



LAKE CARRIERS' ASSOCIATION



Great Lakes Iron Ore Trade Up Slightly in July

CLEVELAND – Shipments of iron ore on the Great Lakes totaled 5.1 million tons in July, an increase of less than one percent compared to 2025. Shipments were below the month's 5-year average by 7.2 percent.

Year-to-date, the iron ore trade stands at 22.5 million tons, an increase of 3.3 percent compared to a year ago. Iron ore shipments were 5.2 percent below their 5-year average for the first seven 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: July 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	1,113,967	1,009,221	969,908	853,016	1,141,047	885,915	1,017,432
Superior, WI	1,383,365	1,528,578	1,331,525	1,479,797	938,078	833,339	1,332,269
Two Harbors, MN	1,573,093	1,714,045	1,688,169	1,871,492	1,424,692	1,626,606	1,654,298
Silver Bay, MN	607,650	151,151	521,882	391,240	471,324	371,530	428,649
Marquette, MI*	663,687	590,397	821,541	777,539	853,299	943,152	741,293
Cleveland, OH**	337,080	300,674	430,637	359,591	278,944	457,073	341,385
Ashtabula, OH	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	5,678,842	5,294,066	5,763,662	5,732,675	5,107,384	5,117,615	5,515,326

*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	4,322,535	3,169,813	4,469,163	4,284,796	4,465,398	3,792,120	4,142,341
Superior, WI	6,145,914	5,368,097	6,182,405	5,458,482	4,222,123	4,195,723	5,475,404
Two Harbors, MN	8,203,488	6,588,455	7,824,081	7,762,798	6,687,513	6,291,896	7,413,267
Silver Bay, MN	2,572,013	863,363	1,058,651	2,431,723	1,921,248	1,763,198	1,769,400
Marquette, MI*	3,477,332	2,297,120	3,631,167	3,522,892	3,240,454	4,069,336	3,233,793
Cleveland, OH**	1,662,391	791,886	2,453,981	2,116,326	1,217,485	2,316,185	1,648,414
Ashtabula, OH	28,553	0	0	0	0	34,181	5,711
Total	26,412,226	19,078,734	25,619,448	25,577,017	21,754,221	22,462,639	23,688,329

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