



# Lake Carriers' Association

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### Lakes Iron Ore Trade Up 11.3 Percent in December Ends Year Up 67 Percent Over Recession-Battered 2009

CLEVELAND—Iron ore shipments on the Great Lakes totaled 5,013,621 net tons in December, an increase of more than 11 percent compared to a year ago. Loadings were also virtually tied with the month's 5-year average.

For the year the Great Lakes iron ore trade totaled 54.4 million tons, an increase of 67 percent compared to 2009. Shipments from U.S. ports rose 67.8 percent compared to a year ago. Loadings at Canadian ports finished 62 percent ahead of last year's pace.

The 2010 total was slightly off the 5-year average. Loadings were down 2 percent compared to the average for the years 2005-2009.

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, 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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