



Lake Carriers' Association

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Lakes Coal Trade Up 22 Percent in January

CLEVELAND—Shipments of coal on the Great Lakes totaled 750,000 tons in January, an increase of 22 percent compared to a year ago. The largest gain – nearly 60 percent – came in loadings from Superior, Wisconsin.

Despite the positive comparison to a year ago, this January's shipments are nearly 40 percent below the month's 5-year average.

Great Lakes Coal Shipments: January 2006-2011 and 5-Year Average
(net tons)

Port	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	Average 2006-2010
Superior, WI	687,977	532,042	847,858	390,328	365,953	585,329	564,832
Thunder Bay, ON	25,100	0	26,923	28,516	12,188	0	18,545
Total - Lake Superior	713,077	532,042	874,781	418,844	378,141	585,329	583,377
Chicago, IL	289,810	121,214	43,773	60,668	26,846	32,276	108,462
Total - Lake Michigan	289,810	121,214	43,773	60,668	26,846	32,276	108,462
Toledo, OH	0	0	16,141	0	0	0	3,228
Sandusky, OH	115,235	0	97,250	77,092	44,651	82,100	66,846
Ashtabula, OH	382,671	144,245	267,020	222,367	166,638	51,567	236,588
Conneaut, OH	442,939	471,898	197,485	0	0	0	222,464
Buffalo, NY	0	0	34,604	0	0	0	6,921
Total - Lake Erie	940,845	616,143	612,500	299,459	211,289	133,667	536,047
Total - All Lakes	1,943,732	1,269,399	1,531,054	778,971	616,276	751,272	1,227,886

Lake Carriers' Association represents 17 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, aggregate 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.

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