tons in April, an increase of 5.3 percent compared to 2025. Shipments were 9.4 percent below the month’s 5-year average.

Year-to-date, the iron ore trade stands at 6.8 million tons, an increase of less than one percent compared to a year ago. Through April, iron ore shipments are 13.5 percent below their 5-year average for four months 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.

Great Lakes Iron Ore Shipments: April 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	1,024,513	606,560	864,063	732,810	661,061	621,981	777,801
Superior, WI	1,244,252	818,811	1,137,331	1,017,628	642,662	864,497	972,137
Two Harbors, MN	1,553,579	1,087,313	1,524,284	1,521,002	1,549,512	1,015,110	1,447,138
Silver Bay, MN	623,370	76,082	153,107	436,176	304,748	360,203	318,697
Marquette, MI*	815,692	370,536	659,673	646,209	532,187	724,020	604,859
Cleveland, OH**	294,803	113,492	426,941	251,870	52,907	355,453	228,003
Ashtabula, OH	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	5,556,209	3,072,794	4,765,399	4,605,695	3,743,077	3,941,264	4,348,635

*Marquette = Presque Isle in previous reports

**Transshipments within Cleveland Harbor

Year-To-Date 2021-2026

Port	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	Average 2021-2025
Duluth, MN	1,469,989	1,015,169	1,458,875	1,395,522	1,232,385	1,000,973	1,314,388
Superior, WI	2,203,033	1,328,443	1,953,320	1,817,331	1,052,126	1,412,963	1,670,851
Two Harbors, MN	2,966,204	1,989,987	2,513,049	2,928,678	2,602,796	1,736,274	2,600,143
Silver Bay, MN	832,365	188,773	153,107	778,353	564,566	568,849	503,433
Marquette, MI*	1,437,810	646,503	1,218,454	1,067,220	781,594	1,083,249	1,030,316
Cleveland, OH**	516,725	339,688	1,206,598	984,885	483,486	972,186	706,276
Ashtabula, OH	28,553	0	0	0	0	0	5,711
Total	9,454,679	5,508,563	8,503,403	8,971,989	6,716,953	6,774,494	7,831,117

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