



# Lake Carriers' Association

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### Great Lakes Coal Trade Up 9.8 Percent in August

CLEVELAND—Coal shipments on the Great Lakes totaled 3,915,684 net tons in August, a decrease of 4.4 percent compared to July, but an increase of 9.8 percent compared to a year ago. Compared to the month's 5-year average, loadings were down 11.5 percent.

Shipments from Lake Superior ports basically mirrored a year ago, but were down 11.6 percent compared to August's 5-year average. Loadings in Chicago fell by 35 percent compared to a year ago, and even more – 41 percent - compared to the month's 5-year average. The coal trade out of Lake Erie increased 52.7 percent compared to a year ago, but was still slightly below the 5-year average.

Year-to-date coal shipments stand at 18.7 million tons, an increase of 4.9 percent compared to a year ago. However, a year ago the trade was still depressed by the recession. A better measure is the 5-year average, and in that regard, 2010 loadings are 20.6 percent off the pace.

Lake Carriers' Association represents 18 American companies that operate 55 U.S.-flag vessels on the Great Lakes and carry the raw materials that drive the nation's economy: iron ore and fluxstone for the steel industry, limestone and cement for the construction industry, coal for power generation.... Collectively, these vessels can transport more than 115 million tons of cargo per year when high water offsets lack of adequate dredging. More information is available at [www.lcaships.com](http://www.lcaships.com).

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