LAKE CARRIERS' ASSOCIATION

Great Lakes Iron Ore Trade Up 11.4 Percent in October

CLEVELAND – Shipments of iron ore on the Great Lakes increased 11.4 percent from last year to a total of 4.9 million tons. Shipments were 1.5 percent above the month's 5-year average.

Year-to-date, the iron ore trade stands at 37.1 million tons, an increase of 3.5 percent compared to October 2025.

Through October, iron ore loadings are 5.2 percent below their 5-year average.

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: October 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	1,060,797	914,217	822,376	746,629	640,772	764,831	**836,958**
Superior, WI	1,018,883	996,996	1,380,093	1,100,593	1,073,027	867,738	**1,113,918**
Two Harbors, MN	1,624,862	1,537,717	1,468,272	1,368,259	1,122,837	1,510,489	**1,424,389**
Silver Bay, MN	794,873	245,824	395,524	341,480	401,977	363,269	**435,936**
Marquette, MI*	553,161	609,987	680,174	714,295	844,837	936,366	**680,491**
Cleveland, OH**	454,319	376,722	333,999	183,547	312,271	455,734	**332,172**
Ashtabula, OH	0	0	0	0	0	0	**0**
Total	**5,506,895**	**4,681,463**	**5,080,438**	**4,454,803**	**4,395,721**	**4,898,427**	**4,823,864**

*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	7,575,304	5,874,144	7,339,483	6,622,906	6,558,750	5,764,547	**6,794,117**
Superior, WI	9,779,988	9,290,087	10,188,622	9,258,804	7,270,409	6,829,072	**9,157,582**
Two Harbors, MN	12,450,614	11,220,742	12,278,641	12,526,661	10,718,283	10,960,592	**11,838,988**
Silver Bay, MN	4,894,874	1,526,442	2,559,167	3,608,595	3,244,191	2,946,897	**3,166,654**
Marquette, MI*	5,279,496	4,195,794	5,842,305	5,842,087	5,683,125	6,905,001	**5,368,561**
Cleveland, OH**	2,892,736	1,821,042	3,610,769	3,101,788	2,327,541	3,617,892	**2,750,775**
Ashtabula, OH	28,553	0	0	0	0	34,181	**5,711**
Total	**42,901,565**	**33,928,251**	**41,818,987**	**40,960,841**	**35,802,299**	**37,058,182**	**39,082,388**

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