



Lake Carriers' Association

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Great Lakes Coal Shipments: December 2000-2005 And 5-Year Average (net tons)

Port	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	Average 2000-2004
Superior	1,635,553	1,105,843	1,542,343	1,736,258	1,703,852	1,988,841	1,544,770
Thunder Bay	105,653	254,343	85,864	126,511	192,338	77,215	152,942
Total - Lake Superior	1,741,206	1,360,186	1,628,207	1,862,769	1,896,190	2,066,056	1,697,712
Chicago	216,779	241,739	245,857	349,008	469,605	373,329	304,598
Total - Lake Michigan	216,779	241,739	245,857	349,008	469,605	373,329	304,598
Toledo	427,879	493,492	307,400	291,056	203,723	287,568	344,710
Sandusky	286,302	631,301	310,877	466,804	342,805	349,268	407,618
Ashtabula	624,858	768,246	433,206	544,239	519,639	428,474	578,038
Conneaut	686,689	638,169	401,079	447,628	440,214	428,990	522,756
Total - Lake Erie	2,025,728	2,531,208	1,452,562	1,749,727	1,506,381	1,494,300	1,853,121
Total - All Lakes	3,983,713	4,133,133	3,326,626	3,961,504	3,872,176	3,933,685	3,855,430

Great Lakes Coal Shipments: Calendar Years 2000-2005 And 5-Year Average (net tons)

Port	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	Average 2000-2004
Superior	16,366,427	16,925,015	18,079,010	17,814,687	18,340,535	20,470,670	17,505,135
Thunder Bay	666,755	1,783,635	1,887,268	1,705,503	1,809,469	1,466,538	1,570,526
Total - Lake Superior	17,033,182	18,708,650	19,966,278	19,520,190	20,150,004	21,937,208	19,075,661
Chicago	2,331,838	2,582,492	2,465,634	2,994,306	3,946,020	4,183,424	2,864,058
Total - Lake Michigan	2,331,838	2,582,492	2,465,634	2,994,306	3,946,020	4,183,424	2,864,058
Toledo	5,709,600	4,633,463	4,344,434	3,399,679	2,672,992	3,356,332	4,152,034
Sandusky	3,870,187	4,853,076	4,351,450	4,113,454	3,259,284	3,985,104	4,089,490
Ashtabula	6,647,360	6,199,573	5,123,312	5,604,603	5,094,262	5,368,011	5,733,822
Conneaut	6,396,683	7,378,062	5,661,176	4,122,037	4,814,298	3,874,572	5,674,451
Total - Lake Erie	22,623,830	23,064,174	19,480,372	17,239,773	15,840,836	16,584,019	19,649,797
Total - All Lakes	41,988,850	44,355,316	41,912,284	39,754,269	39,936,860	42,704,651	41,589,516

Note: All 2005 totals are subject to final verification.

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