



# Lake Carriers' Association

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### Great Lakes Coal Trade Down 10.3 Percent in October

CLEVELAND—Coal shipments on the Great Lakes totaled 3,351,835 net tons in October, a decrease of 8.1 percent compared to September, and a drop of 10.3 percent compared to a year ago. Compared to the month's 5-year average, loadings were down even more – 16.1 percent.

Shipments from Lake Superior fell 19 percent from a year ago and were also 15 percent off month's 5-year average. Loadings in Chicago increased by a couple boatloads compared to a year ago, but were 22 percent below the month's 5-year average. While the coal trade out of Lake Erie was basically unchanged from a year ago, loadings were 16 percent off October's 5-year average.

Year-to-date coal shipments stand at 25.7 million tons, an increase of 5.7 percent compared to a year ago. However, loadings through October are more than 18 percent (5.8 million tons) off the 5-year average.

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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