

Pennsylvania Relies on Great Lakes-Seaway Shipping

Pennsylvania borders approximately 45 miles of shoreline along Lake Erie. The Port of Erie is the state's single Great Lakes port and handles nearly 600,000 tons of inbound and outbound cargo annually.

Great Lakes Seaway shipping serves western Pennsylvania by offering low-cost efficient waterborne transportation. For example, diesel-electric locomotives manufactured in Erie are loaded on ocean-going vessels for export to customers all over the world. Limestone, sand and gravel are delivered by lake vessel to Erie for use in local construction projects.

Jobs	Personal Income	Business Revenue	Local Purchases	Total Taxes Paid
854	\$66 million	\$54 million	\$19 million	\$18.5 million

Invested in Pennsylvania port, terminal and waterway infrastructure			
\$11 million			

Port	Annual Tonnage	Major Cargoes Handled
Erie	574,000	Limestone, sand, gravel, general cargo

(Source: Waterborne Commerce of the United States, Part III, USACE, CY 2013)

Sources:

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