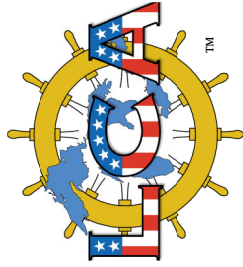


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## Iron Ore Shipments from Great Lakes and Seaway Ports to Great Lakes Destinations December 2000-2005 and 5-Year Average

Gross Tons (GT) and Net Tons

|                              | 2000             |                  | 2001             |                  | 2002             |                  | 2003             |                  | 2004             |                  | 2005             |                  | Average 2000-2004 |                  |
|------------------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|-------------------|------------------|
|                              | GT               | NT               | GT               | NT               | GT               | NT               | GT               | NT               | GT               | NT               | GT               | NT               | GT                | NT               |
| Duluth                       | 481,232          | 538,980          | 313,364          | 350,968          | 680,831          | 762,531          | 174,960          | 195,955          | 525,647          | 588,725          | 650,671          | 728,752          | 435,207           | 487,432          |
| Superior                     | 773,398          | 866,206          | 634,175          | 710,276          | 934,093          | 1,046,184        | 1,371,768        | 1,536,380        | 1,216,574        | 1,362,563        | 954,092          | 1,068,583        | 986,002           | 1,104,322        |
| Two Harbors                  | 1,045,747        | 1,171,237        | 892,501          | 999,601          | 1,294,093        | 1,449,384        | 1,155,697        | 1,294,381        | 1,041,422        | 1,166,393        | 1,266,410        | 1,418,379        | 1,085,892         | 1,216,199        |
| Silver Bay                   | 274,688          | 307,651          | 131,016          | 146,738          | 405,394          | 454,041          | 907,033          | 1,015,877        | 466,980          | 523,018          | 556,819          | 623,637          | 437,022           | 489,465          |
| Taconite Harbor*             | 484,049          | 542,135          | 0                | 0                | 0                | 0                | 0                | 0                | 0                | 0                | 0                | 0                | 96,810            | 108,427          |
| Presque Isle                 | 723,120          | 809,894          | 901,121          | 1,009,256        | 906,328          | 1,015,087        | 777,886          | 871,232          | 587,941          | 658,494          | 538,360          | 602,963          | 779,279           | 872,793          |
| Escanaba                     | 567,529          | 635,632          | 247,856          | 277,599          | 475,731          | 532,819          | 251,626          | 281,821          | 524,923          | 587,914          | 422,030          | 472,674          | 413,533           | 463,157          |
| <b>Total</b>                 | <b>4,349,763</b> | <b>4,871,735</b> | <b>3,120,033</b> | <b>3,494,437</b> | <b>4,696,470</b> | <b>5,260,046</b> | <b>4,638,970</b> | <b>5,195,646</b> | <b>4,363,487</b> | <b>4,887,105</b> | <b>4,388,382</b> | <b>4,914,988</b> | <b>4,233,745</b>  | <b>4,741,794</b> |
| <b>Canadian Seaway Ports</b> |                  |                  |                  |                  |                  |                  |                  |                  |                  |                  |                  |                  |                   |                  |
| Pointe Noire                 | 257,272          | 288,145          | 235,141          | 263,358          | 215,051          | 240,857          | 156,119          | 174,853          | 189,155          | 211,854          | 179,956          | 201,551          | 210,548           | 235,813          |
| Port Cartier                 | 158,462          | 177,477          | 76,684           | 85,886           | 330,230          | 369,858          | 365,733          | 409,621          | 392,469          | 439,565          | 335,803          | 376,099          | 264,716           | 296,481          |
| Sept Iles                    | 25,851           | 28,953           | 57,083           | 63,933           | 156,240          | 174,989          | 244,946          | 274,340          | 159,518          | 178,660          | 236,606          | 264,999          | 128,728           | 144,175          |
| <b>Total</b>                 | <b>441,585</b>   | <b>494,575</b>   | <b>368,908</b>   | <b>413,177</b>   | <b>701,521</b>   | <b>785,704</b>   | <b>766,798</b>   | <b>858,814</b>   | <b>741,142</b>   | <b>830,079</b>   | <b>752,365</b>   | <b>842,649</b>   | <b>603,991</b>    | <b>676,470</b>   |
| <b>Total - All Ports</b>     | <b>4,791,348</b> | <b>5,366,310</b> | <b>3,488,941</b> | <b>3,907,614</b> | <b>5,397,991</b> | <b>6,045,750</b> | <b>5,405,768</b> | <b>6,054,460</b> | <b>5,104,629</b> | <b>5,717,184</b> | <b>5,140,747</b> | <b>5,757,637</b> | <b>4,837,735</b>  | <b>5,418,264</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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## Iron Ore Shipments from Great Lakes and Seaway Ports to Great Lakes Destinations Year-To-Date 2000-2005 and 5-Year Average

### 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          | 5,436,480         | 6,088,858         | 4,852,200         | 5,434,464         | 5,912,084         | 6,621,534         | 3,451,629         | 3,865,824         | 6,072,424         | 6,801,115         | 5,869,189         | 6,573,492         | 5,144,963         | 5,762,359         |
| Superior        | 9,169,868         | 10,270,252        | 8,868,951         | 9,933,225         | 10,521,988        | 11,784,627        | 9,778,538         | 10,951,963        | 11,721,259        | 13,127,810        | 9,922,493         | 11,113,192        | 10,012,121        | 11,213,575        |
| Two Harbors     | 11,834,456        | 13,254,591        | 10,791,565        | 12,086,553        | 13,164,966        | 14,744,762        | 11,691,744        | 13,094,753        | 12,507,281        | 14,008,155        | 11,634,289        | 13,030,404        | 11,998,002        | 13,437,763        |
| Silver Bay      | 4,178,222         | 4,679,609         | 3,207,778         | 3,592,711         | 3,883,324         | 4,349,323         | 4,837,659         | 5,418,178         | 5,110,090         | 5,723,301         | 4,781,985         | 5,355,823         | 4,243,415         | 4,752,624         |
| Taconite Harbor | 7,251,288         | 8,121,443         | 1,967,780         | 2,203,914         | 0                 | 0                 | 0                 | 0                 | 49,075            | 54,964            | 0                 | 0                 | 1,853,629         | 2,076,064         |
| Presque Isle    | 7,521,094         | 8,423,625         | 6,825,184         | 7,644,206         | 7,811,944         | 8,749,377         | 7,134,271         | 7,990,384         | 7,463,811         | 8,359,468         | 7,858,987         | 8,802,065         | 7,351,261         | 8,233,412         |
| Escanaba        | 6,950,300         | 7,784,336         | 5,542,422         | 6,207,513         | 3,634,409         | 4,070,538         | 3,468,694         | 3,884,937         | 4,497,219         | 5,036,885         | 3,343,657         | 3,744,896         | 4,818,609         | 5,396,842         |
| <b>Total</b>    | <b>52,341,708</b> | <b>58,622,713</b> | <b>42,055,880</b> | <b>47,102,586</b> | <b>44,928,715</b> | <b>50,320,161</b> | <b>40,362,535</b> | <b>45,206,039</b> | <b>47,421,159</b> | <b>53,111,698</b> | <b>43,410,600</b> | <b>48,619,872</b> | <b>45,421,999</b> | <b>50,872,639</b> |

| <b>Canadian Seaway Ports</b> |                   |                   |                   |                   |                   |                   |                   |                   |                   |                   |                   |                   |                   |                   |
|------------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| Port                         | 2000              |                   | 2001              |                   | 2002              |                   | 2003              |                   | 2004              |                   | 2005              |                   | Average 2000-2004 |                   |
|                              | GT                | NT                | GT                | NT                | GT                | NT                | GT                | NT                | GT                | NT                | GT                | NT                | GT                | NT                |
| Pointe Noire                 | 4,260,856         | 4,772,159         | 3,557,430         | 3,984,322         | 3,939,226         | 4,411,933         | 3,031,182         | 3,394,924         | 1,726,127         | 1,933,262         | 1,625,548         | 1,820,614         | 3,302,964         | 3,699,320         |
| Port Cartier                 | 3,189,800         | 3,572,576         | 1,859,763         | 2,082,935         | 2,500,013         | 2,800,015         | 3,418,353         | 3,828,555         | 4,925,221         | 5,516,248         | 3,295,656         | 3,691,135         | 3,178,630         | 3,560,066         |
| Sept Iles                    | 2,318,992         | 2,597,271         | 2,235,425         | 2,503,676         | 1,236,713         | 1,385,119         | 2,599,748         | 2,911,718         | 1,833,406         | 2,053,415         | 3,102,544         | 3,474,849         | 2,044,857         | 2,290,240         |
| <b>Total</b>                 | <b>9,769,648</b>  | <b>10,942,006</b> | <b>7,652,618</b>  | <b>8,570,932</b>  | <b>7,675,952</b>  | <b>8,597,066</b>  | <b>9,049,283</b>  | <b>10,135,197</b> | <b>8,484,754</b>  | <b>9,502,924</b>  | <b>8,023,748</b>  | <b>8,986,598</b>  | <b>8,526,451</b>  | <b>9,549,625</b>  |
| <b>Total – All Ports</b>     | <b>62,111,356</b> | <b>69,564,719</b> | <b>49,708,498</b> | <b>55,673,518</b> | <b>52,604,667</b> | <b>58,917,227</b> | <b>49,411,818</b> | <b>55,341,236</b> | <b>55,905,913</b> | <b>62,614,623</b> | <b>51,434,348</b> | <b>57,606,470</b> | <b>53,948,450</b> | <b>60,422,264</b> |

**Note: All 2005 totals are subject to final verification.**

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