



LAKE CARRIERS' ASSOCIATION



Great Lakes Iron Ore Trade Up in August

CLEVELAND – Iron ore shipments on the Great Lakes totaled 5.1 million tons in August, a 2 percent increase compared to 2025. Shipments were 5.1 percent below the month's 5-year average.

Year-to-date, the iron ore trade rose 3% to 27.5 million tons.

Through August, iron shipments are below their 5-year average by 5.2 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: August 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	1,132,118	783,957	1,053,368	811,141	847,568	740,536	925,630
Superior, WI	1,248,826	1,606,770	1,484,506	1,315,858	1,082,426	813,581	1,347,677
Two Harbors, MN	1,273,085	1,504,048	1,303,265	1,692,847	1,424,347	1,674,498	1,439,518
Silver Bay, MN	801,687	150,111	558,876	427,456	363,947	394,849	460,415
Marquette, MI*	728,542	748,384	743,046	785,081	781,222	970,240	757,255
Cleveland, OH**	437,166	315,297	403,981	432,340	466,128	473,356	410,982
Ashtabula, OH	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	5,621,424	5,108,567	5,547,042	5,464,723	4,965,638	5,067,060	5,341,479

*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	5,454,653	3,953,770	5,522,531	5,095,937	5,312,966	4,532,656	5,067,971
Superior, WI	7,394,740	6,974,867	7,666,911	6,774,340	5,304,549	5,009,304	6,823,081
Two Harbors, MN	9,476,573	8,092,503	9,127,346	9,455,645	8,111,860	7,966,394	8,852,785
Silver Bay, MN	3,373,700	1,013,474	1,617,527	2,859,179	2,285,195	2,158,047	2,229,815
Marquette, MI*	4,205,874	3,045,504	4,374,213	4,307,973	4,021,676	5,039,576	3,991,048
Cleveland, OH**	2,099,557	1,107,183	2,857,962	2,548,666	1,683,613	2,789,541	2,059,396
Ashtabula, OH	28,553	0	0	0	0	34,181	5,711
Total	32,033,650	24,187,301	31,166,490	31,041,740	26,719,859	27,529,699	29,029,808

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