



Lake Carriers' Association

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Great Lakes Coal Shipments: November 2000-2005 and 5-Year Average (net tons)

Port	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	Average 2000-2004
Superior	1,741,888	1,661,715	2,096,653	1,698,783	1,936,410	1,773,703	1,827,090
Thunder Bay	48,629	317,604	198,076	298,673	107,838	144,940	194,164
Total - Lake Superior	1,790,517	1,979,319	2,294,729	1,997,456	2,044,248	1,918,643	2,021,254
South Chicago	288,131	286,791	175,964	295,373	438,410	310,066	296,934
Total - Lake Michigan	288,131	286,791	175,964	295,373	438,410	310,066	296,934
Toledo	554,201	393,913	559,286	404,661	265,977	425,492	435,608
Sandusky	309,701	757,101	329,842	427,273	415,763	379,139	447,936
Ashtabula	610,546	679,185	507,124	536,519	541,984	556,358	575,072
Conneaut	676,433	1,048,011	568,973	320,498	336,990	114,084	590,181
Total - Lake Erie	2,150,881	2,878,210	1,965,225	1,688,951	1,560,714	1,475,073	2,048,796
Total - All Lakes	4,229,529	5,144,320	4,435,918	3,981,780	4,043,372	3,703,782	4,366,984

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

Port	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	Average 2000-2004
Superior	14,730,874	15,819,172	16,536,667	16,078,429	16,636,683	18,481,829	15,960,365
Thunder Bay	561,102	1,529,292	1,801,404	1,578,992	1,617,131	1,389,323	1,417,584
Total - Lake Superior	15,291,976	17,348,464	18,338,071	17,657,421	18,253,814	19,871,152	17,377,949
South Chicago	2,115,059	2,340,753	2,219,777	2,645,298	3,476,415	3,810,095	2,559,460
Total - Lake Michigan	2,115,059	2,340,753	2,219,777	2,645,298	3,476,415	3,810,095	2,559,460
Toledo	5,281,721	4,139,971	4,037,034	3,108,623	2,469,269	3,068,764	3,807,324
Sandusky	3,583,885	4,221,775	4,040,573	3,646,649	2,916,479	3,635,836	3,681,872
Ashtabula*	6,022,502	5,431,327	4,690,106	5,060,364	4,574,623	4,939,537	5,155,784
Conneaut	5,709,994	6,739,893	5,260,097	3,674,409	4,374,084	3,445,582	5,151,695
Total - Lake Erie	20,598,102	20,532,966	18,027,810	15,490,045	14,334,455	15,089,719	17,796,676
Total - All Lakes	38,005,137	40,222,183	38,585,658	35,792,764	36,064,684	38,770,966	37,734,085

* Ashtabula's year-to-date total for 2005 reflects October shipments being revised upwards to 470,968 tons.

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