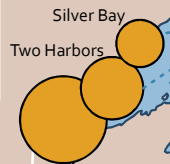


THE GREAT LAKES NETWORK

GREAT RECESSION

A Decrease in Trade:

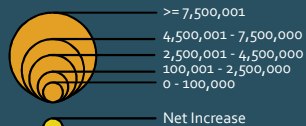
Following shortly after the 2008 recession, international trade plummeted; the Great Lakes Region was no exception, as the raw mass of cargo entering and leaving its ports saw a significant decrease from the previous year. The Great Lakes ports mostly ship and receive between Canada or domestically (as shown by the paths of major waterways), so the decrease in industrial activity and consumption resulted in less of a need for trade. This map depicts the results that recessions generally have on trade, using the total weight of goods transported as an indicator of economic health.



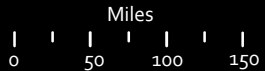
Duluth-Superior
Largest Decrease:
15,115,359 tons

Ashtabula
Largest Increase:
2,064,111 tons

Difference In Total Commodity Trade for 2008 and 2009 by Tons

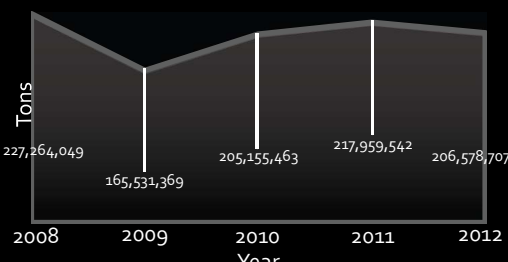


--- Navigable Waterways



Projection: Lambert (Conformal Conic)
Central Meridian: 90°W
Origin of Latitude: 45°N
Standard Parallels: 20°N and 60°N

Total Tonnage Shipped/Received by Major Great Lakes Ports



Basemap: Natural Earth
Ports and Waterways: Stanford EarthWorks
Port Trade: American Assoc. of Port Authorities
<http://www.duluthport.com/PORTofDULUTH-SUPERIOR.pdf>

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