Great Lakes Data

STUDENT DATA CARDS

LAKE SUPERIOR

Length

Shoreline with islands......................................2,726 miles

Relative length 3.0

Volume*

Cubic miles 2,900

Cubic kilometers 12,100

Relative volume... 53

Human Population in Watershed

United States and Canada (2024) 607,121

Approximate population to
the nearest million.. 0.6

Annual Commercial Fishing Harvest

United States .... 3,216,623 pounds

Canada..646,105 pounds

Total.. 3,862,728 pounds

Relative amount of fish harvested 10

Number of fish species...................................... 83

LAKE MICHIGAN

Length

Shoreline with islands......................................1,640 miles

Relative length 1.6

Volume*

Cubic miles 1,180

Cubic kilometers 4,918

Relative volume... 22

Human Population in Watershed

United States and Canada (2024) 12,000,000

Approximate population to
the nearest million... 12

Annual Commercial Fishing Harvest

United States .... 3,738,142 pounds

Canada..0 pounds

Total.. 3,738,142 pounds

Relative amount of fish harvested 9

Number of fish species...136

Measure at Low Water Datum.

Note: The total shoreline is greater than the sum of the lakes because connecting channels are included.

Great Lakes Data (continued)

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Length

Shoreline with islands.....................................3,830 miles

Relative length 3.8

Volume*

Cubic miles 849

Cubic kilometers 3,538

Relative volume.. 16

Human Population in Watershed

United States and Canada (2024) 3,000,000

Approximate population to
the nearest million.. 3.0

Annual Commercial Fishing Harvest

United States .... 2,021,941 pounds

Canada... 2,187,056 pounds

Total.. 4,208,997 pounds

Relative amount of fish harvested 10

Number of fish species... 117

Length

Shoreline with islands.. 871 miles

Relative length 0.9

Volume*

Cubic miles 116

Cubic kilometers 483

Relative volume...2

Human Population in Watershed

United States and Canada (2024) 12,000,000

Approximate population to
the nearest million... 12.0

Annual Commercial Fishing Harvest

United States .... 5,669,670 pounds

Canada...23,255,006 pounds

Total...28,924,676 pounds

Relative amount of fish harvested 70

Number of fish species... 129

Measure at Low Water Datum.

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LAKE ONTARIO

Length

Shoreline with islands..712 miles

Relative length 0.7

Volume*

Cubic miles 393

Cubic kilometers 1,640

Relative volume...7

Human Population in Watershed

United States and Canada (2024) 8,150,895

Approximate population to
the nearest million..8.1

Annual Commercial Fishing Harvest

United States ....47,395 pounds

Canada...366,060 pounds

Total..413,455 pounds

Relative amount of fish harvested 1

Number of fish species...119

TOTAL FOR ALL GREAT LAKES COMBINED**

Length

Shoreline with islands...................................10,210 miles

Relative length 10

Volume*

Cubic miles 5,438

Cubic kilometers 22,680

Relative volume..100

Human Population in Watershed

United States and Canada (2024) 35,578,016

Approximate population to
the nearest million..35.7

Annual Commercial Fishing Harvest

United States ....14,693,771 pounds

Canada..26,454,227 pounds

Total..41,147,998 pounds

Relative amount of fish harvested.............................100

Measure at Low Water Datum.

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