

## **2014 IRON ORE TRADE**

Shipments of iron ore on the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence Seaway totaled 59.6 million tons in 2014, an increase of 4.8 percent compared to 2013. Nonetheless, the trade was severely hampered by heavy ice in March and April. March shipments plummeted 43 percent compared to a year ago. April was even worse; loadings were down 52 percent. The ice off Marquette, Michigan, was so thick the dock could not load its first cargo until April 13 and the U.S. Coast Guard did not allow vessels to transit Lake Superior unescorted until May 2.

Loadings out of Canadian ports in the St. Lawrence Seaway totaled 5.6 million tons, a decrease of 13.5 percent.

### **GREAT LAKES IRON ORE SHIPMENTS: 2009-2014 AND 5-YEAR AVERAGE**

(net tons)

PORT / DOCK	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	AVERAGE 2009-2013
<b>LAKE SUPERIOR</b>							
<b>Duluth, MN</b>							
DM&IR	5,544,879	6,085,176	7,711,147	8,024,498	7,948,482	8,242,063	7,062,836
Hallett Dock Company	102,105	208,157	383,344	214,629	309,440	464,676	243,535
<b>Superior, WI</b>							
BNSF	2,427,228	7,745,539	8,949,320	9,661,598	8,501,088	8,701,128	7,456,955
<b>Two Harbors, MN</b>							
DM&IR	7,001,579	14,119,821	16,271,740	16,557,933	17,325,090	15,838,080	14,255,233
<b>Silver Bay, MN</b>							
Northshore Mining Co.	3,390,818	6,788,916	6,017,263	6,093,587	4,678,682	5,584,508	5,393,853
<b>Presque Isle, MI</b>							
LS&I Railroad	5,266,079	7,153,633	9,643,716	8,204,860	6,765,283	7,607,951	7,406,714
<b>TOTAL – LAKE SUPERIOR</b>	<b>23,732,688</b>	<b>42,101,242</b>	<b>48,976,530</b>	<b>48,757,105</b>	<b>45,528,065</b>	<b>46,438,406</b>	<b>41,819,126</b>
<b>LAKE MICHIGAN</b>							
<b>Escanaba, MI</b>							
CN	4,298,566	3,883,685	3,665,692	2,705,797	3,665,495	3,669,796	3,643,847
<b>LAKE ERIE</b>							
<b>Cleveland, OH</b>							
Cleveland Bulk Terminal	759,385	2,364,871	2,780,768	2,440,188	2,634,341	3,689,617	2,195,911
<b>Ashtabula, OH</b>							
Kinder Morgan/Pinney Dock	0	0	0	0	397,293	41,559	79,459
<b>Conneaut, OH</b>							
Canadian National Railway	0	0	0	0	150,001	157,993	30,000
<b>TOTAL - LAKE ERIE</b>	<b>759,385</b>	<b>2,364,871</b>	<b>2,780,768</b>	<b>2,440,188</b>	<b>3,181,635</b>	<b>3,889,169</b>	<b>2,305,369</b>
<b>TOTAL – U.S. PORTS</b>	<b>28,790,639</b>	<b>48,349,798</b>	<b>55,422,990</b>	<b>53,903,090</b>	<b>52,375,195</b>	<b>53,997,371</b>	<b>47,768,342</b>
<b>Pointe Noire, QC</b>							
Arnaud Railroad	938,450	896,193	913,754	718,140	791,476	0	851,603
<b>Port Cartier, QC</b>							
Quebec Cartier Mining Company	1,256,675	3,362,594	4,407,788	4,736,541	5,024,467	5,145,748	3,757,613
<b>Sept Iles, QC</b>							
Iron Ore Company of Canada	1,668,357	1,998,182	993,364	2,456,179	658,724	457,049	1,554,961
<b>TOTAL – EASTERN CANADA</b>	<b>3,863,482</b>	<b>6,256,969</b>	<b>6,314,906</b>	<b>7,910,860</b>	<b>6,474,667</b>	<b>5,602,797</b>	<b>6,164,177</b>
<b>TOTAL – ALL PORTS</b>	<b>32,654,121</b>	<b>54,606,767</b>	<b>61,737,896</b>	<b>61,813,950</b>	<b>58,849,862</b>	<b>59,600,168</b>	<b>53,932,519</b>

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