



# Lake Carriers' Association

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The Greatest Ships on the Great Lakes

### Great Lakes Coal Shipments: May 2000-2005 and 5-Year Average

(net tons)

Port	May 2000	May 2001	May 2002	May 2003	May 2004	May 2005	Average 2000-2004
Superior	1,888,257	1,928,280	1,668,137	1,988,224	2,216,314	2,166,639	1,937,842
Thunder Bay	57,472	117,985	163,907	137,824	211,074	78,001	137,652
<b>Total - Lake Superior</b>	<b>1,945,729</b>	<b>2,046,265</b>	<b>1,832,044</b>	<b>2,126,048</b>	<b>2,427,388</b>	<b>2,244,640</b>	<b>2,075,495</b>
Chicago	203,955	306,642	409,321	307,090	418,622	384,929	329,126
<b>Total - Lake Michigan</b>	<b>203,955</b>	<b>306,642</b>	<b>409,321</b>	<b>307,090</b>	<b>418,622</b>	<b>384,929</b>	<b>329,126</b>
Toledo	618,444	457,365	552,205	316,768	383,370	357,790	465,630
Sandusky	475,865	463,027	664,427	449,828	344,238	470,397	479,477
Ashtabula	697,735	646,251	582,749	569,131	472,508	421,258	593,675
Conneaut	646,967	531,250	601,731	469,000	543,933	474,660	558,576
<b>Total - Lake Erie</b>	<b>2,439,011</b>	<b>2,097,893</b>	<b>2,401,112</b>	<b>1,804,727</b>	<b>1,744,049</b>	<b>1,724,105</b>	<b>2,097,358</b>
<b>Total - All Lakes</b>	<b>4,588,695</b>	<b>4,450,800</b>	<b>4,642,477</b>	<b>4,237,865</b>	<b>4,590,059</b>	<b>4,353,674</b>	<b>4,501,979</b>

### Great Lakes Coal Shipments: Year-To-Date And 5-Year Average

(net tons)

Port	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	Average 2000-2004
Superior	4,223,338	4,394,599	3,864,657	3,534,193	4,924,960	5,105,736	4,188,349
Thunder Bay	141,958	199,678	385,041	273,707	495,993	331,092	299,275
<b>Total - Lake Superior</b>	<b>4,365,296</b>	<b>4,594,277</b>	<b>4,249,698</b>	<b>3,807,900</b>	<b>5,420,953</b>	<b>5,436,828</b>	<b>4,487,625</b>
Chicago	477,317	742,542	770,117	591,753	1,124,562	1,317,498	741,258
<b>Total - Lake Michigan</b>	<b>477,317</b>	<b>742,542</b>	<b>770,117</b>	<b>591,753</b>	<b>1,124,562</b>	<b>1,317,498</b>	<b>741,258</b>
Toledo	1,347,043	891,009	1,283,805	711,808	773,784	787,392	1,001,490
Sandusky	1,032,208	1,003,594	1,339,451	799,175	852,809	1,017,967	1,005,447
Ashtabula	2,091,092	1,737,683	1,616,323	1,629,761	1,410,497	1,348,787	1,697,071
Conneaut	1,840,860	2,591,882	1,796,659	1,231,935	1,579,041	1,528,431	1,808,075
<b>Total - Lake Erie</b>	<b>6,311,203</b>	<b>6,224,168</b>	<b>6,036,238</b>	<b>4,372,679</b>	<b>4,616,131</b>	<b>4,682,577</b>	<b>5,512,084</b>
<b>Total - All Lakes</b>	<b>11,153,816</b>	<b>11,560,987</b>	<b>11,056,053</b>	<b>8,772,332</b>	<b>11,161,646</b>	<b>11,436,903</b>	<b>10,740,967</b>

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