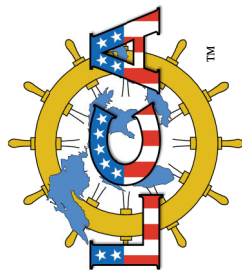


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## Iron Ore Shipments From Great Lakes And Seaway Ports To Great Lakes Destinations October 2000-2005 And 5-Year Average

Gross Tons (GT) and Net Tons (NT)

	2000		2001		2002		2003		2004		2005		Average 2000-2004	
	GT	NT	GT	NT	GT	NT	GT	NT	GT	NT	GT	NT	GT	NT
Duluth	649,062	726,949	455,888	510,595	445,658	499,137	232,767	260,699	568,046	636,212	671,497	752,077	470,284	526,718
Superior	971,172	1,087,713	963,264	1,078,856	904,547	1,013,093	980,782	1,098,476	1,286,127	1,440,462	1,126,937	1,262,169	1,021,178	1,143,720
Two Harbors	1,193,743	1,336,992	1,117,092	1,251,143	1,436,134	1,608,470	1,158,481	1,297,499	1,166,209	1,306,154	1,036,000	1,160,320	1,214,332	1,360,052
Silver Bay	478,955	536,430	296,325	331,884	610,315	683,553	639,496	716,236	464,159	519,858	586,811	657,228	497,850	557,592
Taconite Harbor*	860,037	963,241	0	0	0	0	0	0	22,375	25,060	0	0	176,482	197,660
Presque Isle	693,106	776,279	829,214	928,720	734,185	822,287	540,364	605,208	826,663	925,863	775,685	868,767	724,706	811,671
Escanaba	529,952	593,546	540,656	605,535	362,578	406,087	376,400	421,568	224,537	251,481	229,091	256,582	406,825	455,644
<b>Total</b>	<b>5,376,027</b>	<b>6,021,150</b>	<b>4,202,439</b>	<b>4,706,732</b>	<b>4,493,417</b>	<b>5,032,627</b>	<b>3,928,290</b>	<b>4,399,685</b>	<b>4,558,116</b>	<b>5,105,090</b>	<b>4,426,021</b>	<b>4,957,144</b>	<b>4,511,658</b>	<b>5,053,057</b>
<b>Canadian Seaway Ports</b>														
Pointe Noire	471,371	527,936	324,895	363,882	534,333	598,453	437,294	489,769	52,553	58,859	82,373	92,258	364,089	407,780
Port Cartier	441,757	494,768	276,694	309,897	302,779	339,112	558,511	625,532	838,259	938,850	408,532	457,556	483,600	541,632
Sept Iles	276,751	309,961	186,619	209,013	164,809	184,586	138,387	154,993	80,904	90,612	254,138	284,635	169,494	189,833
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,189,879</b>	<b>1,332,664</b>	<b>788,208</b>	<b>882,793</b>	<b>1,001,921</b>	<b>1,122,152</b>	<b>1,134,192</b>	<b>1,270,295</b>	<b>971,716</b>	<b>1,088,322</b>	<b>745,043</b>	<b>834,448</b>	<b>1,017,183</b>	<b>1,139,245</b>
<b>Total - All Ports</b>	<b>6,565,906</b>	<b>7,353,815</b>	<b>4,990,647</b>	<b>5,589,525</b>	<b>5,495,338</b>	<b>6,154,779</b>	<b>5,062,482</b>	<b>5,669,980</b>	<b>5,529,832</b>	<b>6,193,412</b>	<b>5,171,064</b>	<b>5,791,592</b>	<b>5,528,841</b>	<b>6,192,302</b>

\*Taconite Harbor shipped iron ore mined by LTV Steel Mining Company in Hoyt Lakes, Minn. The mine closed in 2001 and the dock ceased shipping in August 2001. (Two cargos of reclaimed iron ore were shipped from Taconite Harbor in 2004.)

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Gross Tons (GT) and Net Tons (NT)

Port	2000		2001		2002		2003		2004		2005		Average 2000-2004	
	GT	NT	GT	NT	GT	NT	GT	NT	GT	NT	GT	NT	GT	NT
Duluth	4,473,885	5,010,751	4,192,340	4,695,421	4,684,377	5,246,502	3,087,572	3,458,081	4,994,662	5,594,021	4,682,982	5,244,940	4,286,567	4,800,955
Superior	7,483,591	8,381,622	7,312,787	8,190,321	8,804,102	9,860,594	7,411,554	8,300,940	9,450,378	10,584,423	8,262,115	9,253,569	8,092,482	9,063,580
Two Harbors	9,847,697	11,029,421	8,875,588	9,940,659	10,612,022	11,885,465	9,445,435	10,578,887	10,310,582	11,547,852	9,259,376	10,370,501	9,818,265	10,996,457
Silver Bay	3,594,831	4,026,211	2,730,506	3,058,167	2,909,755	3,258,926	3,277,406	3,670,695	4,214,276	4,719,989	3,845,285	4,306,719	3,345,355	3,746,797
Taconite Harbor	6,064,089	6,791,780	1,967,780	2,203,914	0	0	0	0	49,075	54,964	0	0	1,616,189	1,810,131
Presque Isle	6,082,262	6,812,133	5,060,864	5,668,168	6,257,167	7,008,027	5,579,811	6,249,388	6,090,697	6,821,581	6,790,101	7,604,913	5,814,160	6,511,859
Escanaba	5,771,156	6,463,695	5,007,774	5,608,707	2,759,087	3,090,177	2,904,974	3,253,571	3,638,313	4,074,911	2,723,993	3,050,872	4,016,261	4,498,212
<b>Total</b>	<b>43,317,511</b>	<b>48,515,612</b>	<b>35,147,639</b>	<b>39,365,356</b>	<b>36,026,510</b>	<b>40,349,691</b>	<b>31,706,752</b>	<b>35,511,562</b>	<b>38,747,983</b>	<b>43,397,741</b>	<b>35,563,852</b>	<b>39,831,514</b>	<b>36,989,279</b>	<b>41,427,992</b>
<b>Canadian Seaway Ports</b>														
Pointe Noire	3,631,420	4,067,190	2,780,586	3,114,256	3,310,887	3,708,193	2,640,701	2,957,585	1,149,342	1,287,263	1,269,363	1,421,687	2,702,587	3,026,898
Port Cartier	2,497,682	2,797,404	1,607,006	1,799,847	1,803,469	2,019,885	2,612,569	2,926,077	3,989,609	4,468,362	2,588,635	2,899,271	2,502,067	2,802,315
Sept Iles	2,023,704	2,266,548	2,098,485	2,350,303	811,255	908,606	2,110,426	2,363,677	1,415,805	1,585,702	2,595,490	2,906,949	1,691,935	1,894,967
<b>Total</b>	<b>8,152,806</b>	<b>9,131,143</b>	<b>6,486,077</b>	<b>7,264,406</b>	<b>5,925,611</b>	<b>6,636,684</b>	<b>7,363,696</b>	<b>8,247,340</b>	<b>6,554,756</b>	<b>7,341,327</b>	<b>6,453,488</b>	<b>7,227,907</b>	<b>6,896,589</b>	<b>7,724,180</b>
<b>Total – All Ports</b>	<b>51,470,317</b>	<b>57,646,755</b>	<b>41,633,716</b>	<b>46,629,762</b>	<b>41,952,121</b>	<b>46,986,376</b>	<b>39,070,448</b>	<b>43,758,902</b>	<b>45,302,739</b>	<b>50,739,068</b>	<b>42,017,340</b>	<b>47,059,421</b>	<b>43,885,368</b>	<b>49,152,172</b>

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