



LAKE CARRIERS' ASSOCIATION



U.S. Limestone Trade Up in August

CLEVELAND — U.S. shipments of limestone on the Great Lakes totaled 3 million tons in August, a 1.7 percent increase from last year. Limestone cargos were below the month's 5-year average by 1.5 percent.

Year-to-date, the U.S. Great Lakes limestone trade stands at 13.1 million tons, a 1.9 percent decrease compared to 2025 and 3.6 percent below the month's 5-year average.

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

	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	Average 2021-2025
U.S. Ports	3,019,800	3,109,744	3,266,057	2,902,900	2,953,714	3,004,877	3,050,443
Canadian Ports	636,327	740,122	754,178	809,032	647,403	NA**	717,412
Total	3,656,127	3,849,866	4,020,235	3,711,932	3,601,117	3,004,877	3,767,855

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

	2021	2022	2023*	2024	2025	2026	Average 2021-2025
U.S. Ports	13,508,781	13,810,106	13,617,066	13,648,481	13,356,689	13,099,415	13,588,225
Canadian Ports	3,906,419	3,726,624	3,399,948	3,407,260	2,918,883	NA**	3,471,827
Total	17,415,200	17,536,730	17,017,014	17,055,741	16,275,572	13,099,415	17,060,051

*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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