



LAKE CARRIERS' ASSOCIATION



Limestone Trade Up 4.5 Percent in June

CLEVELAND — U.S. shipments of limestone on the Great Lakes increased 4.5 percent from June 2025 to 3 million tons. This June's U.S. loadings were also above the month's 5-year average by 6.9 percent.

Year-to-date, the Lakes U.S. limestone trade stands at nearly 7 million tons, a decrease of 7.5 percent compared to last year and 7.2 percent below the month's 5-year average.

GREAT LAKES LIMESTONE TRADE: JUNE 2021-2026 AND LONG-TERM AVERAGE (NET TONS)

	2021	2022	2023*	2024	2025	2026	Average 2021-2025*
U.S. Ports	2,664,895	2,970,109	3,032,830	2,578,265	2,892,670	3,021,848	2,827,754
Canadian Ports	1,108,564	829,618	867,035	738,606	639,301	NA**	836,625
Total	3,773,459	3,799,727	3,899,865	3,316,871	3,531,971	3,021,848	3,664,379

YEAR-TO-DATE 2021-2026 AND LONG-TERM AVERAGE (NET TONS)

	2021	2022	2023*	2024	2025	2026	Average 2021-2025*
U.S. Ports	7,529,827	7,659,351	6,962,679	7,833,297	7,520,421	6,959,808	7,501,115
Canadian Ports	2,430,267	2,054,833	1,875,405	1,947,073	1,625,062	NA**	1,986,528
Total	9,960,094	9,714,184	8,838,084	9,780,370	9,145,483	6,959,808	9,487,643

*Revised 7/11/24

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).

**As of April 2026, Canadian ports are no longer supplying information on limestone shipments.

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.

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