



# Lake Carriers' Association

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### Lakes Iron Ore Trade Up 85 Percent in August

CLEVELAND—Iron ore shipments on the Great Lakes totaled 6 million net tons in August, a nominal increase over July, but a significant improvement – 85 percent – over a year ago. Loadings were also marginally ahead of the month's 5-year average.

August loadings at U.S. ports increased 74 percent compared to a year ago. Shipments from Canadian ports nearly tripled.

Year-to-date the Lakes ore trade stands at 33.6 million tons, an increase of 109 percent compared to the same point last year. The end-of-August total is also within striking distance of the 5-year average for the January-August timeframe. Shipments from U.S. ports are up 114 percent compared to a year ago. Loadings at Canadian ports are 78 percent ahead of last year's 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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