

Indiana

Indiana Relies on Great Lakes-Seaway Shipping

Indiana has 43 miles of shoreline and borders a small but vital area of Lake Michigan. Nearly 31 million tons of inbound and outbound cargoes are handled at Indiana's four Great Lakes ports.

As the largest steel-producing state, Indiana relies on Great Lakes Seaway shipping for delivery of critical raw materials. For example, iron ore mined in Michigan and Minnesota is transported by lake ships to the large integrated steel mills at East Chicago, Gary and Burns Harbor. Limestone is another key raw material in the steel making process. Mined in Michigan, it is delivered to Indiana mills by Great Lakes vessel. Indiana steel finds its way into road construction, automobile production, appliance manufacturing, and scores of everyday products.

Jobs	Personal Income	Business Revenue	Local Purchases	Local Taxes Paid
66,158	\$4.9 billion	\$11.29 billion	\$2.6 billion	\$2.3 billion

Port	Annual Cargo Tonnage	Major Cargoes Handled
Buffington Harbor	1,634,000	limestone, sand/gravel, coal
Burns Harbor	8,496,000	limestone, iron ore, slag, iron & steel, fertilizer, asphalt, machinery, corn, soybeans, sugar
Gary	8,600,000	limestone, iron ore, slag, iron & steel, coke
Indiana Harbor	11,910,000	coal, coke, fuel oil, asphalt, limestone, gypsum, iron ore, slag, aluminum ore

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