



Lake Carriers' Association

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The Greatest Ships on the Great Lakes

U.S.-Flag Dry-Bulk Carriage on the Great Lakes: April 2000-2005 and 5-Year Average (net tons)

Commodity	April 2000	April 2001	April 2002	April 2003	April 2004	April 2005	Average 2000-2004
Iron Ore							
Direct Shipments	5,791,735	5,028,052	3,810,015	4,098,552	4,436,037	4,430,601	4,632,878
Transshipments	624,282	687,899	0	366,580	249,398	205,825	385,632
Total - Iron Ore	6,416,017	5,715,951	3,810,015	4,465,132	4,685,435	4,636,426	5,018,510
Coal							
Lake Superior	1,131,284	1,213,608	1,105,148	1,037,838	1,217,036	1,742,774	1,140,983
Lake Michigan	224,501	222,668	216,962	182,364	390,191	398,823	247,337
Lake Erie	500,028	368,831	477,992	200,951	512,068	527,145	411,974
Total - Coal	1,855,813	1,805,107	1,800,102	1,421,153	2,119,295	2,668,742	1,800,294
Limestone	2,300,264	2,302,117	2,289,291	1,733,241	3,011,366	2,760,703	2,327,256
Cement	301,949	321,373	270,123	311,802	373,996	256,770	315,849
Salt	167,362	101,920	107,467	133,966	13,551	84,829	104,853
Sand	0	0	0	42,949	39,502	19,109	16,490
Grain	0	32,165	15,677	14,362	14,620	16,317	15,365
Totals	11,041,405	10,278,633	8,292,675	8,122,605	10,257,765	10,442,896	9,598,617

U.S.-Flag Carriage Year-To-Date 2000-2005 and 5-Year Average (net tons)

Commodity	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	Average 2000-2004
Iron Ore							
Direct Shipments	10,048,958	7,496,406	6,296,389	6,994,785	9,847,948	8,803,619	8,136,897
Transshipments	1,584,174	1,225,360	0	585,198	885,724	907,222	856,091
Total - Iron Ore	11,633,132	8,721,766	6,296,389	7,579,983	10,733,672	9,710,841	8,992,988
Coal							
Lake Superior	1,786,465	1,834,965	1,402,544	1,110,914	1,925,312	2,557,199	1,612,040
Lake Michigan	357,158	381,613	352,703	256,548	666,670	653,311	402,938
Lake Erie	922,642	905,003	805,493	245,473	756,477	587,035	727,018
Total - Coal	3,066,265	3,121,581	2,560,740	1,612,935	3,348,459	3,797,545	2,741,996
Limestone	2,615,681	2,378,984	2,465,509	1,757,486	3,457,734	3,277,333	2,535,079
Cement	676,017	627,165	619,725	531,268	636,377	576,023	618,110
Salt	167,362	145,153	119,625	184,178	38,317	139,157	130,927
Sand	0	0	0	42,949	39,502	19,109	16,490
Grain	0	32,165	15,677	14,362	14,620	32,985	15,365
Totals	18,158,457	15,026,814	12,077,665	11,723,161	18,268,681	17,552,993	15,050,956

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