

Reversals to Lake Michigan (1985 - Present)
Million Gallons

	Date(s)	O'Brien Lock	CRCW	Wilmette	Total Volume
2020	5/17-5/18		1731.6	848.1	2,579.7
2020	5/15			50.1	50.1
2019	10/3			54.5	54.5
2018	None				0.0
2017	10/14-10/15		2456.4	289.8	2,746.2
2017	4/29-4/30			19.3	19.3
2016	7/24			34.0	34.0
2015	6/15-6/16		997.5	167.2	1,164.7
2014	6/30-7/1		362.0	163.0	525.0
2013	4/18-4/19	3185.6	6104.7	1429.2	10,719.5
2012	None				0.0
2011	7/23		1716.2	504.3	2,220.5
2011	5/29			107.0	107.0
2010	7/24		5784.6	750.3	6,534.9
2009	6/19			191.6	191.6
2009	3/8			143.1	143.1
2009	2/26-2/27			78.9	78.9
2008	12/27-12/28			460.8	460.8
2008	9/13-9/16	2669.2	5438.2	2941.7	11,049.1
2007	8/23-8/24			224.0	224.0
2006	None				0.0
2005	None				0.0
2004	None				0.0
2003	None				0.0
2002	8/22		1296.4	455.4	1,751.8
2001	10/13			90.7	90.7
2001	8/31			75.3	75.3
2001	8/2		883.1	139.9	1,023.0
2000	None				0.0
1999	6/13			9.7	9.7
1998	None				0.0
1997	8/16-8/17		402.0	157.0	559.0
1997	2/20-2/22	1458.0	1947.0	774.0	4,179.0
1996	7/17-7/18	1032.0	519.0		1,551.0
1995	None				0.0
1994	None				0.0
1993	None				0.0
1992	None				0.0
1991	None				0.0
1990	11/27-11/28	224.0	86.0	154.0	464.0
1990	8/17-8/18			9.5	9.5
1990	5/9-5/10		208.0	289.0	497.0
1989	8/3-8/4			52.0	52.0
1988	None				0.0
1987	8/25-8/26			18.0	18.0
1987	8/13-8/14		986.0	971.0	1,957.0
1986	10/3			53.0	53.0
1985	8/6			58.0	58.0
1985	3/4			153.3	153.3

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The number of reversals from the Chicago Area Waterway System to Lake Michigan has been reduced with the onset of TARP. There are two types of reversals: gate reversals and lock reversals. The more common is a gate reversal which is characterized by a smaller volume of water released through adjacent gates to the lock. The other type of reversal is a lock reversal, during which the locks are opened to maximize reversal flow. Lock reversals allow a much greater volume of water to flow back to Lake Michigan. They are only necessary in cases of severe storms.