

2011 IRON ORE TRADE

Shipments of iron ore on the Great Lakes totaled 61,354,552 tons in 2011, an increase of roughly 13 percent compared to both 2010 and the trade's 5-year average.

Shipments from Lake Superior ports rose 16 percent. Loadings out of Escanaba, Michigan, fell 5.6 percent. The iron ore shuttle within Cleveland Harbor increased 17.6 percent.

Shipments from Canadian mines to Great Lakes destinations registered a slight increase, about two cargos in a Seaway-sized laker.

GREAT LAKES IRON ORE SHIPMENTS: 2006-2011 AND 5-YEAR AVERAGE

(net tons)

PORT / DOCK	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	AVERAGE 2006-2010
Duluth, MN							
DM&IR.....	7,164,620	6,362,054	8,429,849	5,544,879	6,085,176	7,711,147	6,717,316
Superior, WI							
BNSF.....	11,998,407	12,396,921	10,285,069	2,427,228	7,745,539	8,949,320	8,970,633
Two Harbors, MN							
DM&IR.....	14,447,327	13,651,111	13,461,896	7,001,579	14,119,821	16,271,740	12,536,347
Silver Bay, MN							
Northshore Mining Co.....	4,814,260	4,905,387	6,684,812	3,390,818	6,788,916	6,017,263	5,316,839
Presque Isle, MI							
LS&I Railroad.....	7,210,441	6,530,532	7,104,003	5,266,079	7,153,633	9,643,716	6,652,938
TOTAL – LAKE SUPERIOR	45,635,055	43,846,005	45,965,629	23,630,583	41,893,085	48,593,186	40,194,073
LAKE MICHIGAN							
Escanaba, MI							
CN.....	4,505,150	4,877,479	5,260,006	4,298,566	3,883,685	3,665,692	4,564,977
LAKE ERIE							
Cleveland, OH							
Cleveland Bulk Terminal.....	3,121,814	2,156,662	1,893,887	759,385	2,364,871	2,780,768	2,059,324
TOTAL – U.S. PORTS	53,262,019	50,880,146	53,119,522	28,688,534	48,141,641	55,039,646	46,818,374
Pointe Noire, QC							
Arnaud Railroad.....	1,779,433	1,646,387	1,359,061	938,450	896,193	913,754	1,323,905
Port Cartier, QC							
Quebec Cartier Mining Company	4,726,226	5,135,121	4,190,324	1,256,675	3,362,594	4,407,788	3,734,188
Sept Iles, QC							
Iron Ore Company of Canada	3,232,234	2,594,146	2,467,934	1,668,357	1,998,182	993,364	2,392,171
TOTAL – EASTERN CANADA	9,737,893	9,375,654	8,017,319	3,863,482	6,256,969	6,314,906	7,450,264
TOTAL – ALL PORTS	62,999,912	60,255,800	61,136,841	32,552,016	54,398,610	61,354,552	54,268,638

To convert iron ore to gross tons, multiply by .89286.