



Lake Carriers' Association

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Iron Ore Shipments from Great Lakes and Seaway Ports to Great Lakes Destinations: August 2001-2006 and 5-Year Average

Gross Tons (GT) and Net Tons (NT)

| | 2001 | | 2002 | | 2003 | | 2004 | | 2005 | | 2006 | | 5-Year Average | |
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| | GT | NT | GT | NT | GT | NT | GT | NT | GT | NT | GT | NT | GT | NT |
| Duluth | 635,077 | 711,286 | 789,033 | 883,717 | 449,949 | 503,943 | 714,544 | 800,289 | 663,586 | 743,216 | 602,895 | 675,242 | 650,438 | 728,490 |
| Superior | 1,113,415 | 1,247,025 | 1,561,783 | 1,749,197 | 911,206 | 1,020,551 | 1,239,980 | 1,388,778 | 1,157,747 | 1,296,677 | 1,157,499 | 1,296,399 | 1,196,826 | 1,340,445 |
| Two Harbors | 1,225,495 | 1,372,554 | 1,439,912 | 1,612,701 | 1,088,616 | 1,219,250 | 1,576,957 | 1,766,192 | 1,213,180 | 1,358,762 | 1,314,874 | 1,472,659 | 1,308,832 | 1,465,892 |
| Silver Bay | 434,591 | 486,742 | 611,058 | 684,385 | 404,509 | 453,050 | 519,293 | 581,608 | 362,956 | 406,511 | 485,275 | 543,508 | 466,481 | 522,459 |
| Taconite Harbor* | 11,027 | 12,350 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2,205 | 2,470 |
| Presque Isle | 589,252 | 659,962 | 832,700 | 932,624 | 892,596 | 999,708 | 823,874 | 922,739 | 907,491 | 1,016,390 | 763,493 | 855,112 | 809,183 | 906,285 |
| Escanaba | 795,399 | 890,847 | 176,776 | 197,989 | 104,953 | 117,547 | 363,451 | 407,065 | 249,607 | 279,560 | 430,970 | 482,686 | 338,037 | 378,602 |
| Total | 4,804,256 | 5,380,767 | 5,411,262 | 6,060,613 | 3,851,829 | 4,314,048 | 5,238,099 | 5,866,671 | 4,554,567 | 5,101,115 | 4,755,006 | 5,325,607 | 4,772,003 | 5,344,643 |
| Canadian Seaway Ports | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Pointe Noire | 330,225 | 369,852 | 431,232 | 482,980 | 440,625 | 493,500 | 54,546 | 61,092 | 75,395 | 84,442 | 109,421 | 122,552 | 266,405 | 298,373 |
| Port Cartier | 306,712 | 343,517 | 364,653 | 408,411 | 377,845 | 423,186 | 324,883 | 363,869 | 323,338 | 362,139 | 855,883 | 958,589 | 339,486 | 380,225 |
| Sept Iles | 240,938 | 269,851 | 0 | 0 | 331,868 | 371,692 | 116,722 | 130,729 | 447,479 | 501,176 | 294,274 | 329,587 | 227,401 | 254,690 |
| Total | 877,875 | 983,220 | 795,885 | 891,391 | 1,150,338 | 1,288,379 | 496,151 | 555,689 | 846,212 | 947,757 | 1,259,578 | 1,410,727 | 833,292 | 933,287 |
| Total - U.S., Can. | 5,682,131 | 6,363,987 | 6,207,147 | 6,952,005 | 5,002,167 | 5,602,427 | 5,734,250 | 6,422,360 | 5,400,779 | 6,048,872 | 6,014,584 | 6,736,334 | 5,605,295 | 6,277,930 |

Note: Taconite Harbor shipped iron ore mined by LTV Steel Mining Company in Hoyt Lakes, Minn. The mine closed in 2001 and the dock stopped shipping on August 21, 2001. In 2005, two cargos of ore reclaimed from the dock were shipped.

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Gross Tons (GT) and Net Tons (NT)**

| Port | 2001 | | | | | | 2002 | | | | | | 2003 | | | | | | 2004 | | | | | | 2005 | | | | | | 2006 | | | | | | 5-Year Average | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| Duluth | 3,271,254 | 3,663,804 | 3,527,845 | 3,950,962 | 2,501,563 | 2,801,751 | 3,766,262 | 4,218,213 | 3,403,302 | 3,811,698 | 4,228,368 | 4,735,772 | 3,294,005 | 3,689,286 | 5,254,609 | 5,885,162 | 6,804,478 | 7,621,015 | 5,428,934 | 6,080,406 | 6,838,132 | 7,658,708 | 6,115,950 | 6,849,864 | 5,928,168 | 6,639,548 | 6,088,421 | 6,819,031 | 6,777,524 | 7,590,827 | 7,779,240 | 8,712,749 | 7,336,439 | 8,216,812 | 7,987,194 | 8,945,657 | 6,952,558 | 7,786,865 | 7,910,588 | 8,859,859 | 7,366,591 | 8,250,582 | 2,032,476 | 2,276,373 | 1,819,167 | 2,037,467 | 2,150,047 | 2,408,053 | 3,339,277 | 3,739,990 | 2,782,575 | 3,116,484 | 2,700,214 | 3,024,240 | 2,424,708 | 2,715,673 | 1,967,780 | 2,203,914 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 393,556 | 440,783 | 3,510,255 | 3,931,486 | 4,674,631 | 5,235,587 | 4,293,755 | 4,809,006 | 4,433,155 | 4,965,134 | 5,126,093 | 5,741,224 | 3,964,985 | 4,440,783 | 4,407,578 | 4,936,487 | 3,990,714 | 4,469,600 | 2,083,125 | 2,333,100 | 2,339,328 | 2,620,047 | 3,137,253 | 3,513,723 | 2,215,905 | 2,481,814 | 2,920,931 | 3,271,443 | 2,753,265 | 3,083,657 | 26,804,612 | 30,021,165 | 26,688,286 | 29,890,880 | 24,050,066 | 26,936,074 | 29,501,273 | 33,041,426 | 26,596,383 | 29,787,949 | 27,653,254 | 30,971,644 | 26,728,124 | 29,935,499 |
| Canadian Seaway Ports | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Pointe Noire | 2,225,359 | 2,492,402 | 2,300,104 | 2,576,116 | 1,818,237 | 2,036,425 | 1,046,580 | 1,172,170 | 983,168 | 1,101,148 | 874,051 | 978,937 | 1,674,690 | 1,875,652 | 996,221 | 1,115,768 | 1,203,604 | 1,348,036 | 1,574,267 | 1,763,179 | 2,375,092 | 2,660,103 | 1,693,156 | 1,896,335 | 3,351,476 | 3,753,653 | 1,568,468 | 1,756,684 | 1,808,632 | 2,025,668 | 521,840 | 584,461 | 1,702,687 | 1,907,009 | 1,308,829 | 1,465,888 | 1,985,667 | 2,223,947 | 1,456,713 | 1,631,519 | 1,465,531 | 1,641,395 | 5,030,212 | 5,633,837 | 4,025,548 | 4,508,614 | 5,095,191 | 5,706,614 | 4,730,501 | 5,298,161 | 4,661,991 | 5,221,430 | 5,682,240 | 6,364,109 | 4,708,689 | 5,273,731 | 31,834,824 | 35,655,003 | 30,713,834 | 34,399,494 | 29,145,257 | 32,642,688 | 34,231,774 | 38,339,587 | 31,258,374 | 35,009,379 | 33,335,494 | 37,335,753 | 31,436,813 | 35,209,230 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |

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