



# Lake Carriers' Association

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### Great Lakes Coal Trade Down Almost 22 Percent in June

CLEVELAND—Shipments of coal on the Great Lakes totaled 3 million tons in June, an increase of 2.8 percent over May, but a decrease of 21.8 percent compared to a year ago. Loadings fell even more – 25.6 percent – when compared to June's 5-year average.

Loadings at Lake Superior ports fell 35 percent compared to a year ago. Shipments from Lake Michigan terminals increased almost 32 percent. Loadings at Lake Erie docks dipped 8.8 percent.

Year-to-date, the coal trade stands at 9.6 million tons, a decrease of 10 percent compared to a year ago. Shipments are nearly 30 percent off the 5-year average for the first half of the year.

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](http://www.lcaships.com).

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