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Michigan Relies on Great Lakes-Seaway Shipping

Michigan's shoreline stretches more than 3,200 miles on four of the five Great Lakes, including over 1,000 miles of Lake Michigan and over 900 miles of Lake Superior. The state's two peninsulas also border parts of Lakes Huron and Erie. More than 61 million tons of inbound and outbound cargoes are handled at Michigan's Great Lakes ports.

Michigan has more ports than any other state in the region, an indication of the critical role that shipping plays in the state's economy. For example, iron ore mined in the upper peninsula is loaded onto lake vessels in Marquette for transport to steel mills in the lower Lakes. Limestone quarried on Drummond Island and in Rogers City is delivered to ports throughout the region for use in steel-making and construction. Cement produced in Alpena is distributed by Lake vessel for construction projects. Steel products from Europe, South America and Asia are off-loaded from ocean-going vessels in Detroit for use by local manufacturers.

Low-sulfur coal is delivered by ship to power generation facilities in Monroe and St. Clair. Bulk raw materials such as sand, gravel, and salt each move through Michigan ports – each playing an important role in the state's economy.

Jobs	Personal Income	Business Revenue	Local Purchases	Local Taxes Paid
25,910	\$1.7 billion	\$3.2 billion	\$692 million	\$763 million

Port	Annual Cargo Tonnage	Major Cargoes Handled
Alpena	2,237,000	coal, coke, limestone, aluminum, salt, slag, cement
Calcite	7,759,000	gasoline, fuel oil, limestone, sand/gravel, salt
Cheboygan	227,000	gasoline, fuel oil, limestone
Detroit*	14,836,000	coal, limestone, iron ore, salt, cement, iron & steel, aluminum, asphalt, slag

* includes Detroit Harbor, Rouge River, Ecorse, and Trenton

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Port	Annual Cargo Tonnage	Major Cargoes Handled
Drummond Island	1,260,000	limestone, iron ore
Escanaba	84,000	coal, salt
Gladstone	10,000	asphalt
Grand Haven	1,321,000	coal, limestone, sand/gravel, slag, cement
Holland	512,000	limestone, sand/gravel, iron & steel
Ludington	473,000	salt, limestone, sand/gravel
Manistee	385,000	coal, coke, limestone, slag
Marine City	780,000	limestone
Marquette	987,000	limestone, sand/gravel, iron ore, clay
Marysville	385,000	limestone, sand/gravel
Menominee/Marinette	184,000	salt, pig iron
Monroe	1,195,000	coal, limestone, asphalt, gypsum, iron & steel
Muskegon	773,000	limestone, sand/gravel, clay, salt, cement
Port Dolomite	2,766,000	limestone, sand/gravel, clay, salt, slag
Port Inland	4,327,000	limestone, sand/gravel, clay, salt
Presque Island	7,473,000	coal, iron ore
Saginaw	3,214,000	coal, limestone, sand/gravel, salt, cement
Sault Ste Marie	69,000	salt, steel scrap
St. Clair	6,192,000	coal
St. Joseph	197,000	limestone, cement
Stoneport	4,141,000	limestone, sand/gravel, clay, slag

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